

Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia 2017 Annual Meeting

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Dan McDonald, Musquodoboit Valley Resource Supply Ltd., welcomes Joe Atkinson to the blueberry harvesting component division of the company. This division will now be located at 7961 Hwy 2, West Brook, Southampton, NS. (Harrington Photo)



WBANA Canada was pleased to announce Dr. Willy Kalt is now a Health Research Consultant with WBANA Canada. Dr. Kalt is very interested in the ongoing studies reporting the health benefits of anthocyanins, which are highly concentrated in wild blueberries.

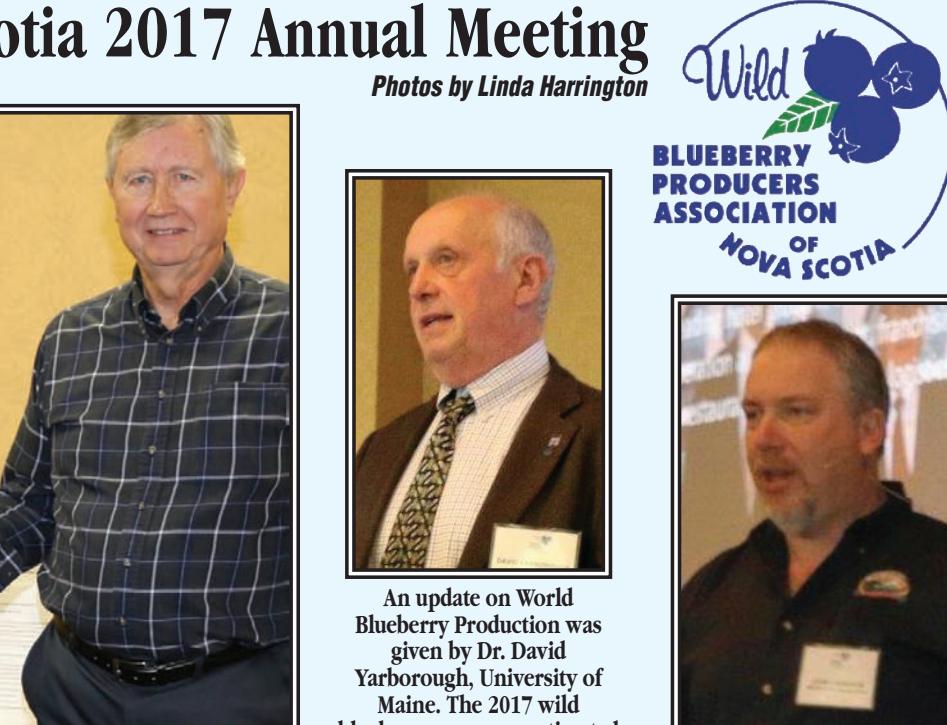
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An update on World Blueberry Production was given by Dr. David Yarborough, University of Maine. The 2017 wild blueberry crop was estimated to be 262 million pounds, down approximately 36% from last year. World blueberry production is estimated to be 920 million pounds.

WBANA Canada President John Cameron gave insight into the current endeavors WBANA is taking to promote and market wild blueberries around the world.



WBPANS Executive Director Peter Rideout presents John and Charlotte Mattie with the certification of Induction into the WBPANS Recognition Book. (Harrington Photo)



WBPANS President Barron Blois congratulates John and Charlotte Mattie and members of their family following their Induction into the WBPANS Recognition Book on Nov. 17th, 2017. (Harrington Photo)

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Over 200 people attended the WBPANS Annual General Meeting held at the Best Western Glengarry, Truro on Nov. 17 & 18, 2017.



Perennia hosted New Product Development- Pathways to Success for the Wild Blueberry Industry on Nov. 16th for interested members of WBPANS. The Industry Panel of Nova Scotia Success Stories members gave excellent presentations on the challenges they have faced as they grew their businesses. Left to right: William Alloway, Acadian Maple, Greg Gerrits, Elmridge Farms, Andrew Rand, Randsland Farms and David Parrish, Scotian Gold.



Kyla Pierik, Business Development, Perennia Food and Agriculture Inc. introducing the Industry Panel of Nova Scotia Success Stories.



Dr. Travis Essau, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture explained how factors such as the condition of the harvester brush and tote/bin usage can affect yield and profitability.



Peter Burgess, Perennia gave informative talks on managing fields in a changing industry and the 2017 wild blueberry crop in Nova Scotia.



WBPANS Promotional Committee Chair Alice Pugsley presents Dr. Willy Kalt with one of the winning gift baskets from the Wild Blueberry Harvest Festival Raffle. Allan Lattie won the painted Adirondack Chair and Ralph Lloyd won the \$100 Gift Basket. (Harrington Photo)



WBPANS President Barron Blois (right) presents a departing gift to Retiring Director, David Atkinson.



Deputy Premier, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, Karen Casey brought greetings on behalf of Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Keith Colwell to the WBPANS Reception.

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Wild blueberry producers had the opportunity to tour Perennia Innovation Centre in Bible Hill on Nov. 16th and learn what services are available to assist local businesses.

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- 3) Roadside Mower - Single head, side mount 5-foot head. There are 25 units in operation throughout Nova Scotia. Units are used in bush cutting operations and roadside mowing in the State of Maine.
- 4) Excavator Mower - Single head, boom mount mower has 5-foot head. Head is mounted to the excavator boom using existing bucket mounting pins enabling mower head to mow contour of the ditches.
- 5) Highway Median Mower - BMM-5 median mower is a combination of 2 mid-mount 5-foot side mowers mounted on left and right sides of 90 HP tractor unit and 2 five-foot heads with 1 four-foot head mounted under a tow frame with a total cut path of 21'6". All heads are independently raised and lowered.
- 6) DBE Electronics - We offer contract electronics manufacturing with an emphasis on product quality and on time delivery. Manufacturing capabilities include electronic assembly, printed circuit boards and cable assemblies for prototype to production run quantities. No quantity is too large or too small.
- 7) Cranberry Harvester - This is the latest addition of Doug Bragg Enterprises' lineup of custom manufactured products. This machine is intended for dry picking cranberries with as little waste as possible and with virtually no damage to the bog. The ground pressure with the recommended setup is less than a foot print of an adult of average size.

