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From the Chair Pamela MacLean

Dear Gardening Friends,

These are unprecedented times for the NSAGC, for Nova Scotia, for Canada, and around the world. COVID-19 has affected every facet of our lives. At the NSAGC, our priority is the safety and well-being of our members and their families. It is particularly important that we be extra vigilant and careful as most of our members are in the more vulnerable stage of our lives. To this end, we have decided to cancel our NSAGC Convention for June 2020 hosted by District 4, Halifax. I am sure this comes as no surprise to any of you, and likely relief for some. Convention 2021 will be hosted by District 3A and 3B, and held in Truro at the Holiday Inn on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. More information on that will follow in the fall.

For those same reasons, our regular NSAGC Board Meeting has also been cancelled. Our present board members will remain in place and any issues that were being brought up will be delayed until the September meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience. Plans are in the works for distribution of our yearly plant at our regular time at the end of April.

During this difficult time as we stay in our homes or around our yards we might find ourselves with extra time to spend in our gardens. This is your opportunity to grow extra vegetables, food to share with friends, family, and a Food Bank near you.

At the same time, you reap the benefits of spending time in your garden. Eating fresh picked produce provides increased nutrients in your diet and saves you a few dollars on your grocery bill. (That's more money for buying more plants!) You can feel good about your accomplishments, particularly when you grow something you didn't think you could.

Gardening is great exercise, burning calories and building strength particularly in your hands and legs. All this exercise helps to reduce stress and helps with better sleep. Just having your hands in the dirt can make you feel better as you spend time with nature, leave your troubles elsewhere, pull out the weeds and get rid of some frustration.

Use time in your garden to clear your mind and forget what is going on in the world, at least for a while.



Take a moment to enjoy the exquisiteness of your plants and flowers, examine the intricacy of the leaves and blooms, and admire the beauty that nature has provided. A garden can be so peaceful and calming, a place of solitude or a place to enjoy family and friends, whichever you choose. For those of you who no longer have a garden of your own, spending time in the garden of another (when we are able) will provide you the same benefits, even if it is a public garden or a garden center.

I trust this newsletter finds you all well and in a safe place where we can maneuver this bump in the road together.

Until next time,

Pamela

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**Our NSAGC Convention  
Photo Contest has been  
Cancelled  
for 2020**



**However, Watch your email  
for an online photo contest.  
Details will follow soon.**

For winners from 2019 Photo Contest, go to:  
<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B0L55Z2WMJJ>

### From Worry to Wonder

July—time to show off the summer. With temperatures rising, so have hopes for a best-ever, garden-club flower show. Recruits are hastily enlisted to garner their best specimens and festive creations for presentation before astute judges.



Sounds a little intimidating, right? So it can, but it need not. I mean, until you try, you never know what you can come up with. All you really need is the ability to read, gather plant material and use multiple bits of imagination. What do you need to read? The all-important flower-show schedule, of course.

Learn the difference between a bloom and a spray, how to correctly present several blooms in one container, often included in specimen descriptions. In design categories, be sure to know the size requirements and what materials are acceptable. And if by chance, you run over size, you have still produced something beautiful to enjoy, no worries. You will want to decide which design/specimen categories to enter and select the containers. Here's a tip. Always plan how you will secure entries for transport. Old Styrofoam supports, boxes or larger pails should suffice.

Designers ultimately find their own times to gather and condition (put fresh cuttings in clean water to absorb moisture). I start cutting two days before the show. You can approach it at this stage in two ways: go find what you are looking for or go look for what you can find. In my experience, both options work equally well. Discover which option works best for you. See, you haven't even started and already you have learned something. The next day, either the fun starts or worry sets in about how on earth are you going to comply with the requirements. I say, re-read the schedule and just start building. Make a frame for your design. Tall plants, skinny or fat? Ring the edges with light and airy or short and heavy. Feature a bloom surrounded with



vibrant greens or place uneven numbers at different heights. Lean a twisted leaf over the side to balance that opposite slanted grassy bloom. Perhaps a strategically placed pine cone will add a serendipitous element. Now you're getting the picture. I can sense your worries dissipating as you complete this first design. Take a look from all sides. Every hole filled in? Ah, success. All that's needed now is a "rinse and repeat" for your remaining entries. Allow about an hour for each design. It will vary, of course.

Finally, as you line up your specimens and designs, you'll be treated to a plethora of wonder. Next day at the flower show, watch them do the same for others. No worries.

Jocelyn Cameron

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### A Great Time to Connect NSAGC Facebook Group

In this time where we need to **stay home and stay safe**, what a great time to join the NSAGC Facebook Group. We connect gardeners from all over Nova Scotia, our Atlantic provinces and the world. We currently have over 6,700 members. This is a very large and active on-line community of gardeners.

Every member of the group may post events, pictures, questions, answers, and interesting things about gardening. Members may also invite others to join. On Facebook, go to Groups, search NSAGC on the top bar and ask to join.

Questions? Contact [annjones@eastlink.ca](mailto:annjones@eastlink.ca)

ALSO

Check out our **NEW LOOK NSAGC website**  
[www.nsagc.com](http://www.nsagc.com)

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*The Safest  
Place is in Your  
Garden*



**Yarmouth Garden Club**

In November the Garden club had it's annual potluck and craft show and tell. The gardeners show their talents in their yards from spring to fall but in November they show their talents in the kitchen and craft rooms.



We were indulged with a verity of culinary delights and supposedly calorie free desserts. To top off the event while enjoying our tea and coffee we were shown how the displays on our craft table were made. Each person responsible for the item explained what supplies were needed and how they were put together. We were able to appreciate the effort each item required and how creative are members are.

Hidden in these delights was the main event. Throughout the year we have fundraisers and as the seasons comes to a close we contribute back to our community by presenting three main donations. Rev. B. Knowel accepted the donation for the " fuel " fund as well as the " Foodbank" fund and Mr. Al Moley accepted the donation for the School breakfast " fund. It is always wise during this season to remember those who are less fortunate than us and to extend the hand to those in need.

Hope you all had a very merry Christmas.

Flo McPhee



**Seeds, Seeds, and more Seeds**

We've been blessed. Now we have the opportunity to give back, to pay it forward so others can have a healthy nutritious meal.

I know there are clubs and individuals among our organization who take on tasks in many different ways to help Feed Nova Scotia get food out to the hungry in our province. This is an enormous job that takes many individuals working together to accomplish a fraction of the need.

With your help, we can do more this year. Feed Nova Scotia has provided us with boxes of vegetable seeds, every kind you can think of. This enables us to plant a few extra seeds in our gardens, nurture them and donate fresh vegetables to the food bank or soup kitchen in your neighborhood.

I realize some of us don't grow vegetables. This would be your chance to stick some seeds in the ground and see how green your thumbs actually are. Veggies can be grown amongst your flowers, or in place of flowers in an area. Most vegetables have beautiful blooms, like scarlet runners for example. Run them up a trellis and have beautiful red flowers all summer, gorgeous green leaves and long hanging green beans for texture and interest. Of course, you would want to pick them as soon as you can. The more you pick the more you get.

**Each District Director** will receive a box of packages of seeds when they pick up your free plants. These are to share among the members for planting and donating. Take a package or two, put the seeds in the ground, somewhere and share the bounty. When we all work together, the little each of us does can make a huge impact.

Pamela MacLean







### New Garden Club in Western District 7

It gives me great pleasure to announce the formation of a new club; The Digby Neck and Islands Garden Club.

President Susan Donkervoort is delighted with the initial membership turnout and the very positive reaction from the community. The club has already scheduled some very interesting speakers and is making plans for enhancing the area with plantings.



The club meets on Saturdays through the winter and Wednesday evenings in the summer in Sandy Cove on Digby Neck and welcomes new members and guests.

For more information, contact Susan at [yogabarn217@gmail.com](mailto:yogabarn217@gmail.com) or checkout their Facebook Group: Digby Neck & Islands Garden Club.

The Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs extends a warm welcome and congratulations.

Deb Bowes-Lyon, Director, NSACG District 7

### Yarmouth Garden Club Event

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, we had our final meeting for this year. A report on our Pot Luck in November was given but the highlight of today was our speaker and demonstrator Alice d'Entremont owner and operator of the Ouestville Perennials in Pubnico,



We all know Alice as a down to earth gal so today was no exception. Although she wasn't digging in the dirt, she took us on an imaginary walk through the yard or the ditch to gather materials. She showed us how to make beautiful arrangements from what naturally surrounds us. Au –Natural was the theme with a bit of advice. When you make a Christmas arrangement there are 3 rules, 1. NO PLANS, 2. NO RULES, 3. NO STRESS.

Now that is a recipes for lots of fun and full of creativity. Final result – SUCCESS!

At the end, we were delighted that all samples were raffled off. Thank you, Alice.

Flo McPhee

### An Act of Kindness

In these hard times of Covid-19 where many people work hard trying to keep us safe like doctors, nurses paramedics, first responders and the grocery store workers, truckers and everyone doing their part to keep us safe and healthy, small acts of kindness are so important. To honor their work, Lucy Thibault thought to give friends a flower that represents Hope, Solidarity and Humanity. She chose the Snowdrop flower as it's color, white, represents these efforts. Thank you for sharing this flower with me.

Ridina Rivera



Lucy Thibault

**Bible Hill Garden Club**

February weather is unpredictable, one moment is clear, later snowing or raining. But for sure spring follows winter. Sun is heating our gardens and gardeners have a few moments to reflect on what happened in winter and dreaming about cleaning, digging and seeding gardens.



Winter is good time to get together and celebrate arrival of Christmas. Every year we look forward to making wreath, Christmas centerpieces and enjoy Christmas dinner in the Christian Reformed Church John Calvin.

In December we held a Christmas Centerpiece workshop at Bible Hill Fire Hall attended 41 people. Many created amazing centerpieces. Volunteers from the church prepared for us a delicious dinner. This year the dinner had 51 people in attendance. We donated 154.6 lb.



of food and two cheques. In January executive members held meeting and discussed new programs for 2020.... future speakers, cost of sending 2 members to the convention, local tour, bus tour. They go easy on the rest of us. Past member of our club Gordon Jeffery passed away. February meeting was cancelled because of bad weather. Saturday, February 29 in Truro at the Douglas street Recreation Centre was Seed Saturday and I noticed that many members of our club came and enjoy different workshops, presentations, chit chat

with seeds vendors, tasted haskap berries products, blueberry juice...

From our club to all in NS we wish health, energy and happiness from new growing season.

Eva Rifai

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### Bedford Horticultural Society

As the year came to a close, members gathered for a fun afternoon to make table floral arrangements for our Christmas Dinner tables and to make Swags for our front doors. We also got to enjoy beverages and sweets afterwards.



We closed the year with a well attended delicious



pot luck Christmas Dinner with many hands involved to make the evening possible.

It was during this time that Bernice Hartnett, on behalf of the Club, presented a "Certificate of Emeritus" to Ed Cooke for his many years of dedication to BHS.

Returning in January we listened to Jamie Simpson's excellent informative talk on "East Coast Foraging" which is the title of his third book. He took me back to my childhood when we chewed spruce gum and held summer periwinkle

boils on the beach.\

In February as the days began to grow longer and brighter we all began to develop spring fever. We heard from Elizabeth Pierce who is an award winning author



and avid gardener who enjoys growing her own food. She shared the many benefits of it to us and caused our need to get into the garden to increase.

Donna Burris

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### NSAGC's Scotia Gardener

The Scotia Gardener is published in October, December, April and July. We welcome articles, pictures, notices, items of interest to gardeners.

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Deadline for the July issue is June 15, 2020

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Scotia Gardener, please contact Don Butler at [butlerdon@live.ca](mailto:butlerdon@live.ca)

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### DAYLILY DAZE SATURDAY MAY 30th

Bring a friend and join us for raffles Beautiful daylilies, workshops,\$5.00 admission, 9:00 AM. -1:00 PM

First Baptist church hall  
1839 Hammonds Plains Rd  
Info Bernice 902-832-2834

## Nova Scotia Nurseries, Greenhouses and Private Garden Centers – 2020

**This is a list of nursery business in Nova Scotia. We prepared this list to assist in this uncertain time. If we have missed a nursery in your area, please contact Kathy Harvie, [emeraldns2001@yahoo.ca](mailto:emeraldns2001@yahoo.ca)**

### **District 1 – Cape Breton**

Bayside Garden Center, 9657 Trans Canada Hwy, Whycocomagh, 902- 756-4444, [www.thebaysidegardencentre.com](http://www.thebaysidegardencentre.com)  
Blooms & Bushes, 295 Westmount Rd., Sydney, 902-562-5947  
Earl's Greenhouses, 429 Seaview Dr., North Sydney, 902-794-4146; [www.earlsgreenhouses.ca](http://www.earlsgreenhouses.ca)  
Harbour Greenhouses Co-Op, 2611 Highway 223, McKinnons Harbour, 725-1200; Facebook  
Mabou Gardens, 1372 Grand Lake Rd., Sydney, 902-562-6000; [www.mabougardens.ca](http://www.mabougardens.ca)  
Morrison Greenhouses, 2438 Hillside Boularderie Rd., Southside Boularderie, 902- 736-9371  
Samson & Landry Gardening, 16 Old Boudreau Rd, Petit de Grat, 902-226-3663  
The Greenhouse Co-Op Ltd., 9651 Grenville St., St. Peters, 902-535-3129; Facebook  
Old West Greenhouse, 342 Phalen Rd, Glace Bay, Facebook  
MacDonald Gardens Inc., 638 Grand Lake Rd, Sydney, 902-564-6255  
The Fiddle Shed, 1817 Hwy 205, Baddeck, 902-800-1839; Facebook  
Valerie's Greenhouse 'A Place to Grow', 113 Fairhaven Dr, Sydney, 902-565-0406; Facebook

### **District 2**

Scott & Stewart Forestry, 226 Antigonish Guysborough Rd, St Andrews, 902-863-5508; <http://scottandstewart.com>  
Ardness Gardens, 843 Ardness Rd, Pictou Co., 902-926-2589  
South Side Greenhouses, 1705 South Side Harbour Rd, Antigonish, 902-863-2664; Facebook  
West River Greenhouses, 509 Hwy 376, Pictou Co, 902-925-2088; <http://westrivergreenhouses.ca>  
Duykers Greenhouses 8928 Hwy 4 Afton Rd, Antigonish, 902-232-3092; Facebook  
MacMillan's Greenhouses, 1386 Hwy 316, Antigonish, 902-783-2444; Facebook  
Grays Greenhouses and Landscaping, 871 Addington Forks Rd, Antigonish, 902- 968-1772; Facebook

### **District 3**

Bountiful Brookfield Blooms, 41 Upper Brookfield Rd, Brookfield, 902-650-2752; Facebook  
Charlie the Tree Guy, 213 Milltown Rd, Old Barns, 902-899-7889; [www.charliethetreeguy.ca](http://www.charliethetreeguy.ca)  
Coastal Gardens, 11580 Route 6, Pugwash, 902-243-2388, Facebook  
Fundy Beauties, 8650 Hwy # 354, Noel, 902-369-2258, please call ahead; [www.hostageek.ca](http://www.hostageek.ca)  
Green Thumb Farmers Market, 4681 Hwy 4, Westville, 902-396-3263; Facebook  
Hillendale Perennials, 1239 Truro Rd, Brookfield, 902-897-6791; Facebook  
Lowland Gardens, Hwy # 2, Great Village, 902-668-2309; [www.lowlandgardens.ca](http://www.lowlandgardens.ca)  
Pheasant Gardens Daylilies, 24 Deerview Crescent, Truro, 902-897-1925; [www.pheasantgardens.ca](http://www.pheasantgardens.ca)  
Riverview Herbs, 8907 Hwy 215 Maitland, 902-261-2109; [www.riverviewherbs.ca](http://www.riverviewherbs.ca)  
Searle's Greenhouses & Nursery, 1184 Hwy # 2, Truro, 902-893-3328; [www.truroflorist.com](http://www.truroflorist.com)  
Sunrise Greenhouses, 9280 Hwy # 6, West Pugwash, 902-243-3539; [www.petuniabordeaux.com](http://www.petuniabordeaux.com)  
Woodlands and Meadows Nursery, 827 Blackrock Rd, 902-895-8727; Facebook  
Twin Peaks Nursery, 2089 Hansford Rd, Victoria, Oxford, 902-397-2270  
Country Gardens, 20771 Hwy # 2, Shubenacadie, 902-758-2882; Facebook  
Nature's Nook & Kranny, 1102 Scotsburn Rd, River John, 902-351-3444; Facebook  
Alma Gardens, 3756 Granton Rd, Alma, 902- 695-5607  
Speakmans, 177 Maple Ave, Tatamagouche, 902-657-2794; Facebook  
Petals and Blooms, 662 Brule Shore Rd, Tatamagouche, 902-657-2002; Facebook

### **District 4 – Halifax Regional Municipality**

Atlantic Gardens, 1620 Highway #1, Middle Sackville, 902-865-7195; [www.atlanticgardens.ca](http://www.atlanticgardens.ca)  
Bloom Greenhouses, 1421 Hammonds Plains Rd., 902-832-9268; [www.bloomgreenhouses.com](http://www.bloomgreenhouses.com)  
D & L Nurseries, 8196 Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour, 902-889-3158; Facebook  
Bedford Basin Market , 397 Bedford Highway, Halifax, 902-443-4391; [www.bedfordbasinmarket.ca](http://www.bedfordbasinmarket.ca)  
Garden Patch, 698 Main St., Dartmouth, 902-462-4949; Facebook  
Halifax Seed Co., 5860 Kane St., Halifax, 902-454-7456; [www.halifaxseed.ca](http://www.halifaxseed.ca)  
Harbour Breeze Daylilies & Japanese Iris, 10099 Highway #7, Jeddore; [www.harbourbreezes.ca](http://www.harbourbreezes.ca)  
Lakeland Plant World, 909 Main St., Dartmouth, 902-435-1983; [www.lakelandplantworld.com](http://www.lakelandplantworld.com)  
Norwood Gardens, 56 Ponderosa Drive, Lake Echo, 902-829-3456; [www.norwoodgardens.ca](http://www.norwoodgardens.ca)  
Withrow's Farm Market, 1040 Highway #214, Belnan, 902- 883-2698 – also Mt Uniacke location; [www.withrowsfarmmarket.ca](http://www.withrowsfarmmarket.ca)



Marks Greenhouses, 187 Caledonia Rd, Dartmouth; 902-434-6851

Manette's Nursery, 196 Porters Lake Station Rd, Porters Lake, 902-478-5401; Facebook

Lawrencetown Gardens, 2032 Hwy 207, Lawrencetown, 902-435-7403, open Mothers Day weekend to end of July; Facebook

Terra Nova, 130 Bluewater Rd, Bedford; 902-835-7387; [www.terranovalandscaping.ca](http://www.terranovalandscaping.ca)

Mabou Gardens, 233 Waverly Rd, Dartmouth, 902-462-2414; [www.mabougardens.ca](http://www.mabougardens.ca)

Halifax Perennials – online only, contact thru FB or [www.halifaxperennials.ca](http://www.halifaxperennials.ca); email [marina@halifaxperennials.ca](mailto:marina@halifaxperennials.ca)

Fogarty's Market Garden – Hammonds Plains, 902-719-6775; Facebook

### District 5 – Annapolis Valley

Baldwin Nurseries, 500 Mines Rd., Falmouth, 902-798-9468

<http://baldwinnurseries.com>

Blomidon Nurseries, 10060 Highway 1, Wolfville, 902-542-3346, <http://blomidonnurseries.com>

Briar Patch Nursery, 4568 Highway 1, S. Berwick, 902-538-9164, [www.briarpatchnursery.com](http://www.briarpatchnursery.com)

Carol's Daylilies, 999 McKay Rd., Newport RR3 Hants Co., [cgharvey@eastlink.ca](mailto:cgharvey@eastlink.ca)

Glad Gardens, 5108 Highway 1, RR1 Waterville, 902-538-8688, [www.gladgardens.ca](http://www.gladgardens.ca)

Lilies From The Valley, Falmouth, [tracey@liliesfromthevalley.com](mailto:tracey@liliesfromthevalley.com)

Neily's Greenhouse/Gardens, 10121 Highway #1, Paradise, 902-584-2001, [will@neilygreenhouse.com](mailto:will@neilygreenhouse.com)

Scotian Gold Country Garden, 7027 Highway #1, Coldbrook, 902-679-6662

T & D Nurseries, 1503 Forties Rd. New Ross, 902-689-2737

Gladdens, 14608 Hwy # 1, Kingston, 902-242-2904; Facebook (now Summerland Plant Nursery, but still on FB as Gladdens)

Horlings, 1498 Grand Pre Rd, Wolfville, 902-690-5507; [www.horlingsgardencentre.com](http://www.horlingsgardencentre.com)

Brooklyn Village Garden Center, 8186 Highway 14, Brooklyn; 902-757-0264; Facebook

Don's easy Care Perennials, Windsor; Facebook

Gary Drew, Pleasant St, Melvern Square; Facebook

Avon River Market, Nesbitt St, Windsor, [www.avonrivermarket.ca](http://www.avonrivermarket.ca)

### District 6 – South Shore

Cosby's Garden Center, 4122 Sandy Cove Rd., Trunk 3, Brooklyn (near Liverpool) 902-354-2133; <http://concretecreations.info>

Don's Daylily Hybrids, 5538 Highway 331, Petite Riviere, [nslilies@yahoo.com](mailto:nslilies@yahoo.com)

Downey's Pitcher Plant Nursery, 4837 Hwy 3, Chester Basin, 902-275-3454; Facebook

E-I-E-I-O Farm, 503 Cornwall Rd, Mahone Bay, 902-624-9636 – annuals and veggie plants May and June; Facebook

Indian Garden Farms, 15401 Trunk 3, Hebbville; 902-543-1979; <http://indiangardenfarms.net>

Lavender Hill Nursery, 373 Lake John Road, Jordan Falls, 902-875-4600; Facebook

M & J's Hilltop Greenhouses, 165 Henry Fancy Rd., Baker Settlement, 902-685-2924; Facebook

NS Daylilies, 42 Pickings Lane, Upper La Have, [nsdaylilies@eastlink.ca](mailto:nsdaylilies@eastlink.ca)

Oceanview Garden Center, 4392 Highway 3, Chester, 902-275-2505

[www.plantcrazy.ca](http://www.plantcrazy.ca)

Spencer's Garden Center, 5 Ohio Rd, Shelburne, 902-875-3055; [www.novascotiagardening.ca](http://www.novascotiagardening.ca)

Village Nursery, 430 New Cumberland Rd., RR1 Pleasantville, 902-543-5649; [www.villagenursery.ca](http://www.villagenursery.ca)

Wile's Lake Farm Market, 3254 Highway #325, Wileville, 902-543-6082; [www.wilesfarmmarket.com](http://www.wilesfarmmarket.com)

Woodlawn Water Gardens, 485 Woodlawn Dr., Shelburne, 902-875-3864;

[www.woodlawnwatergardens.ca](http://www.woodlawnwatergardens.ca)

Helping Nature Heal, 671 Lahave St, Bridgewater, 902-543-7416; <http://helpingnatureheal.com>

One Sky Now, 7657 Hwy # 3, Mahone Bay, 902-624-0107; <http://oneskynow.com>

Land Care Nursery, 1436 Trunk 10, Cookville, 902-543-9904; Facebook

Daphne's Floral Designs – 6606 Hwy 3, Western Shore, (near Atlantica Oak Island) 902-627-1088; Facebook

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A & A Farms Ltd, R.R. # 1, Meteghan River, 645-2342

Annapolis Herbs & Products Ltd, Bridgetown, 665-5250

Bunchberry Nurseries, 2779 Hwy 1, Upper Clements, 532-7777, [jill@bunchberrynursery.ca](mailto:jill@bunchberrynursery.ca)

Comeau's Farm Market/Comeau's Greenhouses, 645-2342

Dayton Red & White, Hwy 1, Yarmouth 742-4362

Dayton Fruit and Vegetables, Hwy 1, Yarmouth 742-5663

Fuller's Flowers, R.R. # 1, Carleton, 761-3188

Growing Green, 3102 Lower Wedgeport, 663-2557

J&R Comeau Greenhouse, 1491 Maza Rd, Saulnierville, 769-3241, [www.jrcomeaugreenhouses.com](http://www.jrcomeaugreenhouses.com)

Questville Perennials, West Pubnico, 762-3198,

[ovp@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:ovp@ns.aliantzinc.ca) – yes to discount

Thexton's Greenhouses, R.R. # 4, Karsdale, Annapolis Royal, 532-2403

Driftwood Greenhouses, 565 Gullivers Cover Rd, Digby, 245-6886, [www.driftwoodgreenhouse.com](http://www.driftwoodgreenhouse.com); May 1 – July 15

St Marys Bay, 90 Riverview Dr, New Edinburgh, Clare, NS, 837-7413



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### 12 Years of Pants To NSAGC Club Members

2020 marks the twelfth year of the NSAGC Plant Giveaway Program in which every member of an NSAGC garden club is given a complimentary plant as a perk of membership with the NSAGC. Every year, the Board of Directors votes on the plant selection based on supplier availability and purchases the plants in bulk.

This year brings a change as the plants for the give-away will be in the form of young plants approximately 2" in size opposed to the traditional bareroots given in previous years. In addition to the complimentary plant, the NSAGC also offers its clubs the opportunity to purchase additional plants at a low fee. The extra plant sales sold out in record time again this year and orders were closed March 31st.

The perennial selected for 2020 is Balloon Flower "Fairy Snow" (*Platycodon grandiflorus*). This perennial will form unique balloon-shaped buds that open into large 5 pointed lobed, 3-inch bell-shaped white flowers with blue veins. Emerging in late spring and blooming in summer forming a compact mound of

green foliage, with a flower height of 10 inches and a spread of 18 inches. Long-lived but dislikes being moved once established and grows best in full sun to partial shade, enjoying average to moist, well-drained soil. Zones 3-8.

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