

ATLANTIC MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION



CONFERENCE 2017

July 13 and 14, 2017

Bible Hill, Nova Scotia

Pre-conference get-together:

On Tuesday, July 11th, our Secretary, Aileen Reid, is hosting the third meet and greet for members who might be in HRM on the Tuesday afternoon. Contributions of munchies and beverages are always welcome.

Time: 3:00pm, Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Location: 2629 Crowell Road, Lawrencetown Beach, NS

You can email aileen.reid@apreid.com and let her know if you think you may be dropping by. Driving instructions to the beach can be provided for anyone who doesn't know their way around Lawrencetown Beach.

President's BYOB Get-Together

A great opportunity to sit down and catch up on all the news with your fellow members. This takes place in the lobby of the residence registration building at the College. If you are arriving on Wednesday, July 12, be sure to arrive in time to get your gear to your room, grab your favorite beverage and hang out with us.

Day 1 – Thursday, July 13, 2017

8:30 to 9:00am Collings Building
Arrival, Registration and Welcome

9:00 to 10:30am Introducing our AMGA presentations
Studio Building

Aileen Reid will demonstrate the ready to use Presentations, give you an insiders view on how They are shaping up, which ones are available, How to use the presentations and how to order them.

10:30 to 10:45am Coffee Break (our level 1 students will join us)
10th Anniversary Celebration

10:45 to 12:00 Gardening for Wildlife – Carol Goodwin
(our level 1 students will be joining us)

We don't garden in a glass bubble. Gardens are habitat for a wide range of wild life species from insects to reptiles, birds and mammals. We have a responsibility to create ways to support their needs while enjoying our garden and outdoor space. Carol teaches in the department of Plant, Food and Environmental Sciences. She is an advocate for environmentally intelligent landscapes and landscape management. She'll guide us on planting and management strategies that benefit gardens and wildlife.

12:15 to 1:00pm Lunch in the Collins Building with the Level 1
Students. Sign up sheet will be available for
Those wishing a powerpoint lesson

1:00 to 1:30 Set up for the Annual Plant Exchange – location TBA

1:30 to 3:30 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Atlantic Master
Gardeners Association

3:30 to 4:00 Rare and Unusual Plant Exchange and a very special
10th Anniversary presentation

5:30 to 6:15 Reception at King Lam Restaurant

6:15 to 7:30 Dinner at King Lam Restaurant

7:30 Graduation, Certification and Re-Certification

Day 2 – Friday, July 14

9:00 – 10:00 Research and advice Christmas Trees Raj Lada, Dal AC

Did you know that Christmas trees are a year-round industry, employing approximately 20,000 people in Atlantic Canada and contributing nearly \$100 million to the region's economy?

Like any business, the tree and greenery industry is faced with competition (from both artificial tree manufacturers and the US Fraser Fir market) and other challenges. Recognizing these issues, Dr. Raj Lada, a faculty member at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus and a member of Science Atlantic's Biology and Environment Committees, made a commitment a decade ago to help Atlantic Canada's Christmas tree industry move into the future.

10:00 to 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 to 11:30 Tending the Garden we are given with Marion Munroe
Curator of Botany, Maritime Museum

Marian will present a botanist view of Nova Scotia gardening using native species. Steeped in folklore, ethnobotany and very little horse sense she promises to engage and provoke, while romping through Nova Scotia's finest. She is an avid non-gardener, preferring instead to make soap out of anything plant-like.

11:30 to 12:00 Members in the Spotlight

Sue Stuart – Atlantic Nut Growers Association
Heather Connors-Dunphy – Mesa, Arizona Rose Garden

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 to 2:00 Identifying and Protecting Native Bees –
Karen Smith, DalAC

Native bee populations are in serious decline world wide. Every country has declared at least one species endangered. Karen is a trained apiarist, as well as a teacher in the Environmental Horticulture program at Dalhousie University's Agricultural campus. She'll shed some light on why they are disappearing. She will teach you to recognize the bees commonly found in gardens and tell us how to support them by meeting their habitat needs.

2:00 to 2:15 Concluding Remarks, Wrapup and Conference Feedback

2:15 to Garden Tour – Home of Norm Patton, 18 Charles Court

** Lunch and Dinner on Thursday are included in your Registration fees

** Friday lunch is 'on your own'

**Campus rooms are your own responsibility to be arranged through and paid direct To Dalhousie University. To book your stay, please contact Dalhousie directly at

Phone: 1-844-626-4671 or by email to: stayintruro@dal.ca

Costs for rooms:

- Single rooms - \$35.00 plus applicable taxes
- Double rooms (2 single beds) - \$46.25 plus applicable taxes
- Double rooms (1 double bed) - \$46.25 plus applicable taxes
- Deluxe Double Rooms (1 double bed) - \$60.00 plus applicable taxes