

# Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia 2024 Field Day

Photos by Linda Harrington



Executive Director Peter Burgess welcomed everyone to the WBPANS Field Day.



WBPANS President David Harrison talks about the wild blueberry producer and beekeepers connection.



Perenna's Wild Blueberry Specialist, Hugh Lyu gave an update in the expected wild blueberry crop outlook for the upcoming harvest.



The Kilted Chef, Chef Alain Bossé served up a tasty wild blueberry sauce over a honey lemon pound cake for dessert at the WBPANS Field Day.



Paul and Laurie Kittilsen of Kittilsen's Wildflower Honey hosted the WBPANS Field Day on July 17th. Paul gave a talk on beekeeping over the noon hour.



Colchester Mayor Christine Blair and Dr. Stephen Ellis, Member of Parliament for Cumberland-Colchester look over the new drone which can be used to spray fields instead of using traditional tractors and boom sprayers.



Close to 300 people attended the 2024 WBPANS Field Day and the boxed lunch line-up moved very quickly for such a large group.



Researchers, agri-businesses, government staff and other industry representatives were setup onsite to talk to wild blueberry producers.

**Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival**

AUGUST 17-SEPT 2 2024

Celebrate the harvest of Nova Scotia's provincial berry with wild blueberry dining experiences, farmers' markets, pie-eating contests and more!

Free activities, pie eating contest, taste of festival and so much more!

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**  
**10:00AM-12:00PM**

**Blueberry Family Cooking Class**  
With Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre

\*Pre-registration required\*  
**Free cooking class**  
Space is limited  
Contact:  
Email navigator@maggiesplace.ca  
or  
Call (902) 895-0200

Join our blueberry family cooking class and learn how to make a delicious blueberry treat from scratch!  
**For parents & children cooking together!**

Our experienced instructors will guide you through the entire process. You'll learn all the tips and tricks to create a mouthwatering food and preserves that will impress your friends and family.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**  
**DROP IN BETWEEN 9:00-11:30AM**

**Kick Off Event**  
Join us for a festive Kick off event to celebrate the start of the Wild Blueberry Harvest!

Enjoy live music, bounce around in the bouncy castle, get a cool air brush tattoo, and participate with our minute to win games and contest!

This family-friendly event is the perfect way to welcome the harvest season. Don't miss out on the fun!  
**Located at Civic square in downtown Truro**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**  
**12:00PM**

**Pie Eating Contest**  
Get ready for a mouthwatering showdown at the Pie Eating Contest in Colchester County!

This exciting event brings together familiar faces from the community to indulge in a delicious blueberry pie challenge.

Join us for a fun-filled experience that will leave you craving for more.  
**Located at Civic square in downtown Truro**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**  
**5:00-7:00PM**

**Mini Food Truck Rally**  
Join us at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition for a Mini Food Truck Rally featuring delicious blueberry-themed items! Indulge in a variety of sweet and savory treats all centered around the beloved blueberry.

But that's not all - test your skills and try your luck at our mini to win games with a representative from the Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival.

Don't miss out on this tasty event and win some prizes, that's sure to be a berry good time!  
**Located at 73 Ryland Avenue, Bible Hill NS**

**AUGUST 17-SEPTEMBER 2**  
**Taste of the Festival**  
Get ready to indulge in the deliciousness of wild blueberries with our Taste of the Festival!

This exciting event brings together a wide range of mouthwatering blueberry treats that you can find at various commercial food and beverage establishments in central Nova Scotia. From delectable desserts to refreshing beverages, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Stay updated by checking out our Facebook page and website for the complete list of participating business.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**Not Since Moses 2024**  
The Not Since Moses 5k and 10k runs are one of the most unique in North America. At low tide, the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia is clear enough to become a running course.

Expect fun times and a muddy experience! The 10k course begins at Soley Cove, and the 5k and Basket Run are at Sand Point in Five Islands. You'll run across a tidal river and out onto the exposed sea bed.  
**Register today at www.raceroster.com**