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## A Message from the Editor



Dear Friend,

A friend recently reminded me that the only thing constant in life is change. Change is inevitable. With the merger agreement between Dalhousie and NSAC approved by all parties, NSAC is undergoing change.

Some of these changes are easy to embrace; others make us a bit skeptical. The same friend pointed out it's important to remember that NSAC has been changing since 1905 and will continue to change for another 100 plus years.

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You'll be introduced to a number of alumni, including Clara MacLaughlin Starratt (Class of '44), who share their favourite NSAC memories and the attributes they think make campus so unique. With all of these alumni you'll notice a common thread. This edition even takes you back to the grass roots of NSAC, on page 10. Peter Sanger and Bonnie Waddell discuss the beginnings of NSAC's Agricola Collection - an incredible collection of old agricultural items housed in the MacRae Library.

Plans for NSAC's future are highlighted on page 13, along with insights on the new outlook from NSAC's VP Research, Extension and Outreach, Dr. Richard Donald, as well as Associate Vice President, Academic Programs, Dalhousie and Transition Steering

Committee, Chair, Susan Spence Wach.

Dr. Harold Cook, NSAC's new campus principal/dean and a key individual in NSAC's new identity is introduced in this edition. As you'll read on page 12, Dr. Cook's outlook for NSAC has been shaped by the interactions he's had with people throughout the campus.

While change is happening all around campus, change is also something I'm about to face in my personal life. Later this month my husband and I are expecting our first baby. We are thrilled and can't wait to embrace the drastic change this will create in our lives.

I will be taking a one year absence from my position but look forward to watching NSAC transform while I'm gone.

As always, I encourage you to stay in touch with us. It's important now, more than ever, to stay connected with classmates and the External Relations office. If you want to touch base with a former classmate, plan an event or reunion, update your contact information or even just ask a question, do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to catching up when I return!

I hope this edition of *Agricola News* has you reminiscing days gone by at NSAC and looking forward to our new outlook!

All the best,



Alisha Johnson

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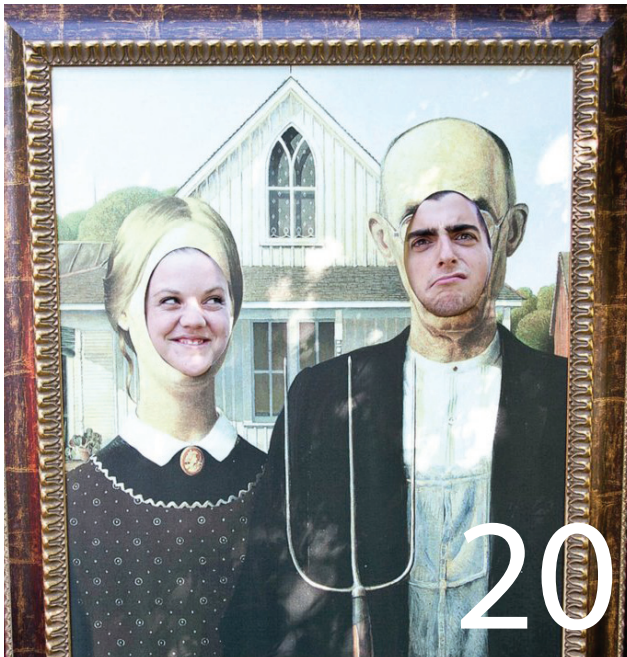
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# NSAC's Co-President Retires



**NSAC Co-President and Vice President Administration, Dr. Bernie MacDonald retired after 18 years of service to the university on May 4th.**

In 1994, Dr. MacDonald began his career at NSAC as the vice principal administration, following a number of years at the Nova Scotia Teachers College. In co-operation with other senior administrative officers he was immediately responsible for the delivery of a broad range of financial, human resources and facilities management at NSAC.

Dr. MacDonald was appointed interim principal of NSAC in 1996. In this position he provided leadership to operate NSAC in an uninterrupted manner. NSAC continued during this period to take advantage of opportunities for growth and development in curriculum, teaching, research and agribiotechnology.

In 2007, Dr. MacDonald was named co-president of NSAC, along with Dr. Leslie MacLaren. He continued to hold his role as

vice president, administration.

During his time at NSAC, Dr. MacDonald was involved with the construction of a number of major capital projects for teaching and research including the construction of aquaculture facilities, a storage building for agricultural research equipment, plant growth chamber, expansion of the fur unit building, upgrading of the residences and a composting building for manure storage and handling. He also played a large role in the construction of the Atlantic Centre for Agricultural Innovation and a small modular greenhouse, on campus. Additional projects included the development and construction of the state-of-the-art Atlantic Poultry Centre, a three-phase project which consisted of construction of teaching facilities, an upgrade of the Chute Nutrition Centre and the construction of a hatchery.

One of Dr. MacDonald's proudest projects was the construction of NSAC's piece of the Cobequid Trail. The 11-year project, which opened last fall, helped connect the 16 kilometer walking trail through Colchester County, known as the Cobequid Trail.

Dr. MacDonald plans to enjoy retirement with his wife Ann, their two children and six grandchildren.



*Dr. MacDonald uncovers his gift from NSAC, presented during his retirement celebration in May. The "Coal Shovel Crane", was created by local folk artist Jackie Ross, to commemorate Dr. MacDonald's 18 years of service to NSAC. The one-of-a-kind sculpture sits behind Jenkins Hall, on the Cobequid Trail.*



*Former Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Paul LaFleche congratulates Dr. MacDonald on his retirement.*



# Around & About...

## Teaching Youth a Rewarding Experience for Earltown fiddler

*Jack Sibley (Class of '59)*



For the past 25 years, Jack Sibley's rewards have come from passing his love of fiddle music on to local youth.

Sibley, 74, has taught hundreds of youth and many adults how to play the fiddle through Mingo's Music and was honoured for his contribution in January when he received the Truro Rotary Club's youth leadership award.

"It's a nice compliment that somebody thinks I deserve an award," Sibley said from his home in Earltown he's shared with his wife, Linda, for the past seven years.

"When people do things, we don't do them for any kind of an award.

"Anybody that works with kids knows it can be very, very satisfying work and that's the rewarding part of it."

Growing up, music was a big part of Sibley's life and he was able to talk his parents into buying him a guitar when he was 13.

"I loved to listen to music, especially old-time fiddle music, in my home," he said.

When Sibley moved to New Brunswick to attend Mount Allison University in Sackville, he came to know the Hicks family, with fiddle greats Curtis and his son, Ivan.

"They sort of adopted me because I was away from home and at that time that was a big deal."

It was there that Sibley received his first fiddle by Curtis.

"That got me started trying to play the fiddle. I was about 18 when I started playing decently enough for somebody to listen to

me."

From then on, Sibley continued playing the fiddle, both on his own and in bands, which led him to Bob Mingo.

"Bob had said he had been approached by several people about teaching fiddle lessons, so he wanted to know if I'd give it a try. I did and I liked it."

Sibley started teaching the fiddle in 1987, but it wasn't until the 90s that his main focus shifted to youth.

"If I had the chance to do my life over, I probably would have been a teacher," he said.

"I liked helping people that wanted to do this and found it very rewarding, especially with kids."

The retired agriculture department employee started out teaching four nights a week, but now has about 20 students for two evening classes.

"There are a number of students that I've taught for as long as 10 years. It's a progressive thing," he said.

"The kids usually came wanting to learn to play the fiddle and if they learn they can actually do it, they usually stay with it."

He said his inspiration comes from musicians he's admired for years, including Ivan Hicks and Carl Elliott.

"He is one of my very favourites in Nova Scotia," Sibley said of Elliott. "He's a fiddling icon."

While he loves teaching kids to play the fiddle, Sibley said he won't be doing it forever.

"In one sense, I'd like to it as long as I can, but there are other things that I would like to do. The end of my teaching career is near."

About Jack Sibley:

- Age: 74

- Married: to Linda for 15 years

- Children: five, with 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild

- Hobbies other than the fiddle: Spending time with family, reading, boating and canoeing on Earltown Lake.

- Previous accolades: Past president and life-long member of the Maritime Fiddlers Association, given the Curtis Hicks Memorial Award and the Tara Lynne Touesnard Award

*As printed in the Truro Daily News Jan, 2012.*

## Amanda Greaves (Class of '10 & '12)

Amanda Greaves has been passionate about animals from day one. She was born with a dog by her side, owned multiple small animals throughout her childhood, began taking horse riding lessons when she was six, and became the proud owner of her first horse at the age of twelve, a horse that she still owns and rides today.

Amanda chose to attend NSAC for obvious reasons: its Animal Science program and its focus on agriculture. She left her rural



Cape Breton community of Albert Bridge to attend NSAC in 2006 and for the first time, was away from her own animals. Although this gave her more time for her studies and her musical endeavours (Amanda has been playing the fiddle since the age of six), she missed them dearly. In her final year of her undergraduate degree, Amanda decided it was time to adopt her own dog. Jovani, a friendly Goldendoodle, has since changed her life, as well as the lives of many others.

For the past two years, Amanda and Jovani have been volunteering with Therapeutic Paws of Canada (TPOC), a volunteer-run organization that provides animal therapy for human needs by visiting hospitals, long-term care centres, retirement residences, schools, libraries, and nursing homes. Amanda was familiar with the TPOC program and when she met Jovani, she knew that they would make a perfect team. A long-time volunteer and animal-lover, Amanda couldn't think of a better way to give back to her community. "I got involved with TPOC because I wanted to get out and help others. I have always loved working with children, seniors and those with various disabilities. Jovani has the perfect personality for that kind of work, so it really suited both of us."

Six months after adopting Jovani, Amanda had him evaluated for the TPOC program. He passed with flying colours. Amanda and Jovani immediately started volunteering at Cedarstone Enhanced Care every Monday afternoon. Amanda would sometimes bring her fiddle as well. "The residents adore Jovani; you can tell how much they look forward to seeing him." About six months later, the duo also started volunteering at the Adult Day Program in Truro every Tuesday morning. Amanda became the Team Leader for the TPOC Truro branch. All of this while completing her Master of Science at NSAC and performing regularly with various musical groups.

Recently, Amanda had Jovani evaluated for the TPOC's child program. He, of course, passed his Interaction with Children exam. He can't wait to get started with kids in schools, where he will help improve reading skills by lending an attentive ear to those children who don't normally enjoy reading. This new chapter in his life will take place in Moncton. Amanda has recently relocated from Truro after being offered a job with Shur-Gain upon completion of her graduate studies.

Amanda is hopeful that she and Jovani can pick up where

they left off in Truro, making a difference in countless lives in their new community.

## **A Rewarding Career** *Allan Archibald (Class of '83)*



Even after 25 years, Allan Archibald couldn't dream of a more rewarding career.

As site manager at a Marine Plant Cultivation Facility of Acadian Seaplants Ltd. (ASL) in southwestern Nova Scotia, Allan is often referred to as THE expert on growing seaweed on land.

At ASL, seaweed is grown in large land-based tanks (about eight acres of cultivation tank area) and processed the seaweed into food primarily for the Japanese market.

"The concept of growing seaweed in tanks (aquaculture) is not unlike growing a field crop on land - or plant husbandry and managing such a facility is not unlike traditional farm management," explains Allan. "The background for both of these disciplines was rooted in my education at NSAC. The connections I have made at NSAC, both academically and professionally have contributed to the success I have enjoyed over the years in the areas of helping to develop and manage this new technology.

"We continue to draw on the resources of NSAC to help manage our facility, to help develop new products and further the development of technology in other facets of our company."

Allan studied Plant Science (Agronomy) at NSAC and went on to study at Macdonald College. He is glad that he made the choice to attend NSAC. "My education and experience at NSAC have formed the foundation from which I have built my life, from a professional and personal point-of-view."

"Not only did I make many life-long friends during this period, the student/employee work experience, friends and maritime roots were factors that initially drew me to NSAC."

After working as a labourer at an agriculture research facility in Alberta for six months, Allan knew that he wanted to pursue a career in agriculture. One of his closest friends was a graduate of NSAC and he was returning for further education. "I knew many other students who were attending at the time so it was an easy decision."

One of Allan's favourite parts about NSAC were the people - the students, staff and faculty. In addition to being a student at NSAC, he had the opportunity to work three summers at the campus as a summer research assistant and as a research technician after graduation.

Some of Archibald's proudest career accomplishments lie in the challenges that he has faced along the way.

"Since our operation represents cutting-edge technology

with no support industry, we have had to find our own paths around roadblocks encountered and solutions to problems that were totally unique to our operation. While too numerous and detailed to mention them all, it is these challenges and specifically how we were able to deal with each individual challenge that ultimately make up my proudest accomplishments at work."

Allan points out that most of ASL's solutions have been hatched in-house using knowledge from NRC, NSAC, adopted technology and engineering from other industries and most importantly, tapping the resource and experience of our own people. ASL is one of the most successful land-based cultivation facilities in terms of annual production volumes and commercial success of cultivated *Chondrus crispus* (seaweed).



As plant manager, Allan is very much involved with the planning and budgeting stages as well as overseeing the execution of the plan and dealing with the many challenges along the way. "We work together at our facility as we take ownership of the operation," says Allan. Without a doubt, helping to lead the charge to solve the many day-to-day challenges in a fast-paced, cutting-edge operation such as ASL had been an enjoyable experience for Archibald.

"When I moved from my term position at NSAC to start a full-time job with Acadian Seaplants Ltd., I told my wife that I would stick with it for about five years. Now, 25 years later, I still can't think of any other job I would do. It has become my career."

## **Masters Students Raise \$1,400 on Kayak Run**

From bald eagles to turtles, a local couple saw a multitude of wildlife on their estimated 115-kilometre excursion from Dartmouth to Truro via kayak in mid-June.

NSAC masters students, Todd Larsen and his wife, Sophie, spent the weekend in a two-person kayak to raise money and awareness for the Nova Scotia Nature Trust.

"We saw lots of cool things," said Larsen. "The whole trip in general was cool, from the urbanized area when we started with construction going on, to the houses and cottages along the different lakes. You think you're in the middle of nowhere but

you're not far from civilization."

Larsen said Grand Lake, west of Enfield, was a lot more remote compared to the initial part of the journey.

"And when we hit the ocean (near Maitland) it was a little more wild with the wind and the current of the water," he said.

Along the way, the couple saw bald eagles, fish, some turtles and muskrats.

"When we were in Shubie Park (in Dartmouth), it was a really neat spot. There were a lot of people walking along the trails."

Kayaking the Shubenacadie Canal is something Larsen has wanted to do since moving to Truro two years ago.

"It's amazing how well preserved some of the locks are. Yes, some of them have been replaced, but they're still pretty cool."

While the couple didn't see many others along the way, they knew they were never far from other people.

"You think about how far you are from civilization but then you hear a train whistle," he said, adding they could still hear traffic driving by and planes overhead.

Once the couple made it to Maitland, Larsen said they were able to ride the tidal bore.

"It's really interesting to see all the dynamics of the tidal bore," he said.

The couple landed by the former Palliser motel at about 6 p.m. on the final day and raised around \$1,400 for the Nature Trust.

"It was all-in-all a pretty easy trip. Our arms were sore on the second day, but by the third it was easy sailing."

*As printed in the Truro Daily News, June 2012.*



*Todd and Sophie Larsen took to the water in June as they embarked on a kayak trip from the Dartmouth Harbour to the Salmon River while raising awareness and funds for the Nova Scotia Nature Trust.*

# Research...

## Blond Hair to Apples

### *Results of NSAC research published in Science magazine*

Not everyone's curiosity leads to a major scientific discovery, but that is just what happened to Dr. Sean Myles, a Canada Research Chair in agricultural genetic diversity at NSAC. Myles and his colleagues have identified the gene responsible for Melanesian blond hair and the results of his research was published in Science magazine in May.



In 2004, as a graduate student, Myles visited the Solomon Islands, a group of Melanesian islands just northeast of Australia. While there, he was amazed by the number of people with blond hair. "They have this very dark skin but sometimes have bright blond hair. It was mind blowing," said Myles. "Watching the kids play on the beach, I was counting the number of kids with blond hair. It was five to ten per cent!"

When Myles returned from his trip, he applied for and received a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research to investigate the origins of blond hair in Melanesia. Myles and a colleague returned to the Solomon Islands in 2009. They travelled village to village explaining their research and asking permission from tribal chiefs to gather data. Myles returned home with saliva samples and hair color measurements from over 1000 Solomon Islanders.

Myles and his colleagues have identified the gene responsible for Melanesian blond hair, called TYRP1, which has been known previously to affect pigmentation in humans and mice. They also went on to show that the genetic variant that causes blond hair in Solomon Islanders is not found in Europeans. This means that

blond hair arose independently in Melanesia.

Myles emphasizes the importance of his findings for human disease. "Currently, medical research focusses almost exclusively on populations of European origin and here we show that sometimes genetic variants are absent in Europeans and cause distinct traits elsewhere in the world."

Myles joined NSAC in July 2011 as the Canada Research Chair in agricultural genetic diversity. He uses modern genetics tools to breed apples and grapes more efficiently. "DNA is DNA", says Myles. "It doesn't matter whether it's a human or an apple, DNA does essentially the same stuff across the entire tree of life. And it's essential that we study and make use of all of the wonderful genetic diversity that nature has to offer."

Being co-located at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Kentville Research Station has perfectly positioned Myles for this work. He has already developed a large team of scientists and students and attracted almost \$1 million in research funding. Myles' lab seeks to predict the potential commercial success of adult apple trees while they are still seedlings by looking at their DNA. His primary goal is to breed fruit more efficiently and provide growers with new apple and grape cultivars that require less chemical input.

Myles works with a number of industry partners including the Canadian Horticulture Council, the NS Tree Fruit Growers Association and Jost Winery. Grapes have a personal interest for Myles as his wife, Gina Haverstock, is the winemaker at Gaspereau Vineyards.

Additional information regarding Dr. Myles' research can be found on his website at: [cultivatingdiversity.org](http://cultivatingdiversity.org)

### *NSAC Scientist Receives Young Scientist Award*

Dr. Chibuikwe Udenigwe, Department of Environmental Sciences, has received an Outstanding Young Scientist Award from the International Union of Food Science and Technology.

The award, given to outstanding young scientists within the first five years of obtaining their PhD, is determined by an international jury with representatives from Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and North America.

Dr. Udenigwe is the only candidate from Canada to receive this award and was selected as one of three top candidates to address delegates during the next International Union of Food Science and Technology congress in Brazil in August.

"We extend our sincere congratulations to Dr. Udenigwe on this truly outstanding achievement," said Dr. Harold Cook, dean of the soon-to-be Faculty of Agriculture and principal of the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus. "This is the type of recognition that makes us all proud to be part of the AC community."



## 2012 Research Excellence Award



Congratulations to Dr. Balakrishnan Prithiviraj, who received the 2012 NSAC Research Excellence Award presented by Dr. Nathan Boyd (NSAC Research Committee).

Dr. Prithiviraj joined NSAC in September 2005 as an industry research chair in Plant Stress Physiology, sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Acadian SeaPlants Limited. Since that time, Dr. Prithiviraj has established an extensive research program in marine bio-products inves-

tigating methods to improve plant health, in areas such as salt resistance, anti-infective compounds and pathogen resistance. Recently, his research group has been studying the health benefits of seaweeds using model organisms.

Together with academic and industry partners, Dr. Prithiviraj has succeeded in obtaining over \$2.5 million in research funding from the most prestigious funding agencies, including the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Shastri Institute. He also serves as the principal investigator for many industry-led projects with funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Atlantic Innovation Fund and the National Research Council Industrial Research Assistance Program.

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# OUR AGRICULTURAL PAST



Thanks to the Agricola Collections, our agricultural past is as close as a visit to NSAC's MacRae Library.

While some items from the collections are on display throughout the library, it is when you visit the archives on the lower level that you feel as if you have been transported to an agricultural wonderland of farm implements and household artifacts.

The collections also include photographs, books – some dating as far back as the 18th century – periodicals, agriculture reports, Co-op Atlantic material and scripts from a CBC radio show about a fictional farm family in the 1940s and '50s. The Agricola Collections communicate a rich sense of history and collected wisdom.

"I like to think that it has a major scholarly use, but I also like to think that it somehow preserves moments in time in a very approachable way," says NSAC Professor Emeritus, Peter Sanger, who received an honorary degree from NSAC in May. "You can see some of this stuff in museums, but to see it in an intimate space like this is rather different."

Probably nobody knows the Agricola Collections better than Sanger. The origins of the collections are the items he gathered and then housed in the attic office he enjoyed in Cumming Hall – which has its own rich history – for years.

"I love old things and to stumble on this sort of space and be allowed to use it for an office was just paradise," he says. "When I moved into it they built me bookshelves all around the side and

they put corkboard up on one wall and I displayed some of the objects there. Others were on the table and on the floor or wherever."

When Sanger came to Nova Scotia in the early 1970s he says he was surprised to find farming tools and household items so readily available for purchase. He began to collect these materials and integrated them into his teaching. He would also display and talk about the items during alumni gatherings. With assistance from NSAC – including funding from the NSAC Alumni Association – and others, the Agricola Collections were steadily built up.

"I had all kinds of support," Sanger says. "It would have remained just a crazy idea if it hadn't had the blessing of quite a number of people including Bonnie (former chief librarian), but also the several principals whom I worked under and the alumni association. And there are donations in this collection, too."

Sanger says the funding from the Alumni Association in the early and mid-1980s came at an especially important time because the material was still available to collect. "You could go to antique shops and find it and it was still I think moderately priced. There's no way that I could find some of this material now. I know because I still do the tour of the antique shops."

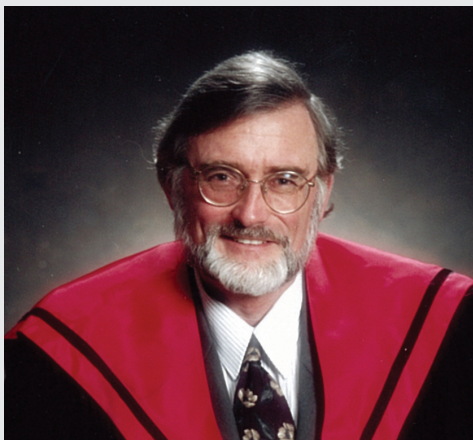
Bonnie Waddell, who was with NSAC for more than 20 years – first in the role of reference librarian and later chief librarian – praises Sanger for his work in establishing the collections. She shares his enthusiasm for history and was happy to support his

efforts.

"A lot of times you're mystified by why things happen the way they do in your community or in the province or in the country," Waddell says. "But if you go back and start reading that history it starts to make sense...Often we're carrying on traditions or procedures or habits from 200 years ago, or more."

When it comes to favourite items in the collections, both colleagues speak highly of a hand-held blueberry harvester. "It's like a little wooden box and it's unique and very beautifully made," Waddell says. Sanger agrees: "What's fascinating is not only the care with which the teeth are carved out, but its size," he says. "I believe this one was made for a child...I've never ever seen one that size before and I think it's extremely rare."

Sanger says another rare item in the collections – and one of his favorites – is a strigil. Somewhat similar to a mini-scythe in appearance, this strigil is made from bird's-eye maple and was used to scrape sweat from horses. Strigils had other applications dating back to ancient Roman times and were made from a variety of materials. "There are illustrations of exactly this object which was used for scraping sweat off athletes. The pattern is precisely the same," Sanger says.



*Peter Sanger*

Waddell says. "But that time will pass, so it will be the young ones who will say, 'My grandmother told me she used those when she was a child.'"

The Agricola Collections will continue to teach current and future generations. When asked what the books and artifacts tell us, Sanger says:

"They tell us how resourceful people were, they tell us how hard they had to work, but they also demonstrate that the relationship between human beings and the land is very intricate, complex and it's embedded in history. Every field has a history of one kind or another. You can farm without knowing that history, but I think if you know it, then it changes your feelings about that particular field. It may make you

more affectionate, it may make you more aware of its possibilities as a piece of land to deal with, it may make you reference it a little bit more."



If you would like to arrange a visit to view the Agricola Collections, contact the library at 902-893-6669 or send an e-mail to [library@nsac](mailto:library@nsac)

A book that Sanger and Waddell particularly like is one a salesman would have used to show different types of apples. Rather than a printing press production, the apples are painted by hand.

Even the name of the collections has a story to tell. Agricola (the Latin word for farmer) was the pseudonym used by John Young in letters he wrote to a newspaper, in which he advocated agricultural reform in Nova Scotia. The Agricola Collections include first editions of *The Letters of Agricola*, published in book form in 1822.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts that the Agricola Collections provide is connecting people to their past. "When people come in now they sort of gasp and say, 'Oh, I used that when I was a child,'"

# NSAC Welcomes New Principal/Dean to Campus

It's a homecoming as Dr. Harold Cook (Class of '66) returns to Bible Hill to serve as campus principal and dean.

"I'm extremely pleased to be back on the campus," he says. "I've had a tremendous reception by everybody and I think we're all ready to roll into the next phase. I've encountered dedicated, capable people and they're proud of this campus."

The next phase will see NSAC and Dalhousie join together. Cook's role is "primarily to facilitate a smooth, enjoyable and productive transition." He brings to this work his understanding as a graduate of NSAC – he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007 – and his extensive experience as a Dalhousie administrator, educator and researcher.

Cook was dean of Dalhousie's Faculty of Medicine from 2003-2009. Before this he was the faculty's associate dean of research and planning. He directed the Atlantic Research Centre at Dalhousie from 1990-2000.

A professor of pediatrics and associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at Dalhousie, Cook's research focused mainly on "the influence of lipid and fatty substances on brain development." He has an undergraduate degree in agriculture, a master's in agricultural chemistry and a doctorate in biochemistry. He is a member of the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

Cook came out of retirement to serve as principal and dean until a permanent successor is found. He began his position on May 1.

"The initial focus is going to be to meet with as many people as possible and help to continue the level of enthusiasm that I've encountered in the first two weeks here," he said in a May interview. "To get a sense of the highlights and strengths of the campus, so that we can continue the best and improve other pieces."

In time, attention will be put to long-term planning within the context of Dalhousie's strategic plan. Strategic planning is a process NSAC has engaged in consistently, Cook says. "There's a strong base for doing that and I'll be seeking out new ideas, new ways of expressing what people want to do in the future."

And it sounds like there will be no shortage of input. "It isn't my job to come in and do a lot of revamping – maybe on some policy issues and alignment with the Dal process relative to past practices here – but those are really operational details that will hopefully be of benefit to the programs that exist," Cook says. "It's more than anything trying to put in reasonable terms the many ideas that people have here already for change of programs and new ways of doing things."

The merging of NSAC and Dalhousie will provide more opportunities for the exchange of perspectives and experiences. Cook says, "I do believe that there's great value in diverse



*Dr. Harold Cook*

thinking, whether that's in educational programming, research project development and implementation or trying to figure out how we can connect these things better to community needs."

Cook is confident that outcomes from these collaborations will lead to an even higher international profile in agri-food and environmental areas in the future. While its influence may have a greater reach, the sense of community within the campus and beyond will continue to be fostered. From an alumni perspective, Cook appreciates just how important this is.

"People love this place, they have a great attachment to it," he says. "And it's not, quite frankly, so much the educational content of the programs as it is the environment in which it's delivered.... That will be here, that will continue."

When it comes to looking ahead, Cook sees a positive future. His outlook has been shaped by the interactions he's had with people throughout the campus and his knowledge of what Dalhousie can offer.

"I am very convinced that after getting through the transitional elements that are going to rub a little bit now and then, it will be a much stronger learning and research and service environment. I really believe that," he says. "I think that it isn't just the power and the breadth that Dalhousie contributes to that, but it is a revitalization within as well. People are ready for change, ready for a challenge and I think that a new structure is going to give people a considerable boost."

# A New Outlook

The merger of Nova Scotia Agricultural College with Dalhousie University will bring significant opportunities.

"The end result will be that we'll be able to grow, to expand our scope and influence, to attract more students and more research dollars," says Dr. Richard Donald, NSAC vice president research, extension and outreach.



*Dr. Richard Donald*

Some things, however, will remain the same when NSAC makes the transition from being part of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture to join with Dalhousie as the Faculty of Agriculture.

"NSAC will continue to be the academic and research hub for agriculture and agricultural excellence in terms of programs, service delivery and research," says Dalhousie Associate Vice-President, Academic Susan Spence Wach, who was the

co-lead for merger negotiations and is the chair of the transition steering committee.

While the merger is slated to take effect Sept. 1, longstanding ties already exist between the two institutions. These include the fact that NSAC degrees are conferred by Dalhousie and that there are well-established research connections. Academic and research links will become even stronger through the merger.

Donald says areas such as food and human health, agriculture and climate change, and trade and food insecurity all lend themselves to collaborations with different disciplines at Dalhousie including medicine, environmental studies, law and economics.

Spence Wach agrees. "We're very excited about that whole multidisciplinary perspective in finding solutions for the future," she says. "Growing that research capacity is something that this merger will certainly bring about." She also notes that, over time, students may have more program options to complement their agricultural studies.



*Susan Spence Wach*

Times of change understandably bring with them some apprehension for the future. Donald says staff have expressed their concern about benefits and job security. "A lot of those issues have been taken into consideration in the merger agreement and a lot of it is also governed by law..." he says. "We're going to work hard to make this thing successful and if we are successful it's going to mean not fewer jobs it's going to mean more jobs and more research dollars and an expanded mandate and expanded recognition."

Donald says strategic thinking and careful planning will be key to realizing these goals. Once the merger fundamentals are complete, he says, there will be an opportunity to engage in discussions in such areas as academics, research, capital projects and campus development.

Since its exploratory stages, the merger process has been a collaborative one. "I think we've been really conscious that it's a two-way street in terms of understanding from each other the potential and how we can best work together in the future," Spence Wach says. In addition to internal working groups comprised of members from Dalhousie, government and NSAC, meetings were held with NSAC alumni in Truro, the Annapolis Valley, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

"We came back so impressed by the interest and in some cases, concern of alumni about the merger," Donald says. "People who have come here leave with a very strong sense of community and belonging to NSAC. And we're very sensitive to doing everything we can to maintain that integrity at the same time as moving NSAC forward....I think it's going to be a bright future and we'll all be very proud of what NSAC transforms itself into. We need the support of our community and our alumni to make us successful in the future."

And this future is one in which agriculture will become increasingly significant to the world in which we live. "In the last five years there's been an enormous heightening of people's consciousness around food – where it comes from, what's in it, what's the price of it and also a consciousness around the importance of food as a global issue," Donald says. "Rest assured that in the next 50 years there will be no more important issue on the planet than agriculture and food."

And the Bible Hill campus will have an important leadership role to play. Donald says: "The mission is to be relevant and contribute to the issues of food and agriculture and everything that involves – environment, human health, business – in Atlantic Canada and globally....We are tasked with training and doing research in that area that will contribute to global solutions."

# A COMMON BOND



Left to right: Nathan Murray, Clara MacLaughlin Starratt, Lori Kittilsen and Dr. Garth Coffin

Close to 70 years separate their graduation dates, but Nathan Murray (Class of '11) and Clara MacLaughlin Starratt (Class of '44) share a common bond through their NSAC experience. So do Lori Kittilsen (Class of '90) and Dr. Garth Coffin (Class of '60), who was principal of NSAC from 1997-2003.

## Memories and lessons learned



Lifelong friendships resulted from Clara's time at NSAC. "We really did have a lot of fun," she says of her class. Sing songs, volleyball games, horse and cattle judging and laughter in the lab when an experi-

ment went awry are just some of her happy memories.

Although she was outnumbered – Clara says she was the only female student on campus in her second year – she took it all in stride. "I was friends with all of the guys and I was just accepted as one of them."

Equality was not always the rule, however. Clara worked for the college in different capacities, including in a chemistry lab. She

recalls that at one point she was paid \$90 a month, instead of the \$100 she would have earned had she been a man. The next summer she was paid on an equal basis.

Another of her memories ties into a payday. At that time her work week included a half day on Saturday. She left her paycheque behind in her lab coat pocket and joked with her co-worker that it would be fine, provided the science building didn't burn down over the weekend.

After spending the rest of the weekend away at Noel Shore, Clara was about to go to work on Monday when her colleague called to say they were to meet at the main building. When Clara asked why, she was told, "The science building burned." "And I said, 'Oh, sure, of course it did.' She said, 'Clara, I'm serious, haven't you heard? The science building burned Saturday night!'"

While nothing so dramatic occurred during Nathan's time as a student, he, too, made lasting memories.

He says "tradition, family history, smaller class sizes, hands-on learning" are what make NSAC unique. He includes College Royal among his favourite memories and notes how these reminiscences are shared by older alumni who also participated in its activities. He also knows first-hand the many family connections at NSAC. His older brother, Patrick (Class of '09) is an alumnus.

The life president of his class, Nathan was engaged in numerous student activities. These included serving as the students' union president and volunteering for a career fair and a food drive.

For two years he was an orientation leader, and made a point of putting himself in incoming students' shoes. "It was good to be

there to welcome them and tell them, 'It's new, but you'll get used to it and once you get into it, it's a lot of fun and you'll really enjoy it,'" says Nathan, who is now a relationship manager with Farm Credit Canada.



Lori's NSAC connection spans her 4-H days, college years and career. "It feels a lot like home for me," she says. A planning and development officer with the provincial agriculture department, she is also a partner in Kittilsen's Honey, a beekeeping business, with her husband, Paul (Class of '89).

Her NSAC recollections include College Royal and, most importantly, the campus' close sense of community. She says small class sizes, "resulted in great relationships with your colleagues in class as well as the professors."

Garth made memories at NSAC both as a student and as an administrator. "As a student, NSAC opened a door for me into the world," he says. "The environment was exciting, offering a chance to make new friends, acquire all kinds of new knowledge, participate in sports and mature quickly in a safe environment. I have particularly fond memories of meeting students from other countries and other cultures and, despite differences in language, experience and skin colour, we all had much in common in terms of basic human values."



He appreciated the gifts and commitment of faculty – something he also valued as principal. In addition to his pleasant memories, he recalls the difficult time as an administrator when government fiscal constraints required college budget cuts and staff layoffs.

"The current recovery of student enrollment, success in research and optimism of faculty members as they look forward to joining Dalhousie is a testament to the resilience of NSAC in its dedication to serving the future agriculture and food industry in this region," he says.

When it comes to lasting lessons they took away from NSAC, Lori and Clara share a similar perspective.

"Never stop learning. Never ever stop learning," Lori says. "Keep reading, learning from people, learning from wherever you can. Learning's never done."

Clara recalls the words of the speaker at her graduation. "He told us, 'Just because you're graduating, doesn't mean you know

everything....What you should have learned is how to research, how to find the answers.'" For nearly 30 years, Clara brought this outlook to her work managing the garden centre she set up for her local co-op.

"When people came in with a problem it became my problem and I researched it until I found the answer and I was able to help," she says. "I've applied that to pretty well everything in my life, really. If there's a problem I dig and dig and dig to try to find the answer. It's fun."



## The future

Recognition of the impact of change, a sense of optimism and a belief in the importance of what the college offers all play a role in discussion about what the future holds for NSAC.

"Dalhousie is a highly reputable and well-respected university. Nevertheless, there are bound to be some challenges as NSAC goes through the transition process of adapting to new rules and a different administration," Garth says. "Some loss of autonomy is inevitable. But NSAC has always been able to rise to the challenge and continue to provide a high-quality educational experience. I am confident that feature will continue to grow and flourish in the new arrangement."

Lori echoes these sentiments. "I think it will be different, because things do change....I am hopeful that some of the strengths that NSAC has will be recognized and maintained so that we continue to have the quality of graduates that we had in the past to serve the agricultural community, to help it grow and develop and innovate and change. And I do think that can happen."

So does Nathan. "I think NSAC will continue to evolve and meet the demands of the world in educating and training individuals for careers in the ever-changing industry of agriculture," he says. "It may offer new programs, or undergo a name change, but I think the core values of agricultural education will remain the same, as well as the ability for its students to experience what it truly means to be an 'Aggie.'"

## Atlantic Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers

Another remarkable NSAC couple has been named Atlantic Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers. Mark (Class of '05 & '06) and Sally (Class of '06) Bernard, of Freetown, P.E.I. received the honour for 2012 at a banquet in Moncton, this winter.



*Mark & Sally Bernard, NSAC's former Co-President, Vice President Administration, Dr. Bernie MacDonald and Karen & Matthew Guest at the 2012 Atlantic Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Banquet earlier this year.*

The Atlantic Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers represents one of the seven regional programs of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers. Each region holds an annual competition where local nominees are judged on specific criteria. The competition, open to participants 18 to 39 years of age, making the majority of income from on-farm sources, recognizes farmers that exemplify excellence in their profession and promote the tremendous contribution of agriculture.

All regional winners represent their areas at an annual national event where they compete to be named Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers.

NSAC alumni have dominated the Atlantic award for the past three consecutive years. And that's not all of our winning alumni. Since the awards program was established in 1979, several other NSAC alums have been named Atlantic Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers. In addition to these deserving recipients, many others have been nominated. Matthew (Class of '02) and Karen (Class of '02) Guest were also nominated for 2012.

The 2011 regional awards recipients, Geoff (Class of '95) and Jennifer (Class of '96) Bishop, took home the national honour last fall. Mark and Sally will represent the Atlantic Region at the 2012 nationals, taking place on their home turf, in P.E.I., this November.

For more information on the Outstanding Young Farmers program, including how to nominate, visit <http://oyfatlantic.ca/index.html>

## Honouring Former Principal

During your next visit to campus be sure to take a stroll through NSAC's beautiful section of the Cobequid Trail. Once you pass behind the residences and near Jenkins Hall, you'll come across a shady spot to rest underneath a huge Sugar Maple tree. Secured to the bench is a plaque inscribed, "In Memory of Herb (Class of '52) & Mary MacRae".



The resting spot was generously donated by Rod and Robin MacLennan, who wanted to pay tribute to NSAC's former principal. The bench is a great addition to the trail, while it also personalizes NSAC's section.





# Events & Reunions

## Barley Party 2012



Students from the graduating Class of 2012 proudly received their NSAC rings from Co-Presidents, Dr. Bernie MacDonald and Dr. Leslie MacLaren, at the annual Barley Party in April.

"This is a momentous occasion and one that will serve to officially identify you as a graduate of NSAC," said former NSAC Co-President, Dr. Bernie MacDonald right before the ring presentation. "Our barley ring truly represents the magnitude of your commitments and accomplishments during your university career and will serve to connect you with our alumni on a whole new level."



*The newest ring recipients proudly show-off their NSAC rings!*



*NSAC's first FAFU (Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University) student to receive a ring, Anhao Wang is pictured with Dr. Richard Donald, NSAC's vice president, research, extension and outreach.*

President, of NSAC's Alumni Association, Dwane Mellish (Class of '75) was also on-hand to celebrate the occasion with students.

"By wearing this ring, you are investing in a life-long tradition with NSAC as an alumnus," said Dwane in his closing remarks.

As part of NSAC's ring tradition, one honorary ring is awarded each year. This special honour is made to an individual who exemplifies a "true NSAC alumnus". Criteria for an honorary ring recipient include outstanding contributions to NSAC's community, gauged in part by a number of years of service to NSAC's community.

The 2012 honorary ring was presented to Mr. Jim Goit. Jim retired this past winter, after spending 35 years working for the Province of N.S., with the last 11 being dedicated to NSAC's Development & External Relations office where he held the title of executive director.

## Convocation 2012



NSAC celebrated its 107th Convocation ceremony on Friday May 4th, in the Langille Athletic Centre with 236 students..

## NSAC Graduates Create Time Capsule to Honour the University



Capturing a moment in time was the idea behind the creation of an NSAC time capsule by the Class of '12, marking the last official Convocation of the university.

"Due to the fact that our class is the last graduating class of NSAC, the graduation co-chairs decided that putting together a time capsule in honour of our years here at NSAC would help to secure the history and identity of this great institution for the enjoyment of many generations down the road," said Graduation Co-Chair, Matthew Lawless, who along with Jon-

athan Waugh and Jessica Dowe made this possible.

Designed of pine and constructed by NSAC Engineering Technician, Chris Nelson, the capsule holds items donated by the Class of '12 including such things as orientation beanies, favorite photos and more.

The time capsule will be opened when the Class of '12 meets for their 50th class reunion in the year 2062 and will be housed in the NSAC Agricola Collection of MacRae Library.

## Friend of NSAC Award



*Rotary Club President, Jim Goit, proudly accepts the award from Co-President, Dr. Leslie MacLaren.*

The Rotary Club of Truro was presented with a Friend of NSAC Award during the 2012 Convocation ceremony, for their leadership and commitment to youth and education.

The Friend award was designed in 2004 to recognize persons from outside the university community who have been instrumental in furthering the aims of the institution.

In more than 34,000 clubs worldwide, Rotary members volunteer in communities here and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide disaster relief and eradicate disease.

For 86 years the Rotary Club of Truro has been supporting our community

and individuals in need. Here at home in Truro and the surrounding Colchester County, the 60 members of the Rotary Club of Truro can be found contributing to projects large and small that make people's lives better.

From contributing to an organization like Maggie's Place to improving education programs for preschool children, assisting an individual community member with unexpected medical expenses, supporting the Local Hospice society, volunteering with Colchester Community Workshops or cleaning up the roadside, The Rotary Club of Truro is making a difference to our community.

Making a difference in the community is also evident in the support and emphasis Rotarians give to youth. The Rotary Club of Truro sponsors young people to travel to Ottawa to see our government in action through the Adventures in Citizenship Program. The Club also hosts an annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards workshop in which young people from local high schools meet to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

The Rotary Club of Truro also provides numerous bursaries to NSAC students who are advancing their educational objectives. For many

years the Rotary Club of Truro has provided scholarships to NSAC international students with extra financial need. Over the past few years the Club has increased its financial contributions to the university's World University Service Canada committee and other fundraising activities on campus. In 2012 the Rotary Club of Truro continued to provide this support to NSAC students as well as made significant contributions to several international students in circumstances of dire financial need. This support has permitted these students to continue their studies without interruption. The Rotary Club of Truro is committed to increasing its scholarship contributions to international students and is planning on launching an Interact Club on campus which is a young adult form of the Rotary Club.

## Honourary Doctorate Mr. Peter Sanger

Professor Emeritus Mr. Peter Sanger was awarded an Honourary Doctorate by NSAC during its 107th Convocation ceremony.

NSAC's honorary doctorate is designed to recognize extraordinary contributions to society or exceptional intellectual or community achievement. The awarding of honorary doctorates, an important feature of NSAC's Convocation, serves to celebrate both the individual and the university as well as to inspire our graduates, their families and guests.



"Professor Sanger has made an outstanding contribution to NSAC and influenced generations of students," said Agriculture Minister John MacDonell. "This honour is well deserved."

During his 30 year career at NSAC, Peter published countless articles, poems, essays and reviews in a wide variety of periodicals and anthologies and wrote two critical reviews and three collections of poems starting with *The America Reel* in 1983 to *Iron Works* in 1995 with renowned photographer Thaddeus Holownia.

Since his retirement in 1998, Peter has written nine books, the latest of which has just been published. Clearly, Peter has made an outstanding contribution to agricultural life, has demonstrated high quality scholarship and has been a model of integrity and intellectual capacity.

"We at NSAC are so proud of Professor Sanger's accomplishments and contributions," said NSAC Co-President and Vice President Academic Dr. Leslie MacLaren. "It is a real pleasure to be able to honour him in this way."

Perhaps Peter's greatest contribution has been to the generations of students he has influenced at NSAC. There is a danger in a field like agriculture that teaching can become solely focused on facts. Students need to be introduced to the broader philosophical and cultural perspectives that make a student truly educated. Peter Sanger is an example of someone who has a deep love and appreciation of agriculture but can add the artistic and historical dimension that places agriculture at the centre of society and human development.

Professor Sanger wove themes of rurality and environmental sustainability into classes long before these became societal buzz words. He created such powerful word pictures of Thoreau's place in nature that students saw nature in a different light. Peter offered agricultural students an opportunity to enlarge their perspective on the world. He never introduced or forced a paradigm shift, instead his influence was as a 'seed of perspective' change.

Peter has also helped record and preserve rural life and history in Atlantic Canada, through the establishment and development of the Agricola Archival Collection. This collection, situated at the NSAC Library, is a treasure trove of images, books and artifacts from both Maritime farming and NSAC history. Without Peter's initiative and love of the unique, many precious examples of agricultural life and history would be lost.

Peter Sanger was the keeper and treasurer of Maritime agricultural artifacts, the person who tried to open the eyes of NSAC students to life beyond agricultural production and the scholar who believed in the dignity and beauty of the rural landscape and rural enterprise.

Honorary degrees are often granted in recognition of the recipient's contribution to scholarship, to arts and culture, or to community. Peter Sanger merits recognition on all these counts. Peter's life and work encourages us to seek that beautiful balance between living and thinking, to engage the world around us and to express what we see with wit and clarity.

In 1999 Peter received the recognition of Professor Emeritus of NSAC.

## Up-Coming Events & Reunions

NSAC's Open House.....	July 19
Class of '52 reunion.....	July 19
Class of '61 reunion.....	July 19 & 20
Class of '62 reunion.....	July 19 & 20
Class of '66 reunion.....	July 19 & 20
Agri-Golf Classic.....	July 20
Class of '56 reunion.....	Sept. 5 - 7



Learn more about how NSAC is making a difference by visiting us during our annual

# OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, July 19 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[nsac.ca/openhouse](http://nsac.ca/openhouse)

Indeed it was an event to remember! Over 500 members of NSAC's family – staff, students, faculty and alumni, as well as their guests, celebrated NSAC's past during the university's Country Fair event in June. Those who attended haven't stopped talking about it.

Throughout the evening, guests devoured true mouthwatering country fair food – deep-fried dill pickles, gigantic turkey legs, sticky cotton candy, fresh buttered popcorn, luscious pies and so much more! Incredible events and attractions had everyone rushing to fit it all in – pie eating contests, high striker, sack races, psychic, sketch artist, live performers and washer toss!

Even the band was most fitting. Toe-stompin' entertainment was provided by award winning Gordie MacKeeman and His Rhythm Boys.

In her reflection address to guests, staff member and alumna,

# ONE DAY ONLY

NSAC'S

# COUNTRY FAIR

TO REMEMBER



Colette Wyllie (Class of '10) said, "Today is not about developments in research, athletic achievements, leadership skills, or scholarship ratios. Today is about honouring and celebrating NSAC's past, present and future, all of which I know you are proud of, just like me. You wouldn't be here if you weren't."

For those who attended, if the over-the-top details, laughter and warm friendly atmosphere wasn't enough to make you feel pride for NSAC bursting from Alumni Gardens, than being behind the scenes would have. "All hands on deck," was the theme even an

hour before the gates opened. NSAC's astounding crews from Physical Plant, Grounds, Chartwells, External Relations, Print Centre and various other units made it all happen and appear flawless.

A video clip of the evening's highlights will be posted on NSAC's website, for those who missed this amazing event.



# Athletics

## Eastlink Agri-Golf Classic



The 2012 edition is scheduled for July 20, 2012 at the Royal Oaks Golf Club in Moncton, with a shot-gun start at 1 p.m. Lunch, which is included in the fee, begins at 11 a.m. The website with registration information can be found at: <http://nsac.ca/athletics/golf/>

Payment is accepted by credit card (call 902-893-6660) or by cheque (mailed). If you are in the area, you can also drop in to the Athletic Centre between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pay.

Several teams have registered already – so get your team organized and submit the registration form and payment to be assured a spot in the 2012 event. There is a 30 team maximum and we have had a full event for the last two years.

Visit [nsac.ca/athletics](http://nsac.ca/athletics) for more details

## Another Year in the Books for the Rams

To close out the athletic year, outstanding student-athletes were recognized for their accomplishments, during the 48th annual Athletics Awards Banquet. Special guests Ken Marchant (first NSAC athletic director) and Win Langille (coach of many teams before a formal athletic department and programs) were highlighted, during the event, as builders of our program that will continue into 2012-13 as we become a campus of Dalhousie University.

To mark the historic last NSAC Athletic Awards, commemorative beer steins with the ram logo and “1909-2012” were given to all in attendance.

## Major Award Winners

### K.S. Marchant Award

(highest academic average among varsity athletes)



Ken Marchant pictured with Julie Vermeer (missing from photo, Lauren Morine).



### Athletes of the Year

Becky McDonald (volleyball) and Geoff Larkin (woodsmen), pictured with Dr. Bernie MacDonald.

Details on all award winners are available at <http://nsac.ca/athletics/review.asp>

## Team Results

The 2011-2012 year highlights included the undefeated seasons for the men's and women's woodsmen's A Teams, cross-country men's silver medal, women's volleyball team in play-offs and the hosting of the 13th CCAA National Championship at NSAC – men's basketball. For information on all of our teams and their year, visit <http://nsac.ca/athletics/>

## Rams Clothing, Bags and Commemorative Crystal Mugs for Sale

With a new campus image in development, clothing and items with the NSAC rams logo are for sale.

Items can be viewed at: <http://nsac.ca/athletics/>

Pick up your NSAC items or call for payment and shipping information: 902-893-7567.

## Academic All-Canadians

Three NSAC students were named Academic All-Canadians by the Sport Information Resource Centre and the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association this spring for combined excellence in collegiate athletics and academics.

Varsity soccer athletes Julie Poirier, Dartmouth N.S., Chris Ross, Truro N.S. and Megan Turple, Middle Sackville, N.S., have been named to the Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association's All-Conference Team and achieved grades of 80 per cent or higher in their academic programs.

"We're pleased that our student athletes have been recognized in this way," said NSAC Athletic Director, Judy Smith. "They are exceptional athletes and students and we're happy the CCAA has recognized their achievements in this way."

This year, 27 student-athletes were recognized as Academic All-Canadians in the Atlantic region.

"It's wonderful to see students achieve not only academic success, but also recognition for their athletic skills, expertise and dedication," said Dr. Leslie MacLaren, NSAC co-president and vice president academic.

"My involvement in sports has allowed me to get into a routine and learn important time management skills," added Poirier. "I often handed in assignments early or studied during road trips to games. College sport has also helped with my overall health and allowed me to focus better on my studies. Getting exercise and doing something I love is refreshing."

Awards were presented during the university's recent annual Athletic Awards Banquet.

## KEEP IN TOUCH! Follow us Online

You can reconnect with former classmates, hear about events and find out what's going on at NSAC by following us online. Join us on the following social media sites:

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/nsacu](https://twitter.com/nsacu)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/nsacu](https://facebook.com/nsacu)

**YouTube:** [youtube.com/nsacalumni](https://youtube.com/nsacalumni)

If you haven't already, sign up for our monthly alumni **e-News** by sending a request to [alumni@nsac.ca](mailto:alumni@nsac.ca)

To request your version of **Agricola News** electronically e-mail us at [alumni@nsac.ca](mailto:alumni@nsac.ca)

### "In Touch!"

Submissions for the regular feature in *Agricola News* can be sent to [alumni@nsac.ca](mailto:alumni@nsac.ca), through a Facebook message, or by mailing the Development & External Relations office, PO Box 550, Truro, NS B2N 5E3

### Address Change

Update your address by calling 902-893-6721, e-mailing [alumni@nsac.ca](mailto:alumni@nsac.ca) or fill out our online form at [nsac.ca/alumni/update](http://nsac.ca/alumni/update)

# Look Who's Talking

## Jean Lynds (Class of '90)

*Look Who's Talking is a regular section in Agricola News. Each issue, an alumni discusses his or her thoughts on various topics relevant to NSAC.*

### Biography

Jean Lynds is not just an alum of NSAC, but a staff member and volunteer too. She's even been presented one of NSAC's great honours – the Alumni Volunteer of the Year award (in 2010). A witty, mischievous and good humored quiet crusader, Jean is crops and ruminant co-ordinator of NSAC's Ruminant Animal Centre. She is always keen to lend a



helping hand and expects nothing in return.

Jean volunteers many hours at NSAC, working above and beyond her regular job description. As an active member of the NSAC Alumni Association Board of Directors, Jean is a critical part of the team. Not only does she bring forward great ideas to advance the board's mandate, but she never hesitates to take ideas or tasks to fruition.

Jean's involvement on campus doesn't stop there. She can always be counted on to coordinate farm tours for Recruitment or external groups. She is active with College Royal, Orientation activities, NSAC's Christmas Parade float and live nativity scene and even volunteers during NSAC athletic events.

Along with her husband, Jean lives in North River and has two children.

### ***NSAC is a pretty unique place, as we hear over and over. What's your favourite characteristic of NSAC?***

The people. There is a great sense of community on this campus. There is a willingness to co-operate so we can meet our goals. As students we made friendships that last a lifetime, as employees we have developed professional friendships. People are approachable and genuinely interested in helping others achieve success.

### ***What needs improving?***

Awareness of who we are and what we offer. We are often referred to as the "best kept secret". Many people who visit NSAC for the first time are amazed at what we have to offer in terms of facilities, programs and opportunities.

### ***If a graduate from 1950 arrived on campus today, for the first time since graduation, what do you think they would notice as the most significant change?***

Growth. The campus has grown significantly over the past 60 years - many new buildings and programs that have increased our teaching and research capability.

### ***If you had a vision for NSAC and how it would look 20 years from now, what would it look like and why?***

I believe in 20 years NSAC will continue to be known for its quality and excellence in agricultural education and research programs. Hopefully we will maintain all those unique things of being a small university campus and gain all the benefits of being part of a large university.

### ***This edition of Agricola News focuses on the ways NSAC has changed over the years and examines our new outlook - where we are headed. Can you comment on this?***

This is certainly interesting times for NSAC as we prepare to merge with Dalhousie. NSAC has been in transition for some time now so it feels good to finally have a focus and to be moving forward. Although there will be some challenging times as we transition, I believe the merger will offer new and positive opportunities for both NSAC and Dalhousie. NSAC has already established a great relationship with Dalhousie, as they have been granting our degrees since 1985 - so this is an opportunity for us to join forces and make something really good.... even better.

# Annual Report of NSAC Development 2011-12

Total donations and transfers into Foundation accounts during the fiscal year was \$2,499,599. The total investment portfolio stood at \$7.616 M at year end. Historical donation totals are found in Figure 1 and Table 1.

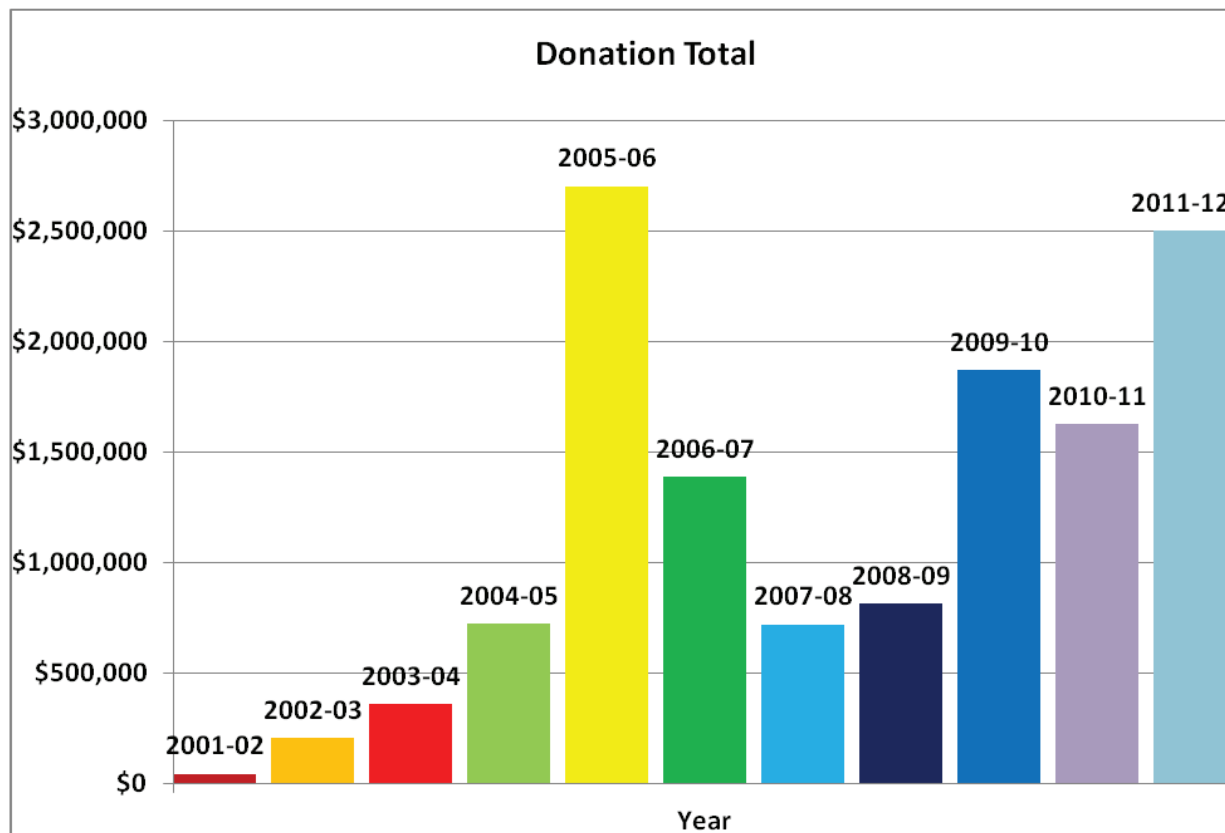


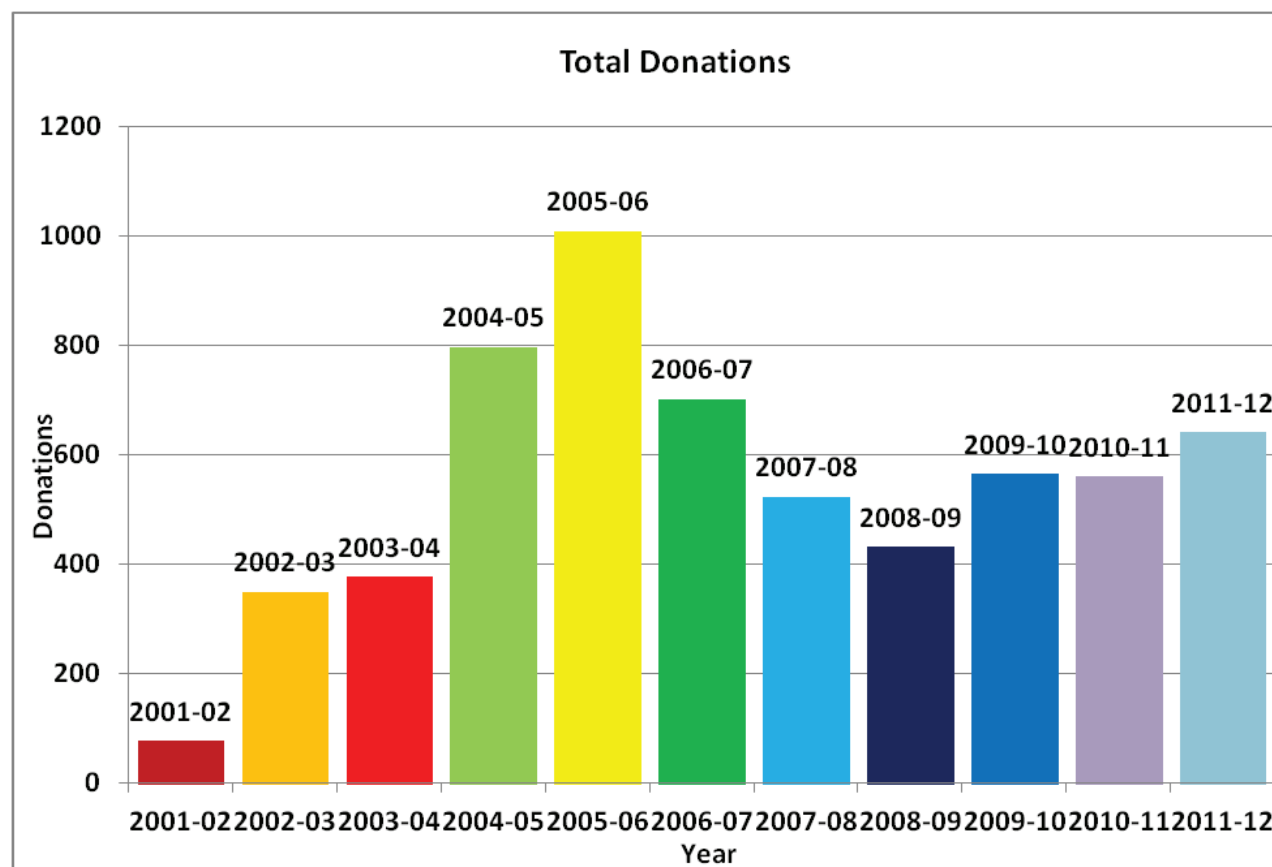
Figure 1

Year	Donations	\$ Total	\$Avg/ Contribution
2011-12	642	2, 499, 599	\$3,893
2010-11	562	\$1,626,560	\$2,894
2009-10	566	\$1,872,139	\$3,307
2008-09	432	\$813,435	\$1,883
2007-08	524	\$727,093	\$1,387
2006-07	702	\$1,386,138	\$1,975
2005-06	1009	\$2,703,971	\$2,679
2004-05	744	\$733,965	\$986
2003-04	377	\$258,262	\$685
2002-03	350	\$204,671	\$584
2001-02	78	\$43,105	\$552

Table 1



A history of the trend in the number of donations to NSAC since 2001-02 is shown in Figure 2.



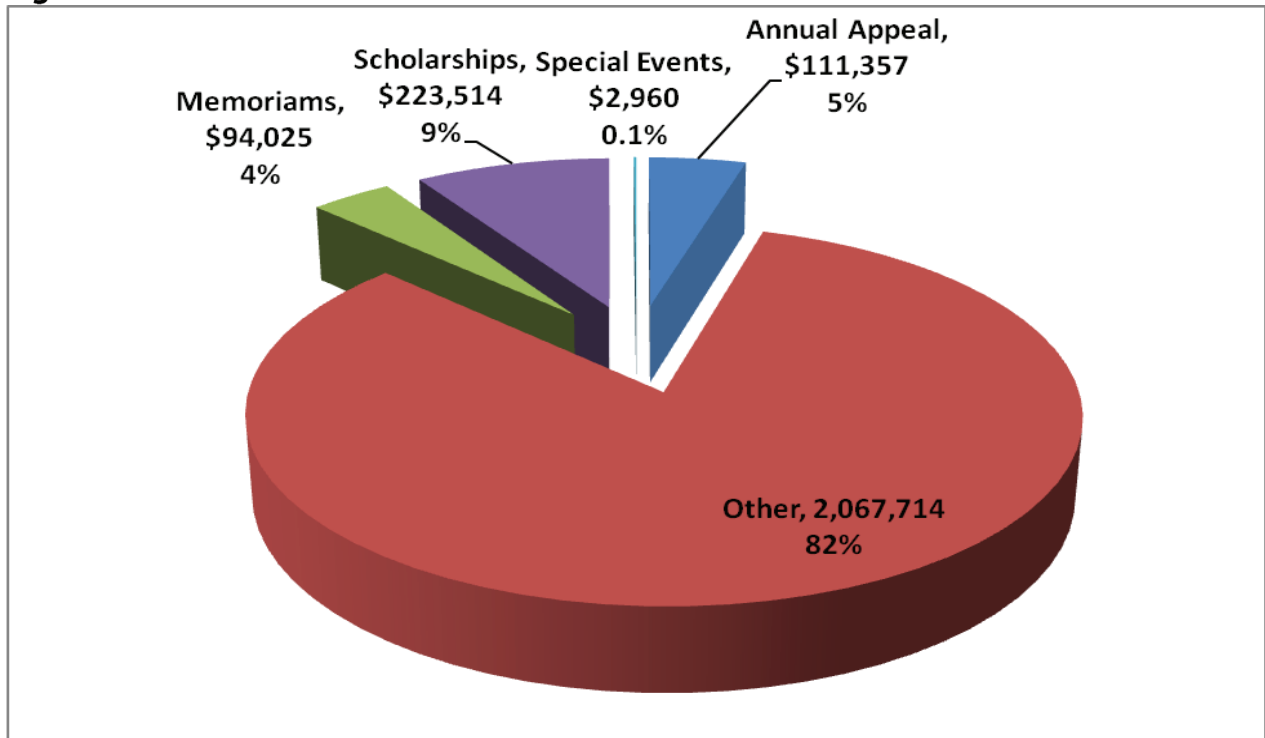
**Figure 2**

The various designated campaigns by which we receive donations include: annual mail appeal, scholarship appeal, research funding, special events and memorials. Other includes money deposited with the Foundation for investment purposes that will be used for NSAC programs. A comparison with the previous two years is shown in Table 2. A summary of the various campaigns is shown in Figure 3.

	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Contributions	%	Contributions	%	Contributions	%
2nd Century Endowment	-	-			-	-
Annual Appeal	\$84,580	4.5%	\$157,585	10%	\$111,357	4.4%
Scholarship Appeal	\$183,311	9.8%	\$181,905	11%	\$223,514	9%
Memorials	\$36,295	1.9%	\$14,950	1%	\$94,025	3.8%
Research	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Events	\$2,500	0.1%	\$2,700	0.1%	\$2960	0.1%
Other	\$1,565,454	83.6%	\$1,269,420	78%	2,067,714	83%

**Table 2**

**Figure 3**



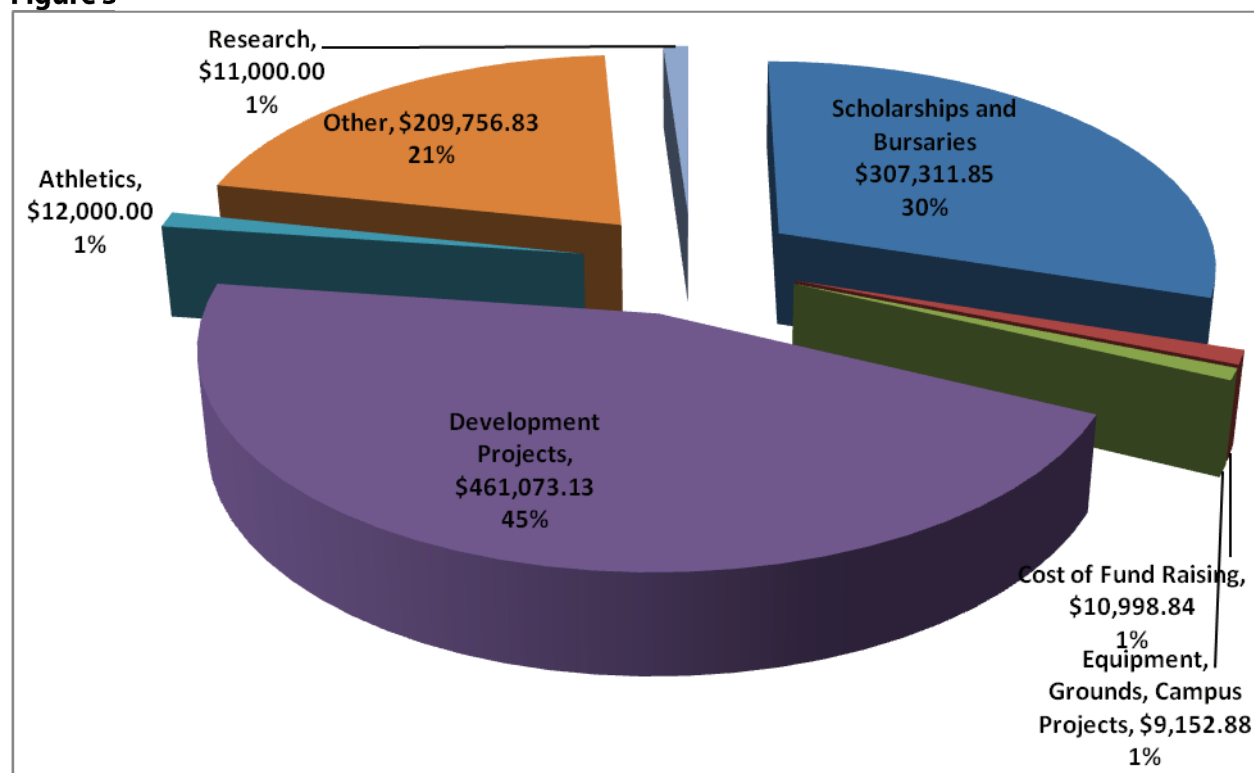
This year we received \$111,357 through the mail and phone appeals. There were a total of 335 donations. A total of \$7683.72 was spent on materials and labour for the annual appeal campaigns, Table 3 shows the historic trend in the annual appeal.

Year	# Sent	# Ret	% Ret	\$ Donated	Avg. \$/Gift	\$ Ret/\$ Invested
2011-12	4650	335	7.2%	\$111,357	\$332	\$14.49
2010-11	4600	347	7.5%	\$157,585	\$454	\$15.10
2009-10	4600	298	6.5%	\$85,580	\$287	\$10.31
2008-09	4400	217	4.9%	\$95,203	\$438	\$16.07
2007-08	4700	205	4.3%	\$101,169	\$494	\$53.47
2006-07	4750	182	3.8%	\$70,533	\$387	\$28.31
2005-06	5400	170	3.1%	\$42,647	\$250	\$11.55
2004-05	5400	260	4.7%	\$89,950	\$345	\$19.00
2003-04	5400	170	3.1%	\$21,369	\$125	\$4.44
2002-03	5500	137	2.5%	\$14,595	\$106	\$3.40

**Table 3**

The real measure of impact that the fundraising efforts are having is shown by the amount of support that can be provided back to NSAC each year. Total disbursement for the year was \$1,021,293.53. The breakdown of the disbursements from the various funds appears in Figure 5.

**Figure 5**



## Donor Summary

### Donations made between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012

The following is a list of all those who have donated to NSAC between April 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 arranged alphabetically by donation size range. For donors who are alumni, their class year is shown following the name. In cases where both donors are alumni there are two years shown.

We do our best to ensure accuracy in the information however we apologize for any errors or omissions that may have occurred

### Planned Gifts

Mr. Peter Hamilton 1944

### Gifts and Contributions

#### Above \$100,000

Nova Scotia Agricultural College

#### \$25,000 - \$99,999

Canadian Intl. Devel. Agcy.  
Harrison McCain Foundation  
Horticultural Trades Association  
Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists  
Ms. Mary Jane Swetnam

#### \$5,000 - \$24,999

Mr. Donald Bubar  
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association  
Compass Group Canada  
Farm Credit Canada  
Holstein Association of Canada  
Mr. Rod & Mrs. Robin MacLennan  
Nova Scotia Animal Breeders  
NS/NF Holstein Association of Canada  
PEI Department of Agriculture  
Mr. Robert Quartermain  
Royal Bank of Canada  
Mr. Mark Starratt

Ms. Lynne Stead  
Stuco Holdings Limited

#### \$1,000 - \$4,500

ACA Cooperative Limited/Eden Valley Farms  
Acadian Seaplants Limited  
Atlantic Rhodo and Hort Society  
Mr. Richard Birkett  
Chicken Producers  
Chicken Producers Association  
Clearwater Seafoods  
Dr. William B. Collins 1946  
Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland  
Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia  
Ms. Jodi M. Delong 1980  
Dykeview Farms  
Egg Producers of Newfoundland  
Farmers Dairy  
Dr. Gerald W. Friars 1948  
Mr. Campbell Gunn 1959  
Ms. Linda Harvey  
Havey Whidden Farm  
Mr. Laurie D. Hennigar 1960  
Dr. Dick Huggard 1956  
Dr. Stewart R. Keddy 1967  
Kings Mutual Insurance Company

Mr. Frank L. Lawson 1960  
Mr. Leo Leblanc  
Mr. Alastair J. Mathewson 1985  
Mr. Eric Meek 1954  
Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture  
Nova Scotia Egg Producers  
Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture  
Nova Scotia Power Incorporated  
Prince Edward Island Institute  
RBC Royal Bank Financial Group  
Rotary Club of Truro  
L Mapplebeck & L Sanderson  
Dr. T. Semple  
Shur Gain/Nutreco Canada Inc.  
Dartmouth Horticultural Society  
TD Insurance Meloche Monnex  
Ms. Barbara E. Whiston 1990

**\$250 - \$999**

Mr. Gilbert Allen 1956  
Animal Nutrition Assoc. of Canada  
Atlantic Association of Landscape Designers  
Bedford Horticultural Society  
Bible Hill Garden Club  
Ms. Myrna J. Blenkhorn 1974  
Mr. Paul A. Bogaard  
Dr. Paul L. Burgess 1960  
Mr. James A. Burnett  
Dr. Doug Byers 1956  
Mr. T. Stanley Cameron  
Mr. Colin M. Campbell 1978  
Central Nova Holstein Club  
Mr. Fred Chipman  
Ms. Barbara J. Christie 2002  
Wentworth Garden Club  
Mr. Dean Cole 1973  
Ms. Thelma Costello  
Dr. Don Craig 1945  
Mrs. Carol Dancer  
Ms. Barbara R. Enman 1971  
Dr. Gisela E. Erf 1979  
Fall River Garden Club  
Dr. Nigel Firth  
Mr. Robert Gale  
Ms. Shiromi & Dale Geffrey  
Dr. Les Haley 1958  
Ms. Deborah Hall  
Ms. Greta Harrop  
Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Patti Healy 1973  
Mr. Peter Hicklin  
Mr. Charles V. Hiltz 1966  
Howard W. Roper  
Ms. Edith Hudgins  
Inverness County Federation of Agriculture  
Isgonish Chapter IODE  
Mr. Toomas Karmo  
Ms. Jessie King  
Ms. Virginia Kinsman

Mr. Andrew & Mrs Tricia Lake 1994 &1999  
Landscape NB Hort. Trades Association  
Landscape Nova Scotia  
Mr. Chesley L. Lockhart 1948  
Lunenburg Queens Federation of Agriculture  
Mr. Gilbert MacDonald 1960  
Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald 1971  
Mr. J. Wayne MacDougall 1974  
Ms. Ardith I. MacKay 1990  
Dr. J. Allan MacKay 1943  
Dr. Ted MacNintch 1956  
Mr. John E. Madill 1966  
Mrs. Pat Moore  
Mount Denson Garden Club  
Mr. Jamie Muir  
Nova Scotia 4-H Council  
Nova Scotia Rock Garden Club  
Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical  
NSAC Association of Grad Students  
NSAC Students' Union  
Mr. Walter Ostrom  
Dr. Harin & Rina Padmanathan  
Patterson Law  
Ms. Audrey S. Payne 1964  
Mr. Fred Pierce 1958  
Dr. Nancy Pitts 1978  
Mr. Harold Popma  
Pork Nova Scotia  
Prince Edward Island Potato Board  
Pure Holsteins Limited  
Mrs. Paula Rix  
Mr. Peter Robichaud  
Ms. Gwen Romanes  
Rooop Properties  
Ms. Nerenne Russell  
Mr. Bill Seaman 1956  
Ms. Martha Starling  
Mr. Daniel Stewart 1956  
Stewiacke Valley Garden Club  
Straitside Holsteins  
Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson 1970  
Mr. Garry and Mrs. Janie Van Den Heuvel  
2005  
Ms. Carol J. Versteeg 1975  
Ms. Debbie Wesselius  
Wild Blueberry Producers Association  
Winding River Farms Ltd.  
Dr. James M. Winmill 1948  
Young Farmers of PEI

**Up to \$250**

Mr. William P. Abraham 1952  
Afton Hills Farm  
Dr. Ross Ainslie 1948  
Mr. David R. Aiton 1972  
Ms. Shari D. Allan 1979  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Allen 1988  
Mr. Don Anderson 1978

Mr. Bruce & Ms. Theresa Andrews 1994 & 1989  
Mrs. Isabel Archibald 1952  
Mr & Mrs. Josh Arenburg 1997 &2000  
Mrs. Jennifer Armour  
Mr. Dan Armstrong  
Karin Ashfaq  
Mr. Doug Baird  
Mr. Robert Baldwin  
Mr. Jephtha F. Ball 1970  
Mr. Lorimer F. Banks 1948  
Ms. Brittany Barnett  
Basin Gardeners Association  
Mr. Jamie Beeswange  
Mr. John Beisel  
Mr. David P. Bent 1978  
Mr. Arnold G. Beyer 1978  
Mr. J. Oulton & Ms. T. Bishop 1999  
Ms. Jil Black  
Mr. Leslie F. Blackburn 1955  
Mr. Harold D. Blenkhorn 1947  
Mr. Blair Bonnyman 1951  
Mr. Peter W. Boswall 1981  
Mr. Eric J. Bouffard 1951  
Mr. Chad J. Bower 2000  
Mrs. Susan L. Boyd  
Ms. Amy Boyle  
Mr. Paul C. Brenton 1981  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown 1983  
Mr. John A. Brown 1975  
Ms. Sandra Brown  
Ms. Bettina Brown 1997  
Ms. Lindsey Brown  
Mr. Charles Burnet  
Mr. Gordon L. Byers 1938  
Mr. Donald L. Byers 1963  
Mr. Gary Caldwell  
Mr. David Campbell 1962  
Mr. Blair Campbell 1963  
Mr. Neil Campbell  
Mr. Michael P. Carmichael 1981  
Mr. Bert Carr  
Ms. Christine D. Carroll 1985  
Mr. Keith A. Casey 1953  
Mrs. Jane A. Chambers  
Ms. Alyson D. Chisholm 1983  
Mr. David U. Christie 2007  
Mr. Peter S. Clarke 1966  
Mr. Richard C. Cochran 1963  
Mr. Laurie M. Cochrane 1976  
Dr. H. Garth Coffin 1960  
Mr. Edgar Coffin  
Mr. Jamie Coffin  
Mr. Greg Coldwell 1970  
Mr & Mrs Jeff Colwell 1985  
Mr. Gabriel V. Comeau 1992  
Ms. Audrey J. Connell 1999  
Dr. Harold W. Cook 1966  
Mr. Archie W. Cook 1960

Ms. Janet W. Coombes 1975  
 Cornwallis Farms  
 Mr. Leo Cox  
 Mr. Donald and Ms. Denise Cox 1976  
 Mr. Dick Crawford  
 Mr. Doug Crouse Ms. Carlene Crouse 1956  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crouse  
 Mr. Andrew B. Crouse 1980  
 Mr. Boyd R. Crouse 1978  
 Mrs. Engelina E. Crouse 1987  
 Mr. J. Gordon Crowe 1946  
 MS. Christine Curry  
 Mr. Bradley W. Dalrymple 2000  
 Dr. Wayne E. Davidson 1962  
 Mr. & Mrs John Davidson 1971  
 Ms. Tammy Deadder  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bram DeGeus 1972  
 Helen Densmore  
 Mr. John Dickie  
 Mr. Martyn C. Donnelly 1998  
 Mrs. Rita Dows  
 Mr. Edward B. Doyle 1981  
 Ms. Roslyn E. Duffus  
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Duivenvoorden 1983  
 Mr. Brian H. Duplessis 1971  
 Mr. William C. Durant 1951  
 Mr. Edgar Rodney Eagles  
 Mr. Ernest A. Eagles 1950  
 Eastern Shore Garden Club  
 Eastern Veterinary Technician  
 Mr. James K. Eaton 1993  
 Mr. Dale Ells 1959  
 Mr. Brian S. Ellsworth 1957  
 Mr. Evans N. Estabrooks 1962  
 Ferguson Brothers Farm  
 Mr. Tim & Ms Sandra Fisher 1992  
 Ms. Jennifer F. Forsyth 2001  
 Mrs. Shirley Francis  
 Ms. Anne Franey  
 Mrs. Brenda Franklin  
 Mr. Ronald Fraser 1965  
 Ms. June A. Fulton-Margiewicz 1984  
 Miss Penelope Gael  
 Ms. Clara M. Galway 1944  
 Cottage Country Garden Club  
 Ms. Nellie G. Gardner 1978  
 Mr. David E. Gilfoy  
 Glayne MacQueen Dairy Farm  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Goit  
 Dr. Robert J. Gordon 1985  
 Mr. Trevor S. Gordon 2003  
 Mr. Anthony J. Gorham 1986  
 Ms. Christine Gould  
 Dr. Donald L. Grant 1958  
 Mr. David Gray 1954  
 Green Diamond Equipment  
 Mr. John R. Greenough 1977  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerrit Groenenberg 1984  
 Mr. Arnold J. Hagen 1985  
 Mrs. Melissa Hamilton  
 Ms. Antje A. Hamilton 1988  
 Mr. William L. Hanlon 1952  
 Mrs. Katrina Harack  
 Stephen Harbers  
 Mr. Leo A. Harbers 1972  
 Mr. & Mrs Don Harding 1975  
 Ms. Wendy O. Harris 1979  
 Ms. Auleen Harvie  
 Healy Financial Services  
 Mr. Mark Hennigar  
 Mr. William Heppell  
 Ms. Brenda E. Hiltz  
 Mr. David Hinton  
 Dr. Richard A. Holley 1964  
 Dr. James A. Inkpen 1958  
 Mr. James W. Jamieson 1945  
 Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins  
 Mr. Allen L. Jess 1961  
 Mr. Timothy Johns-Churchill 1963  
 Mrs. Margaret Johnson  
 Rev. Grant Johnston 1971  
 Ms. Irene Karmo  
 Mr. James Roy D. Kaulbach  
 Mr. Charles O. Keddy 1973  
 Mr. Tim & Ms Sandra Fisher 1992 & 1994  
 Dr. Gordon Kenney  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Kielly 1981  
 Kingsmeadow Landscape & Designers  
 Myra Knight  
 Mr. Bernard G. Kuhn 1939  
 Mr. J Fraser & Ms. D Langille 1972  
 Mr. Douglas G. Lea 1971  
 Dr. Michele L. Leatherbury 1987  
 Ms. Clara Leblanc 1975  
 Mr. Doug Leclair 1986  
 Lellavan Farms  
 Mr. Sterling R. Levy  
 Mr. Kenneth F. Lingley 1979  
 Donald W. Logan  
 Mr. Norman S. Logan 1950  
 Mr. J. D. Lubin 1960  
 John D. Mabley  
 Dr. Don MacAulay 1962  
 Mr. Ian P. MacDonald 1950  
 Mr. Frank MacDonald  
 Mr. Harvey W. MacDonald 1962  
 Mr. Condon E. MacDonald 1978  
 Mr. Doug MacDonald  
 Ms. Gwendolyn S. MacDonald Slipp  
 Mr. Lauchie MacEachern  
 Mr. Donald L. MacGregor 2001  
 Mr D. & Ms. C. MacKinnon 1979  
 Mr. Hugh M. MacLean 1947  
 Dr. Ed MacMillan  
 Mr. Gordon A. MacMillan 1994  
 Mr. Eric P. MacPhail 1947  
 Mr. Kent A. Mader 2011  
 Mr. Arlington S. Mair 1948  
 Mr. Paul Manning  
 Mr. Cameron Marc  
 Mr. Ken Marchant  
 Mr. Francis C. Marks 1957  
 Ms. Shirley Marston  
 Dr. Elizabeth A. Massarelli  
 Ms. Greta Mathewson  
 Ms. Ruth Mathewson  
 Mr. Ron Maynard  
 Mr. Bruce McCabe  
 Mr. John E. McCabe 1982  
 Ms. Robyn S. McCallum  
 Mr. Irvin B. McCormick 1959  
 Mr. Brian R. McCullum 1977  
 Dr. Keith A. McCully 1952  
 Ms. Carol D. McDonald  
 Mr. & Mrs. Douglas McDonald 1984  
 Mr. Kenneth McDonald, Jr.  
 Ms. Rosaleen McDonald  
 Mr. Donald P. McInnes 1955  
 Mr. Charles McKinnon  
 Ms. Debra L. McLellan 2008  
 Ms. Jean Meagher  
 Mr. Weibe J. Meyer 1969  
 Mr. Dawson Miller  
 Ms. Meghan P. Miller 2007  
 Ms. Cynthia A. Mitchell 1988  
 Hon. Wilfred P. Moore  
 Mr Lloyd & Mrs Janice Morrison 1961  
 Ms. Janet Mowbray  
 Mrs. June Muir  
 Ms. Darby L. Mullen 1985  
 Mr. John R. Mumford 1979  
 Mr. Neal E. Mundle 1989  
 Mr. Neil L. Murphy 1964  
 Dr. Christine L. Murray 1988  
 Mr. Nathan D. Murray 2011  
 Mr. Vernon R. Murray 1954  
 Mr. Robert A. Murray 1952  
 Mr. Kyle M. Murray 1987  
 Ms. Rebekah S. Nason 2003  
 New Holland  
 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Newcombe 1986  
 Ms. Vivian Nichols  
 Mr. Donald M. Nicholson 1952  
 Mr. Mark A. Nixon  
 North Sydney Garden Club  
 Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture  
 Novartis Animal Health  
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien 1978  
 Ouest-Ville Perennials  
 Ms. Kimberlee Pace  
 Mr. Brad Palmer 1986  
 Mr. Wayne F. Parker 1962  
 Ms. Joan M. Parker  
 Mr. Robert L. Parks 1954  
 Parrsboro Garden Club  
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 Mr. Earl Pickard 1997

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Mr. Arnold C. Pitman 1952	Ms. Judy Thompson	1956	3193.55
Mr. Hugh Plant	Dr. David W. Thorne 1966	1957	285
Portraits by Johanna	Mr. Weldon C. Travis 1957	1958	1247.3
Dr. Dana M. Power 1982	Mr. Warren L. Tregunno 1948	1959	1170
Mrs. Elizabeth Prentice-Hudson 1981	Ms. Margaret M. Trenholm 1981	1960	5240
Mr. Allan Prest	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Trueman 1975	1961	160
Ms. Catherine Pross	Truro Gyrette Club	1962	700
Ms. Gini Proulx	Mr. Anthony H. Van Berkel 1968	1963	470
Queens Garden Club	Mr & Mrs John Van de Riet 1980 & 1981	1964	590
Mr. Rajaram	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Van de Wiel	1965	200
Glenda Redden	Mr. & Mrs. H. Van der Linden 1976	1966	1300
Mr. Matthew J. Reeves 2003	Mr. Bram Van Der Linden	1967	1535
Mr. Chris Richards 1984	Ms. Jennifer Van Der Sande	1968	130
Dr. Charles L. Ricketson 1951	Ms. J. Van Dyk & Mr. J. McLellan 1978 & 1977	1969	25
Mr. Ronald F. Roach 1939	Mr. Tony Van Vonderen 2008	1970	920
Ms. Martha H. Robinson 1985	Mr. Michael J. Vermeer 1976	1971	1075
Mr. Alexander K. Rogers 1988	Mr. Adrian J. Vermeulen 1980	1972	380
Roguniel Farm	Mr. Peter Versloot 1978	1973	700
Mr. Walter C. Ross 1961	Mr. Willie Versteeg	1974	873.28
Ms. Susan Ross	Ms. Beverley & Mr. Jack L. Vissers 1972	1975	535
Sackville Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Fund	Mr. John Vosman	1976	395
Mr. Ronald Sampson	Mr. Phillip Vroegh	1977	200
Ms. K. Laurie Sandeson	Ms. Bonnie Waddell	1978	1144.49
Ms. Jennifer Sandison	Mr. Robert Walker	1979	710
Mr. Arthur L. Scarlett 1948	Mr. Stanley J. Warwick 1959	1980	3153.57
Dr. Wilma Schenkels 1988	Mr. Nelson Watson	1981	570
Mr. Peter C. Schousboe 1955	Mr. R. Ward Watson	1982	70
Mr. Dan Scothorn 1997	Mr. Steven W. Watts 1983	1983	285
Mr. Robert J. Scott 1962	Mr. Owen Weir	1984	490
Mr. Keith Selwyn-Smith 1966	Mr. William A. West 1939	1985	2365
Mr. Allen P. Shaw 1972	Mr. Cyril B. Whiteley 1974	1986	370
Mr. David A. Shaw 1964	Mr. Thomas S. Whitman 1979	1987	142
Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia	Mr. B. L. Wilkins	1988	390
Shelburn Country Garden Club	Mrs. Jill Wood	1989	100
Ms. Lynn Sibley	Dr. Emmanuel Yiridoe	1990	1673.51
Mr. Keith R. Silver 1967	Ms. Nancy L. Zwicker 1981	1992	20
Mr. Sedgewick P. Sinclair 1964		1993	35
Mr. Larry Slipp	<b>Fundraising by Alumni Class</b>	1994	340
Mr. Ralph G. Smith 1963		1995	100
Mr. Alford L. Smith 1972	Alumni of NSAC account for a significant	1997	150
Mr. Darrell W. Smith 1971	portion of the money raised by NSAC. The	1998	20
Mr. Angus J. Smith 1952	following table represents the donation to-	1999	170
Mr. Isaac W. Smith 1968	als for the year by NSAC reunion class.	2000	40
Mr. Sandeep Sodhi		2001	60
Mr. Hardarshan Sodhi	<b>Reunion Class    Total Donation</b>	2002	250
Mr & Mrs Ron Somers 1970	1938	2003	245
Mrs. Lydia Sorflaten	1939	2007	185
Mr. Alan Sorflaten	1943	2008	120
Dr. Donna E. Spracklin 1974	1944	2011	100
Mr. & Mrs Jim Steeves 1974	1945		
Ms. Krystle Stewart	1946		
Dr. G. W. Stratton	1947		
Mr & Mrs Greg Sullivan 1995	1948		
Mr. Mohan Sundaramohan	1950		
Ms. Miriam E. Tams 1988	1951		
Mr. Stuart L. Taylor 1973	1952		
Mr. Michael J. Teakles 1999	1953		
	1954		

# In Touch!

## Class of '76

**Van Lunen, Ted...** resides in P.E.I and will be retiring from director general for Natural Resources Canada, in July.

## Class of '78

**Dickson, Basil...** lives on a horse hobby farm in P.E.I. with wife Barb, a vet at the Kensington Vet Clinic and their two children, Tristan and Madeline.

## Class of '80

**Carroll, Ken...** retired from the Department of Agriculture in March and now lives in Arnprior, Ontario, just west of Ottawa.

## Class of '86

**Steeves, Rebecca...** has one fabulous daughter attending UNB. Lives in Fredericton and works as a real estate agent for ReMax Hatford. Loves being back in the Maritimes! If you are moving to Fredericton and looking for a good home, contact Steeves.

## Class of '87

**MacLeod, Peter...** Recently moved to Australia - love the winter weather! MacLeod works as a consultant for Market Access Solutions PTY LTD.

## Class of '90

**Langat, Elizabeth...** Lives in Kenya and is employed as an extension officer, Kenya Sisal Board for the Ministry of Agriculture. Langat has a teen son, Allan.

## Class of '92

**Urquhart, Mark...** has been employed with Cavendish Farms for the past 17 years. Urquhart has been in North Dakota for the past 10 years and along with him, two other NSAC alumni are working for Cavendish Farm's sister company, Sea View Farm.

## Class of '96

**Jabbour, Nikki...** Nikki's new book, *The Year Round Vegetable Gardner*, won the 2012 Book Award from The American Horticultural Society. The book has also gone into its third printing in five months.

## Class of '98

**Brogan, Stephen...** after 14 years, Brogan is back at NSAC. Brogan is working on his post-doctoral fellowship in renewable energy with Dr. Kenny Corscadden. Brogan completed a PhD at the University of Dundee in Scotland in December, welcomed his first baby (Howard) in January and had a big overseas move in March.

## Class of '03 & '05

**McPhee, Mary...** works for Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy with the Tidal Energy Demonstration Project. As Manager of Facilities and Programs, MacPhee has an office overlooking Cape Split and the beautiful shores of Fundy! She has been busy keeping up with family matters and is heavily involved in community development, trails, beaches, historical sites and many community programs.

## In Memory

The university, along with NSAC's Alumni Association, acknowledges the passing of the following alumni members and extends our sympathy to friends and family.

Mr. Thomas A. Austin.....	1946
Mr. John M. Greer .....	1948
Mr. Franklin R. Johnson .....	1950
Mr. Richard S. Morton .....	1951
Mr. Gordon MacFadden .....	1953
Mr. James R. Rainforth .....	1954
Mr. John R. Fisher .....	1959
Mr. William Pryor .....	1960
Dr. Stewart R. Keddy .....	1967
Mr. Eric E. Weeks.....	1969

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