

ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 2023



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The Friends of the
Public Gardens
Halifax, Nova Scotia



Annual General Meeting

Museum of Natural History

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Refreshments compliments of
Uncommon Grounds

2022 Minutes TFPG Annual General Meeting May 31, 2022 beginning at 7:00PM Little Theatre, Sacred Heart School Halifax

1. Call to Order

The 2022 AGM was called to order a few minutes past 7 PM.

2. Chair Henri Paratte welcomed everyone, those who are present and on Zoom at this hybrid meeting; recognizing, we are very thankful to be able to meet in person for the first time since 2019 and hoped the Zoom version will be compatible to those who still wish to converse via technology. Henri welcomed Cathy McCarthy President, Friends of McNabs Island Society, our Guest Speaker.

Henri encouraged everyone to enjoy the refreshments compliments of Uncommon Grounds throughout the evening.

3. **Approval of the Agenda.** Motion to Accept by Susan Kerslake, seconded by Harry Popowich. Carried.

4. **Annual Report 2021-2022**

i. Approval: 2022 AGM Minutes. Moved by Susan Kerslake, seconded, Barbara Bickle. Carried.

All of the following reports are in the Annual Report located at www.halifaxpublicgardens.ca

ii. Chair's Report

iii. Committee Reports

a. Motion to accept the Chair & Committee Reports: Susan Kerslake/Sharon Costey. Carried

iv. Financial Report

b. Motion to accept the Financial Reports: Janet Brush/Susan Kerslake. Carried

v. Nominations Committee Report

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Treasurer, Janet Brush for her tremendous assistance

Election of TFPG Nominees 2022-2024

Confirmation: TFPG Board of Directors 2022- 2024

a. Motion from the Floor

Sandra McCullough nominated William Mont to sit as a Director as there was one vacancy in the complement of 15, the maximum number of members of the Board. Barbara Bickle seconded.

A vote was called and the Nomination was successfully carried.

Janet Brush moved the adoption of the Slate of Directors for 2022-2023 Board and the Nominations for 2022-2024. Seconded Judith Cabrita. Carried.

Henri congratulated the new Board of Directors and thanked them for their commitment.

5. Motion to accept the 2021-2022 Annual Report. Moved, Susan Kerslake. Seconded, Liz Johnson. Carried

6. **Guest Speaker: Cathy McCarthy, President, Friends of McNabs Island Society**

Topic: McNabs Island Victorian Garden.

Cathy gave a stimulating and excellent talk with a visual presentation of the history, highlights, activities and terrain to experience on a trip to McNabs Island. Cathy encouraged the audience to visit the Island. We hope to add Cathy's production to the TFPG website.

Cathy was thanked by Chair Henri for her enlightening talk which should certainly result in increased visitation by TFPG Members and their friends and families. A Gift was presented.

8. Other Business

As there was no other business, the Chair reminded everyone that 2022 was **The Year of the Gardens**, proclaimed nationally and by Garden Friendly municipalities of which HRM is one.

9. Adjournment - Chair Henri thanked all for attending

ENJOY THE GARDENS!

Chair's Report

PURPOSE/ROLE: (Mission Statement)

To preserve, protect, promote and celebrate the Halifax Public Gardens

RESPONSIBILITIES:

To carry out our mandate and practice in a responsible manner

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Executive: Andrea Bishop, Janet Brush, Judith Cabrita, Katherine Deturbide
Carter Beaupre-McPhee, Skana Gee, Donald Marks, William Mont, Sandra McCulloch,
Henri Paratte, Rick Rivers, Barbara Taylor

The Membership is fortunate that all Board Members have, besides being true stewards of HPG, absorbed the added responsibility of committee chairing or involvement. The 2022-23 Board has worked diligently on behalf of our Membership and the Gardens, fulfilling our purpose clearly and succinctly in our Mission Statement, stated above. As Chair, I am especially grateful for their support and service which is buoyed by a cadre of devoted and committed Volunteers.

In this Jubilee Year, and as a Victorian Garden, we have held concerts, planted a tree, commemorated a bench and dedicated a song composed by Iris Black and Don Clark, "The Queen of the Trees."

ACTIVITIES:

2022-23 was marred by 3 incidents of unexplainable damage to the beloved Gardens which provide peace, solace and interest to more than a million people every year. So many daily visitors are strengthened by its beauty and structure.

We still had an exciting and productive year, and the Gardens, were at their superlative beauty. We hear many visitors comment that our talented Gardeners have managed their ultimate. Yet, each year they surpass the previous year, and the Gardens seem even more magnificent. The Gardeners are truly artists. HRM needs to recognize their value as TPFG and our visitors do, for their contribution to enhancing this sanctuary, a Nature Reserve and oasis.

2022 was The Year of the Garden, proclaimed nationally and by many Garden-Friendly Canadian municipalities, including HRM.

Building on the two year Wild Bird Study in 2022, we added a Bird Walk starting at 7:30 AM in Camp Hill Cemetery and 8:00 in the Gardens. It has gathered regular attendees, the numbers varying from week to week and including visitors who were advised about it while in Horticultural Hall. Popular, and fitting our mandate, it will continue on an annual basis from June through September.

The number of Audio Tours increased to seven (5 Gardens, 2 Camp Hill Cemetery) with Barbara Carlton, former Board Chair leading and championing this valuable means of stimulating knowledge and accessibility to the enjoyment of the Gardens.

Significant and a major accomplishment this year was the creation of a Donation Policy by the Communications Committee to recognize our Donors. Be sure to notice it, in their Communications Committee Report.

The Board annually reviews the TFPG Priorities List. As the 3 Statues have returned to grace the Gardens, it was monumental to remove that activity from its number one position for so many years. The Grotto is now a number one priority and we hope to achieve more headway and cooperation in 2023.

We have strengthened the TFPG presence with 7 day operation of Horticultural Hall and four daily free tours.

TFPG decided to continue to partner with Service Canada in the Canada Summer Jobs initiative and hired Garden Interpreters (GIs) to do interpretation, research, take surveys and supplement our Volunteers in Horticultural Hall and Tours. It's an excellent endeavour to assist young people in increasing knowledge and job skills. In 2022, while our musical entertainment continued to grow, the GIs added to their skill set by learning the operation of a sound system.

Reviewing our priorities, it was decided the Board should

- Continue advocating for the installation of Visitation Counters at all the Gardens gates
- Make progress on the Grotto restoration
- Increase our broadened stewardship of Camp Hill Cemetery and grow its recognition as an example of the early Rural Cemetery movement to create a cemetery more akin to a park- a place of solemn beauty to contemplate life, have a peaceful walk, to bird watch, -new green spaces that people would want to frequent.

SUCCESSSES/CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES

The highlights of 2022 -23 are contained in the Committee Reports.

We are grateful to Canadian Heritage, the Halifax Foundation, Canada Gives, HRM Community Grants, our sponsors, members and general public for their generous dollars, and in-kind donations.

Our Volunteers made it all possible.

The challenge is to continue with our commitment, grow Membership and continue to inspire our Volunteers.

Our Membership helps the Board steer straight into the wind and continue celebrating our culture and the treasure in the "Heart of the City". We count on you to continue your involvement and support.

*Thank you,
Judith Cabrita, Chair*

Archives Committee

Members: Barbara Taylor

Purpose/Role

To ensure an accessible, permanent, accurate and historical record of the activities, achievements and works of The Friends of the Public Gardens (TFPG).

Responsibilities

Sort, organize, categorize and preserve all materials: paper, digital and artifacts concerning TFPG.

Activities

This past year the board adopted Google Workspace for Nonprofits. The benefits of having a centralized place for all our electronic artifacts are many, and the Communications Committee has done great work in facilitating the transition. Physical archives remain in boxes in the Power House, and will be added to as the need arises.

Successes

All members of the board now have email addresses with a common domain and access to shared drives in our workspace as per their committee memberships. With unlimited cloud storage for files, work has begun to collect and organize files from a few past and present board members.

Challenges

It is time consuming to receive large collections of digital files and determine how to organize them, as some analysis is required to determine the age, context and usefulness of files and to eliminate duplication. Google workspace is a great collaboration tool for board activities and is especially useful for running our meetings. How to determine the best use of digital artifacts residing in other places like the TFPG website and our social media presence. Exploration of other Public Gardens materials located at the Halifax Municipal Archives may be undertaken in the coming year.

Submitted by Barbara Taylor

Bursary Committee

Andrea Bishop, Chair
Margaret Ann Bennett
Judith Cabrita
Jock Murray
Janet Murray
Barbara Taylor

Purpose

The Bursary Committee administrates the Suellen Murray Educational Bursary. It was established to support new educational projects relevant to the Halifax Public Gardens and is primarily funded by Dr. Jock Murray and Janet Murray. Their daughter Suellen died of a brain tumour in 2014. She loved the Gardens and walked through every morning on her way to work in the Department of Health.

2022-2023 Activities

While the bursary was paused in 2022, it was relaunched with new criteria and a generous increase in available funding in 2023, with the bursary now valued at \$1,500 (an increase from \$1,000 in previous years). We also have added an expectation that the winner would provide a presentation upon completion of their project, so that the wonderful work completed through the Bursary can be showcased more broadly.

The Bursary Committee met on May 8th to assess the applications. The recipient will provide a final report by March 31, 2024, that will be posted on the TFPG website:
<https://www.halifaxpublicgardens.ca/suellen-murray-educational-bursary>

Successes/Challenges

This year we used our social media pages to advertise the bursary to a much larger audience, with multiple posts and reminders going to our followers and members. While we were a bit late getting the physical poster out (a good lesson for next year), we were nonetheless able to attract three solid applications. It would be helpful to have a larger media campaign to advertise the bursary in the future, so something to work on for next year. This would also help to attract additional donations to the bursary, which are always welcome.

Past winners and their projects are listed on the website, and we encourage everyone to take a look and pass along information to anyone they think might be interested in submitting in 2024.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bishop, Chair, Suellen Murray Educational Bursary*

Communications Committee

Author: Carter Beaupre-McPhee, Chair of Communications

Summary Statistics from Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

The following statistics compare this past year's performance with the preceding year. More specifically they are comparing the periods of May 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023 and May 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022.

This past year, TFPG has seen...

Facebook Reach (number of unique users who have viewed TFPG content on Facebook) 1,309,855 (up 60.1% over the previous year)

Facebook Page Visits (number of times users have deliberately visited our Facebook page and does not include views of our content on users' home-feeds) 20,692 (up 120.1% over the previous year)

New Facebook Page Likes (number of new users who liked our Facebook page, the Facebook equivalent of a "follow") 1,386 (up 48.9% over the previous year)

Total Facebook Page Likes

13,000+ likes, 14,000+ follows (a page follow on Facebook is the same as a page like but not public; both a like and a follow automatically push our content to the user's home feed)

Instagram Reach (number of unique users who have viewed TFPG content on Facebook) 23,388 (up 145.2% over the previous year)

Instagram Profile Visits (number of times users have deliberately visited our Instagram Profile and does not include views of our content on users' home-feeds) 9,388 (up 68.8% over the previous year)

New Instagram Followers (number of new users who followed our Instagram profile) 1,485 (comparison data unavailable, as our Instagram account was only made a "professional" account this year)

Total Instagram Followers

3,456 followers

Twitter Impressions (number of times users have seen our tweets)

406,400 (up 933% over the previous year)

New Twitter Followers (number of new users who followed our Twitter profile) 454 (up 1261% over the previous year)

Total Twitter Followers

3,224 followers

General Notes:

Elon Musk's Twitter and our Mastodon Account

In light of Elon Musk's controversial purchase of Twitter, completed on October 27, 2022, we saw a slight reduction in Twitter followers as a result of users deleting their accounts and leaving Twitter entirely (amounting to a loss of 55 followers from October 2022 through February 2023). However, this loss appears to have stopped as of March 2023, and our Twitter followers are once again on the rise. On the off-chance that the mass migration away from Elon's Twitter was going to lead to the rise of a competitor service, we did preemptively create an account on the most prominent competitor service, Mastodon, on December 25, 2022. Since then, we have also reposted all our Twitter posts to our Mastodon account (@halifaxpublicgardens@mstdn.ca). We have seen slight growth on Mastodon, with 33 followers to date. However, our growth, and particularly our user engagement levels on this platform, have proven quite limited and it does not appear that it will supersede Twitter as the next major social media platform. As a result, we will be pausing our usage of Mastodon as we enter the Spring 2023 season but retaining our account for the foreseeable future to hold the username.

More Accessible Social Media

This year, we have been very diligent in adding image captions for accessibility to our posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Mastodon (except for some more casual Facebook posts submitted by a third party). While no analytics are provided by Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Mastodon for the effectiveness of accessibility captions, we nonetheless believe that they are always worthwhile.

Google Forms Surveys

As part of our organization's migration to the Google Workspaces for Non-Profits cloud-based collaborative work environment, we tried out using Google Forms for the first time this year to collect feedback not only from our membership but also the general public, with the Feedback Survey for the Holiday Lights Display. This survey was a great success, and we will continue using Google Forms surveys shared via our email list and social media platforms moving forward.

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Communications Committee, continued

Crisis Management

The Public Gardens have suffered numerous tragedies in the past year, including:

- The intentional girdling of 32 trees by one or more unknown assailants;
- Hurricane Fiona, which felled two trees and damaged others; and
- The two acts of suspected arson against Horticultural Hall

The only silver lining of these tragedies has been the outpouring of public sympathy and increased visibility of the Halifax Public Gardens in the mind's eye of the general public. Our crisis management has been quick and professional, thanks in no small part to our Chair, Judith Cabrita, and her excellent handling of requests for statements and interviews from news media. We remain hopeful that we will face fewer crises from this season onward.

Donations Committee

Committee members:

Katherine Deturbide (Chair)
Carter Beaupre-McPhee

Background:

In summer 2022, the Board decided that there was a need to create a formalized donations policy. This document intends to have a set of policies in place to regulate how donations are recognized and processed. As TFPG grows as an organization, it is prudent to develop a policy that not only grants us the capacity to receive larger donations, but also adequately recognizes our donors for their generosity. As a result, an ad-hoc Donations committee was formed to investigate the best practices of donation policies in other non-profit organizations and to draft a policy for board approval.

2022-2023 Activities:

After over eight months of work and nine iterations of the donations policy reviewed by the board, we are pleased to report that we have successfully drafted a donations policy document. The policy outlines in great detail the types of donations we are able to accept and describes what procedures the Board should follow to formally recognize different types of donations (e.g., sponsorships, bequests). We have also included more provisions in this policy for formally recognizing our most dedicated volunteers in recognition of their service.

A legal expert has reviewed the most recent draft. It has been approved and will be presented as the final draft to the Board at our next meeting. Once the Board has approved the policy, it will be published on our website.

The Board considers this donation policy a major milestone for TFPG that has set a strong precedent for future policy documents that we draft in the future. We would like to especially thank Carter Beaupre-McPhee for spearheading the development of this policy and for contributing so much time and effort to make this policy possible.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Deturbide

Events Committee

Events in the Gardens returned to a nearly normal pace in summer 2022, following the pandemic, starting with Victoria Day celebrations, including story time for children and regular country music and classical music concerts, along with movie nights in partnership with FIN, the Atlantic Film Festival.

We hosted our annual volunteer appreciation event at The Gardens in November with about 30 volunteers. Rose Marie Mahar's print of the gates of the Public Gardens was printed and personalized as a special gift for each volunteer.

A new event – Carolling in the Gardens – was organized in December, with TFPG members and members of the public invited. About 50 people attended, and members of the ScotianAires choral group led us through the Gardens, stopping to sing carols along the way. A live performance of “Queen of the Trees” took place as the evening concluded, with composers/musicians Iris Black and Don Clark and singer Laura Kohoot.

The official launch of the song – commissioned in the fall to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – took place in April at City Hall in Halifax Hall. About 75 guests, including members, volunteers and supporters, attended the wine and cheese reception. Speakers included Board chair Judith Cabrita, Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc, Advanced Education Minister Brian Wong, and Mayor Mike Savage. The song was beautifully performed by Laura Kohoot with Nick Rodgerson on the grand piano.

Thank you to committee members Katherine Deturbide, Rick Rivers, Bill Mont, . Lia Beveridge and Judith Cabrita for all of their hard work!

*Respectfully submitted
Skana Gee (events chair as of October 2022)*

Supervisory Committee

Chair, Janet Brush; Horticultural Hall, Judith Cabrita; Guided Tour Coordinator, Rick Rivers; Audio tour Coordinator, Barbara Carlton

TFPG produced four more self-guided audio tours and their accompanying brochures, in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. The tours are The Weeping Tree Area, The Japanese Connection, the NS Horticultural Society, and the Jubilee Fountain Area. We now have a library of seven self-guided audio tours accessible on our website, with corresponding brochures on display in Horticultural Hall.

With the Canada Student Jobs grant last summer, we hired three Garden Interns, one of which was a Supervisory position. They assisted the desk volunteers, acted as tour guides, conducted visitor surveys, and other duties, including handling the sound equipment for the classical music series and other events.

All these activities were cut short by the fire in Horticultural Hall in September, which forced the closure of our visitors' desk and the loss of a month's income.

All our Volunteers, Information Desk, Tour Guides, Garden Interns enhance the “visitor experience” in the Halifax Public Gardens. They are all, with the gardeners, the “face” of the Gardens and add to the Nova Scotia image of friendliness and hospitality.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Brush

Horticultural Hall

The Volunteers at the Information Desk provide 7 day service in Horticultural Hall from 10 AM - 4 PM with some assistance from the Garden Interpreters (GIs) during July and August, when they are not doing other duties. Also the GIs during this 2 month period and perhaps busiest of the season, open the Desk from 8-10 AM and 4-7 PM extending the service time for visitors.

The Information Desk Volunteers answer a myriad of questions related to the history and horticulture, provide directions to Garden features, the activities happening that day and coming up, explain the pond situation, discuss the audio tours using the brochures, arrange guided tours, encourage signing of the Guest Book so that, annually, we can maintain a record of visitor origin. They are true representatives of HPG and valuable to its recognition as a must-see Halifax Attraction.

The Gardens are indebted to the volunteers welcoming our visitors, their constant cheery attitude and their dedication to improving everyone's day. Thank you.

— Judith Cabrita

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Tours

TFPG's one hour, Historical and Horticulturally themed Tours increased as the Gardens returned to near normal and visitors and cruise ship arrivals were welcomed back to the tourism scene. Additionally, the number of reserved group tours also grew. Fortunately, our Nova Scotia residents enjoyed the Gardens and its peaceful beauty during the pandemic.

4 Free tours are provided daily from June through October at 10:00 AM, 12 Noon, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM by a faithful team of Volunteer Tour Guides. These Guides contribute 3 hours a week each and some do 2 shifts a week.

The Garden Interns, Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) workers are trained to conduct the Halifax Public Gardens one hour tour. They also accompany the Bird Walk on Wednesday mornings. The purpose of CSJ is to increase work skills and guiding increases public speaking confidence and ability.

TFPG, in 2022, had a contract with the prestigious US Tauck Tours during July through October to provide a specialized tour, adding additional horticultural accuracy.

In 2022, we were interrupted in offering tours by the vandalism within the Gardens. This limited the number of tours per day and complete servicing while the Gardens were closed. We continue to strive to grow awareness of our unique free tours and to cultivate new volunteers. We are still keeping the three hour volunteer time blocks of 10 to 1 and 1 to 4.

A sincere and profuse thank you and appreciation to all Tour Guides.

— Rick Rivers, Tour Coordinator

Bird Walk

The weekly bird tour of 2022 ran from July 6 to October 5. It took place every Wednesday morning at 7:30 and wove through the Camp Hill Cemetery before entering the Public Gardens at 8 am.

The bird tour is reported, by all involved, to have been a huge success, with an interesting range of local species spotted every week. 20 different types of birds were seen, an average of 13 each week. There was one sighting, a Sandpiper or a Greater Yellowlegs (the debate continues), which was not identified as part of the TFPG Wild Bird Project (2018-2020). Other interesting sightings include White Breasted Nuthatches, Northern Flickers, and Cedar Waxwings. Mallards, Goldfinches, and Grackles were reliable on the average week.

An average of 7 and, occasionally, as many as 25 aspiring birders would attend each week. There were many regular attendees, including residents and tourists who heard about the bird walk at Horticultural Hall, word of mouth, or social media. Dr. Wesley Petite gave a presentation to the Board. He looks forward to leading the bird walk in 2023.

— Dr. Wesley Petite PhD

Finance Committee

Committee: Janet Brush - Chair, Albee Zhan - Board Member, Judith Cabrita - Ex Officio

The committee met once this year to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

GIC RENEWALS: In 2022, interest rates finally rose above 1%. We were able to take advantage of that in May when four were renewed. To gain the best advantage in future, the committee will monitor interest and investigate variable rates and cashable instruments.

MERCHANDISING: We have been granted permission to expand the range of products we can sell in Horticultural Hall, subject to approval by Sean Street.

BEQUESTS & ENDOWMENTS: A draft brochure was submitted by Barbara Carleton in April 2022 directed to lawyers and accountants dealing with estate issues for distribution to their clients. We need to gather more information before finalizing the content of the brochure.

SPONSORSHIP: There is a great need for sponsorship or long-term funding to allow us to have a proper office, outside the homes of our board members. We will investigate this issue in the new year.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Brush, Committee Chair

The Friends of the Public Gardens
Financial Statements & Treasurer's Report
For the Fiscal Year April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

The highlights of the past fiscal year are mixed – better financially, but marred by senseless vandalism. Operations in Horticultural Hall were successful, with some cruise ships and bus tours resuming after a two year absence. However, the fire in September forced the early closure of Horticultural Hall and the loss of more than a month's income.

In addition to general donations of over \$10,000, we also received a total of \$3,540 specifically designated for the recovery of the trees damaged in July. An anonymous donation of \$4,000 was designated for the classical music concert series in the summer. And the first Dahlia Days in three years netted us \$1,047.

Flora, the last of the three statues, was restored and returned to the Gardens. The Friends cost-shared with HRM, with our share of \$10,212 taken from the Jarvis Bequest. The total cost for the restoration of all three statues over three years was \$46,762.

The other major expenditure in the year was the Christmas light show. The cost of \$8,000 was partly offset by donations of \$2,000 from two local businesses.

The last of the planned audio tours were completed, using the remainder of the Halifax Foundation Grant, a small HRM Community Grant, and most of the Canada Gives Grant. There are now seven audio tours, which can be accessed on our website. We also received a \$4,500 grant from Canadian Heritage to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To honour her wishes expressed in the Green Canopy concept, we planted a tree in the Gardens and commissioned the song "Queen of the Trees". To hear the song, go to www.halifaxpublicgardens.ca/queen-of-the-trees. A final bit of good news was the increase in interest rates. GICs maturing in the year went from less than 1% to as high as 3.5%.

To provide some perspective, here are the variances from last year for the four major figures from the Financial Statements:

	<u>March 31, 2023</u>	<u>March 31, 2022</u>	<u>Variance (+ or -)</u>
Total Assets	160,688.91	196,899.20	-36,210.29
Total Liabilities	85,030.64	123,721.10	-38,690.46
Gross Income	24,022.90	17,361.27	+6,661.63
Net Income	2,480.17	3,847.00	-1,366.53

If you would like more details on any of these items, please enquire at info@halifaxpublicgardens.ca.

Respectfully submitted
 Janet Brush, Treasurer

The Friends of the Public Gardens

Statement of Financial Position
 As of March 31, 2023

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
Chequing	8,233.52
Investments	0.00
Bursary GIC 0048	5,101.51
GIC 0043	27,569.76
GIC 0044	9,539.14
GIC 0046	9,595.81
GIC 0047	9,816.01
GIC 0045	25,189.04
GIC 0040	30,390.00
Total Investments	\$ 117,201.27
Savings	32,778.25
Shares Account	5.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 158,218.04
GST/HST Receivable	756.87
Wild Apricot	1,714.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 160,688.91
Total Assets	\$ 160,688.91
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Restricted Funds	
Bursary	8,786.60
Canada Gives Grant	4,754.70
District Capital Grant	10,000.00
Jarvis Bequest	5,148.97
Jarvis Trust	20,803.32
Sensory Garden Donation	2,000.00
TFPG Trust	29,997.05
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 81,490.64
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 81,490.64
Total Liabilities	\$ 81,490.64
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	72,273.21
Retained Earnings	904.89
Net Income	6,020.17
Total Equity	\$ 79,198.27
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 160,688.91

The Friends of the Public Gardens

General Income and Expenses

April 2022 - March 2023

	<u>Total</u>
INCOME	
Donations	10,771.38
Event Income	1,046.90
Interest	759.46
Memberships	3,950.00
Merchandise Sales	3,056.10
Tours	3,945.00
Uncategorized Income	147.15
US Exchange Income	346.91
Total Income	\$ 24,022.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,022.90
EXPENSES	
Bank charges & Fees	573.32
Telephone	565.46
Bursary Expenses	173.07
Events	7,401.41
IT	1,276.52
Membership Expense	1,964.90
Merchandise Expense	448.79
Payroll Expense	3,405.36
Postage	543.79
Supplies	4,774.43
Miscellaneous Expense	415.68
Total Expenses	\$ 21,542.73
NET INCOME	\$ 2,480.17

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Nominations 2023-2025

Board Members are elected for a two-year renewable term. Half of the Board is eligible for re-election each year. A full complement Board is 15 members.

The following current Board Members are seeking re-election for 2023-25:

Katherine Deturbide

Katherine is a Research Analyst with the PEACH (Planning for Equity, Accessibility and Community Health) Research Unit at Dalhousie. She has a Master of Planning degree and undergraduate degrees in Environmental Design and Biology. Katherine has extensive experience with accessibility in the built environment and is proficient in digital graphic design and video production software. As a board member, Katherine is interested in contributing her knowledge in accessible design and educating the public about the Public Gardens through TFPG's thriving social media pages. Currently, Katherine is serving as Vice-Chair and is on the Events and Communications Committees.

Rick Rivers, Halifax

Rick is a retired high school physical education teacher and multi sport champion coach. An outdoor enthusiast, he was inducted to the inaugural Football Nova Scotia Hall of Fame in 2008 and the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2010. Rick was a co-founder of the new era Dalhousie football team in 2010. In 2017 he was named a decade great for Dalhousie football. He graduated from Hamilton Teachers College and has three Dalhousie degrees: BPE; MSc, and MED. Rick was President of Football Nova Scotia and VP with Football Canada, serving on their Boards for many years. Rick is a 15-year veteran of Ambassatours Halifax. He designed TFPG's one hour free tour and currently serves as Tour Coordinator and member of the Events Committee.

Janet Brush

A returning Board Member, Janet was born in downtown Halifax and has spent most of her life here. As a child, summers were spent either reading in the now-extinct Memorial Public Library or playing in the Public Gardens. After high school, Janet took a job in a bank. That led to a career in accounting, a choice necessitated by the need to eat. Life does sometimes get in the way of childhood dreams. Now Janet is actively pursuing those things she dreamed of while lying on the grass in the Gardens many years ago. She is writing poetry and pursuing a degree in English Literature at Dalhousie University. Currently, Janet serves as Treasurer and chairs the Finance and Supervisor Committee.

Nominating Committee Report, continued

Two additional members nominated for election to TFFPG Board membership for 2023-25:

Keith Coles, Halifax

Keith has recently retired and sold his Insurance Company, the Coles Group. During that time, he was involved with the Life Insurance Underwriters of Canada, serving as National Present in 1986. He and Joyce have lived 33 years in downtown Halifax and reside at Summer Gardens across from the Gardens. Keith says the Gardens give him so much joy; and he wants to give something back.

Chad Liebreich, Halifax

Chad is a webmaster, digital marketing professional from Calgary, Alberta and co-parenting his 4-year-old son Bryson. Driven by his passion for community engagement, Chad eagerly became a member of TFFPG and looks forward to serving on the Board of Directors. With his extensive experience in online marketing, and digital advertising, Chad aims to leverage his expertise to raise awareness of the captivating gardens and make a meaningful impact on the cultural significance of the Gardens and area.

Continuing Board members elected for two years at the 2022 AGM:

Andrea Bishop, Judith Cabrita, Skana Gee, Donald Marks, Bill Mont, Sandra McCulloch, Carter Beaupre-McPhee, Henri Paratte, Barbara Taylor

*Nomination Committee
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