

Great Village Garden Club News



Great Village Garden Club members and guests listen to Gordon Pictou's description of Mi'kmaq medicinal plants. (Shears photo)



District Director Linda Giddens presents the Activities Contest prize to Patti Sharpe, president of the Great Village Garden Club. (Shears photo)

By Linda Shears

The Garden Club wrapped up the season with a guided tour of the Medicinal Garden at the Glooscap Heritage Centre. Program director, Gordon Pictou, provided an informative and enthusiastic overview of the purpose and history of the garden. He pointed out the various native plants which have been planted in the area surrounding the Heritage Centre and explained their traditional medicinal uses in the Mi'kmaq lifestyle. A few of them, such as the dandelion, didn't need to be encouraged to grow on the site.

After the tour, a presentation was made by Linda Giddens, who is the Central District Director of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs, to Patti Sharpe, presi-

dent of our club. The club had entered the Activities Contest, in which points are attributed for participating in various events, such as holding a plant sale, hosting a District Meeting, having a seed exchange, taking part in a community beautification project, and producing a year book.

Considering the size of our club, with about twenty-four members, and competing with some clubs which have up to sixty members, we have proven ourselves to be a very active, hardworking club. The prize was in the form of a gift certificate from the NSAGC, consisting of a free registration and banquet ticket to the Convention for 2012.

Our outing was concluded with an enjoyable meal at the nearby Saltscapes Restaurant.



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Clifton 4-H Club Achievement Day



Senior and Junior members competing in Grand Showmanship. (McNutt Photo)



James Vallis showing his sheep in junior competition to judge Margaret Congdon. (McNutt Photo)



Seniors Erin Groves and Corey McLellan showing their horses. (McNutt Photo)

By Marla McNutt,
Club Reporter

On July 15 our club had its annual Achievement Day. The day began at 9:30 at the Waugh's Farm in Old Barns, with a barbeque for lunch, and all the livestock competitions were held. All members, juniors and seniors, showed their animals in Dairy, Beef, Horse, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, Waterfowl, Dog Obedience, and Cavy (Guinea Pig). The livestock showings ended with the Grand Champion Showmanship competition.

At the Cobequid Consolidated Elementary School all of the Life Skills projects were on display and were judged by 4-H representatives. Those projects were Floriculture, Garden, Woodworking, Great Outdoors, Small Engines, Sewing, Photography, Vet Science, Scrapbooking, Foods, Cake Decorating, and Exploring 4-H. That evening during the annual banquet, awards were presented to both Anna Works and Catherine Burrows for completing 13 years in 4-H. As well, we gave certificates to Jim and Glenda Kent and Central Equipment for their continued support and contributions to our club.

The evening ended with the Top Members Awards going to: Beef - Jenna Waugh; Cake Decorating - Ella McCurdy;

Cavy - Holly Masters; Dairy - Alexander Burrows; Dairy - Champion Calf - Lane Yuill; Dairy - Junior Showmanship - Lane Yuill; Dairy - Senior Showmanship - Alexander Burrows; Dog Obedience - Taylor Masters

Floriculture - Marla McNutt; Foods - Hannah Rushton; Garden - Elizabeth Carr; Goats - Jelisa Waugh; Grand Champion Showmanship - Alexander Burrows; Junior Leader - Anna Works; Light Horse - Erin Groves; Photography - Amy Crocker; Poultry - Ella McCurdy; Rabbit - Hanna Murphy; Scrapbooking - Natalie Crocker.

Sewing - Gillian Blackburn; Sheep - James Vallis; Small Engines - Jacob Works; The Great Outdoors - Corey McLellan; Top All Round - Heidi Anderson; Top Judge - Jelisa Waugh; Top Junior - Marla McNutt; Top Rookie - Caleb McCurdy; Top Senior - Jacob Works; Vet Science - Nicole Giddens; Waterfowl - Alexander Burrows and Woodworking - Theron Forbes

We would like to thank the judges, parents, volunteers and members for such a great day!



Senior and Junior members showing dairy. (Teri-Lynn Masters Photo)



Natalie Crocker, junior member showing beef in the Grand Showmanship Competition. (McNutt Photo)



Junior members James Vallis, Hanna Murphy, Holly Brown and Emily Smith being judge by Juanita Roode in Rabbit. (McNutt Photo)



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