

Great Village Garden Club News

By Ashley Fletcher

With spring supposedly just around the corner, my green thumb is starting to get itchy. Growing a beautiful pink amaryllis provided some relief, as does meeting with the garden club members the last Tuesday of every month. Our January 27th meeting was snowed out, but sixteen members did manage to meet February 24th, including three new members: Evelyn Burris, Cathy Mazur and Charlotte Davies.

Every year, the group decides on a seed to try in their gardens, comparing the results in the summer. This year, the group decided on "Rubenza Cosmos", a beautiful semi-dwarf flower that has deep red petals and a yellow center. Members received their seeds at our last meeting.

All garden club members also get a free plant each year. This year, we will be given a delft lace astilbe, a beautiful perennial that has deep blue-green waxy foliage with red highlights. The red stems will be topped with deep salmon red buds which open to soft apricot pink flowers in early summer. Astilbes are long-lived perennials that appreciate rich soil and light shade to filtered sun. They require sun to bloom generously. Many members took advantage of the opportunity to order additional astilbes at the meeting.

Saturday, May 9th was determined as a date for our annual plant sale-to be held at the Great Village Elementary School gym.

Arthur Haskins was our presenter for the evening, his topic was hostas. We learned about different types of hostas along with what they require to truly flourish. He discussed where they could be purchased and he shared



Arthur Haskins gives a presentation at a recent meeting of the Great Village Garden Club. (Ashley Fletcher Photo)

some great slides that documented his own hosta garden progression over the years. He even brought a hosta in to give away.

Tuesday, March 24th the group will meet again at 7pm at the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village. Jeff Morton of Dalhousie Agricultural College will be the guest speaker sharing information about Rhododendrons. At the next meeting on April 28th, Sherry Chaison will give a talk on ferns. New members are always welcome.



Great Village Garden Club members listen intently to a talk by Arthur Haskins. (Ashley Fletcher Photo)

Recyclables For Spring Projects

By Christine Urquhart

Since winter is still upon us maybe this is a good time to work on some projects for spring, like bird houses, feeders and baths. You don't have to spend lots of money on expensive items when you can just as easily make them from recycled items.

A simple feeder you could make with your children is to take an empty 2L pop bottle and cut out a round hole about 4 inches from the bottom and about two thirds of the way up the bottle. Leave the cap on and tie strong twine or thin wire around the neck of the bottle. Fill with seed up to the bottom of the hole and hang from a nearby tree.

Robins like to build their nests on flat surfaces. Therefore you can make them a platform out of scraps of wood - just put two of them together in an "L" shape, then nail to the side of a tree, being sure it is up high enough that cats can't reach it. This "L" shape also works well as a corn feeder, just put a large nail through from the bottom for the cob of dried corn to sit on. The blue jays and squirrels will love it!

You can make a simple bird bath out of an old

garbage can lid - just make sure it is clean and set it up on top of an old tree stump, then fill with water and wait for the birds to find it. You can also use a fairly flat bowl/plate for this, and it would be much prettier, too!

If you are able to build a regular bird house you can have fun painting it with different things, like flowers, birds, etc. Remember never paint inside a bird house! Bird houses should have an access door so you can clean them out come fall to help keep bird mites, mold etc. from building up in the house.

Painting your bird house is a great project for you and your children or grandchildren, and gives you a chance to teach them about the different kinds of birds in your area. The main thing here is to just have fun helping our feathered friends!

Improving Food Security in Ethiopia

Agricultural development, a crucial sector for sustainable economic growth in Ethiopia will benefit from \$18,296,000 over six years through Agriculture Campus of Dalhousie University in Bible Hill. This project will provide technical assistance for skills development and curriculum development, as well as support for physical infrastructure improvements (materials and equipment for classrooms, laboratories and libraries) at four agricultural colleges in Ethiopia.

As a result, the estimated 3,000 students who graduate annually from these colleges will possess the right technical and entrepreneurial skills for agricultural production and employment. The project will help align training programs offered by agricultural colleges with labour market demands in order to promote

agricultural growth.

This project will also strengthen knowledge and skills of approximately 500 teaching and administrative staff in the fields of management, commercial agriculture, strategic and business planning, curriculum development and income generation.

Partnerships with other colleges, universities, research institutions, agribusinesses and farmers will be established to ensure the training programs remain relevant and that best practices are broadly shared.

This project is implemented by Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture in collaboration with McGill University and Mennonite Economic Development Associates in Canada and with Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine in Ethiopia.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF COLCHESTER



PROPERTY TAX SALE

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act of the Province of Nova Scotia,

TAKE NOTICE

That the lands and premises situated in the County of Colchester hereunder described shall be **SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION** for the arrears of rates and taxes due to the Municipality of County of Colchester, unless the arrears of rates, taxes and expenses hereunder specified are paid in full. The auction will be held in the Council Chambers, 3rd floor of the County Courthouse, corner of Church and Queen Streets, Truro on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m..

1. Property Assessed to Judith Cuthbert and Elizabeth Boone
Account# 03094235
DESCRIPTION: No 2 Hwy, Great Village, Land
Taxes & Interest: \$ 456.09 Expenses: \$ 1,287.14
Total: \$ 1,743.23
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
Minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 100.00.
2. Property Assessed to Carmen G Miller
Account# 03239705
DESCRIPTION: 37 Cooper Rd, Grant 09-MS French River, Dwelling
Taxes & Interest: \$ 387.70 Expenses: \$ 850.14
Total: \$ 1,237.84
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
3. Property Assessed to Bartley K and Belinda A MacAloney
Account # 05568935
DESCRIPTION: 150 Old Stewiacke Rd, Deuville's Trailer Court, Mobile
Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,210.99 Expenses: \$ 347.14
Total: \$ 1,558.13
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
Minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 100.00
4. Property Assessed to Ralph MacKenzie
Account# 02829134
DESCRIPTION: 1248 Meadowvale Rd, Lot 5 Meadowvale and Dwelling
Taxes & Interest: \$1,010.04 Expenses: \$ 1,203.40
Total: \$ 2,213.44
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
Minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 1,000.00
5. Property Assessed to Cheryl MacRae et al
Account# 02974312
DESCRIPTION: Great Village Lornevale Rd, Great Village, Land
Taxes & Interest: \$.00 Expenses: \$ 699.64
Total: \$ 699.64
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
6. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account # 07390009
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Rd, Brule Point, Land, Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 66,974.41 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 67,740.81
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
7. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account #06253903
DESCRIPTION: 738 Brule Point Rd, Lot 2-D REM Brule Point, Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 31,164.26 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 31,930.66
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
8. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account# 02950952
DESCRIPTION: 741 Brule Point Rd, Lot A Brule Point, Dwellings Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 25,531.27 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 26,297.67
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
9. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account# 04129946
DESCRIPTION: 700 Brule Point Rd, Lot 1 Brule Point, Dwelling
Taxes & Interest: \$ 8,687.37 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 9,453.77
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
10. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account# 05931398
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Rd, Brule Point, Land Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 6,085.13 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 6,851.53
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
11. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account #07384866
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Rd, Lot 95-F Brule Point, Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 3,062.60 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 3,829.00
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
12. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account #10273171
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Rd, Lot 1 Brule Point
Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,229.65 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 1,996.05
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
13. Property Assessed to Ocean Links Development Inc
Account #10460727
DESCRIPTION: Brule Point Rd, Brule Point, Land Sport Facility
Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,169.23 Expenses: \$ 766.40
Total: \$ 1,935.63
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
14. Property Assessed to Wayne D and Grace L Phillips
Account #03752518
DESCRIPTION: No 2 Hwy, Lot 14 Alton
Taxes & Interest: \$ 595.14 Expenses: \$ 1187.14
Total: \$ 1,782.28
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
Minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 100.00.
15. Property Assessed to Lloyd Rector
Account #07316844
DESCRIPTION: 136 Guest Dr, Bible Hill, Mobile
Taxes & Interest: \$ 1,463.69 Expenses: \$ 323.37
Total: \$ 1,787.06
A right of redemption exists on this property for a period of six months.
Minimum bid on this property starts at \$ 1.00.

A fuller description of the above properties may be seen at the Tax Office, County Courthouse, corner of Church and Queen Streets, Truro, Nova Scotia.

TERMS: PAYMENT OF CASH, CERTIFIED CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER, BANK CLEARED DRAFT, OR LAWYER'S TRUST CHEQUE TO COVER RATES, TAXES, INTEREST AND EXPENSES, OR THE MINIMUM BID AMOUNT IF STATED FOR A PROPERTY IN THIS NOTICE, MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF THE SALE. THE BALANCE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE, IF ANY, MUST BE MADE WITHIN THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS OF THE SALE, (NAMELY FRIDAY, April 17, 2015, 4:30 P.M.) IN SIMILAR FORM OF PAYMENT.

Dated at Truro, Nova Scotia, the 14th day of April 2015
Scott Fraser, Treasurer

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