

# St. Margaret's Bay Gardening Club

Gardeners Helping Gardeners




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Our APRIL meeting - Apr. 17  
7 pm at St. Luke's

**Invasive Species In Nova Scotia – A Focus on Garden Invasives. Presenter, Hughstin Grimshaw-Surette.**

Hughstin Grimshaw-Surette holds a B.Sc. in Environmental Science and an M.Sc. in Applied Science from Saint Mary's University. Read more on our website!

We'd like to extend  a warm welcome!

As many of you know, we just hosted our second successful SEEDY SATURDAY. With promo posters and announcements, we offered an opportunity to join for the last two sessions this spring at a discounted rate. This effort bore a bumper crop of new members, and we'd like to say hello! We're happy to have you, and look forward to sharing the next two meetings, the June garden tour and opportunities to take part in summer activities like spending an occasional hour or two volunteering in the Crossroads Garden\*. What is the Crossroads Garden? It's a beautiful space at "The Crossroads" (Peggy's Cove Rd./Highway 3/Sonny's Rd. Intersection, near Redmond's Hardware) that was founded about 30 years ago, and enlarged approximately 10 years ago. We have great volunteers who work hard but also laugh and learn a lot from one another as the garden is weeded, mulched, and sometimes divided! A coffee meet-up is usually held after morning sessions. Notices about work sessions go out to all members each week. You can come and check it out!

\*Because of our insurance terms, only members can work in the garden, and attend SMBGC sponsored tours.

Our MAY meeting - May 15

**Jamie Ellison - Gardening for Acidic Soil**

Tour Donna Silver's garden!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 1, 2024 and **watch your inbox** for information about a "**members only**" tour of the Silver Garden in the Goodwood area. This will be a guided tour by Donna Silver. The Silvers have been developing this beautiful acreage for many years and have an inspiring property full of rhododendrons, perennials and pathways! Not to be missed! An RSVP will be requested upon receipt of the email invitation.

We are extending our "**Seedy Saturday Membership Special**" so if you know someone who missed out They can still join for \$5 (single) or \$7 (family) and attend for April and May and attend the tour, etc. Ask them to send us an e-mail at the address at top.

# Plant Sale!

The 2024 Plant Sale (our biggest fundraiser of the year) is set for **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Lower Hall at St. Luke's. Our buyers (including you!) are looking for perennials, annuals, herbs, small shrubs and seedlings. We will accept potted, labelled plants. (Please remove weeds!) Bring donations to the **BACK DOOR** of the **LOWER HALL** on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> between 6 & 7 pm. Setup 6 until 8. *There is always a demand for interesting or rare plants, and we'll have a special table for these!* If you have plant donations that you can't dig by yourself, we MAY be able to help. **Send a note by May 15<sup>th</sup>** - **smbgardeningclub@gmail.com**

We keep a list of **Plant Sale Volunteers** - some return every year! We need help on the Friday evening from 6 - 8, and on Saturday from 8 - 11 (includes clean-up time). If you would like to volunteer, email the above address. We will also have a sign-up sheet at April and May meetings.

See you soon!

In February, Lloyd Mapplebeck of Hillendale Perennials in Hilden, NS, gave us a presentation "Living in the Middle of a Cottage Garden" featuring his expansive property. Lloyd is well known at the Truro Farmers Market and for his retail business in Hilden. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, **SMGBC members** will tour his garden. (And of course buy plants - it will be irresistible!) Because of limited parking, Lloyd suggests car-pooling for this event. Later this spring (after our plant sale) watch your email for tour info.



We share most events on our Facebook page. Members Only events will be described as such. We welcome LIKES and SHARES! (As well as new members!)

Occasionally we ask for submissions of your plant photos, so keep an eye out!



Spring 2023 at the Crossroads Garden

*We encourage support of the St. Margaret's Bay Food Bank with cash donations at each regular meeting. (It is certainly not mandatory!) We provide envelopes and a container for donations, which we deliver the following day. If you require a tax receipt (\$10 donation or more) please put your name and address on the outside of the envelope and mark it "receipt requested."*

The St. Margaret's Bay Gardening Club is a registered Not For Profit Society in Nova Scotia.

We are also Members of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs (NSAGC) and we pay a fee to them to pay for part of our insurance coverage. With this NSAGC membership, members who pay full price for the year (this year by February 28<sup>th</sup> when we submitted our fees) receive a small perennial plant. An announcement will go out about plant pick up. **PLEASE NOTE - If you joined after February 28<sup>th</sup>, you can ignore the notice, and you will be eligible for the free plant next year!** Occasionally, members don't pick up the plant, and we'll bring extras to the plant sale.