

# *Gardening in Challenging Environments*

*2019 Atlantic Master Gardeners Association Conference*

*Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

*Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture, Truro (Bible Hill), Nova Scotia*

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## 2019 AMGA Conference Program

<b>09:00</b>	Registration	Collins Building
<b>09:15</b>	Welcome	
<b>09:30</b>	<b>Todd Boland</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker - The Land of Wind &amp; Ice</b>
<b>10:45</b>	Break	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Allan Banks</b>	<b>Challenges of Coastal Gardening</b>
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Darwin Carr &amp; Bernard Jackson</b>	<b>Tour &amp; Presentation Campus Rock Garden</b>
<b>14:15</b>	Break	
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Jamie Ellison</b>	<b>Superb Gardens &amp; Natural Spaces of 'Canada's Ocean Playground'</b>
<b>15:30</b>	Wrap Up	



Conference Information & Electronic Registration Form also located on Website

<http://www.atlanticmastergardeners.ca/html/events.html>

## Keynote Speaker

### Todd Boland

Research Coordinator Oxen Pond Botanical Gardens  
Memorial University of Newfoundland

## Gardening in Challenging Conditions The Land of Wind and Sea



Todd lives in St. John's, NL, Canada where he works as the horticulturist at the Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden. He is the chairperson of the Newfoundland chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS). He also maintains the NARGS "Plant of the Month" feature and is the administrator of the image galleries on the NARGS website. Todd has spoken to gardening groups across North America as well as in the UK and New Zealand. He has published 6 botanical guides to the flora of Atlantic Canada and most recently published his first gardening book *Perennials for Atlantic Canada*. When he is not in his garden, he is bird watching, a hobby that has allowed him to visit many exotic parts of the world.

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### Allan Banks

Harbour Breeze Daylilies and Japanese Irises, Jeddore, NS.

## Challenges of Coastal Gardening

Allan Banks was born and raised on a farm in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. He is a retired award-winning educator, focusing on Adult Literacy. He is a self-taught landscape gardener on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore and the owner of Harbour Breezes Daylilies & Japanese Irises.

His presentation "Challenges of Coastal Gardening" focuses on the unique climatic and geological factors that influence gardening on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore but that also apply to many coastal areas in the Atlantic region.

# *Tour & Presentation*

## *Truro Agricultural Campus Rock Garden*

**Darwin Carr & Bernard Jackson**

Garden Manager of Bicentennial Botanical Garden & Founder of Rock Garden



The Rock Garden is a gift to the Agricultural Campus from the Friends of the Garden. The rock garden is a centre for education for alpine & saxatile plants. In 2018 Bernard & Darwin led a major expansion of the rock garden with limestone rock to create a habitat for plants which require neutral to basic soils.

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**Jamie Ellison**

Nova Scotia Community College, Horticulture Program, Kentville, NS.

## *Superb Gardens & Natural Spaces of 'Canada's Ocean Playground'*

### *A Tenacious Gardener's Photographic Journey of Challenging Landscape*



Jamie is a graduate of the NSAC Landscape Horticulture Technology Program. Jamie teaches horticulture at the Kentville campus of NSCC. His past work included maintenance on specialty gardens, botanical inventories, interpretive tours & specialty plant propagation. He is an avid collector of rare & specialty plant material including Ericaceous plants, alpine plants & succulents. In the past he has spoken for various chapters of the North American Rock Garden Society, The ARS, Coastal Maine Botanic Gardens and many garden clubs and plant societies. Jamie is also an accomplished photographer and owns & operates a plant design/photography service called Green Optics Botanical Services. At the 2018 North American Rock Garden conference in St. John's, NL., Jamie Ellison's video of the gardens & landscapes of Nova Scotia impressed the crowd with his sweeping aerial drone photography accompanied by haunting Celtic music. Many of his photos have been published in Botanical books and journals.

## Additional Information

### **AMGA Member Potluck Lunch with Summer School Students**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019; Noon.

### **AMGA Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019; 1:30 pm to 3:00pm.

### **AMGA Annual Banquet & Graduation**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019; 5:30 pm; King Lam Restaurant - 39 Main St, Truro, NS

### **Accommodations**

*Reservations are the responsibility of attendees*

1. **Dalhousie University**; Faculty of Agriculture, Truro (Bible Hill), Nova Scotia  
For more information on Dalhousie University Accommodation options  
<https://www.dal.ca/dept/summer-accommodations/truro-accommodations/tourists-and-overnight-guests.html>  
To Book a Room online - <http://stay.dal.ca/>
2. **Willow Bend Motel** - <http://www.willowbendmotel.com/suites.html>
3. **Hampton Inn & Suites Truro** - <http://hamptoninptruro.guestreservations.com/>
4. **Comfort Inn** - <https://www.reservationcounter.com/>
5. **Holiday Inn Truro** - <https://www.ihg.com>

