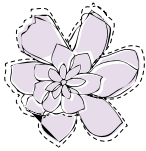


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Summer 2012

Spring Fever 2012



On May 12th we held the first of what will definitely be a signature annual event for many years to come. Spring Fever, held the day before Mother's Day, was all about gardens and gardening. It was at Pat Scott's lavender farm, a spectacular location overlooking a panoramic view of Lake Ontario and the Northumberland Hills. Thanks to Pat we had the use of the barn – a two-story piece of magic – and the gardens. There were vendors selling art, local nurseries selling plants and planters and baskets and tools and Pat sold her lavender products. Herma, Tina Moorey, Mark Pollard from Warkworth and Jan Lovekin's "Kiss the Cook Mobile Bakery" fed us with delectables made with local ingredients and there was ice cream. Slickers from Prince Edward County provided four ice cream flavours that were to die for.

We had speakers talking about and taking questions on a variety of gardening subjects and the master gardeners had a booth and answered a zillion questions.

There was a draw consisting of some very high end products, gift certificates and furniture. It made a significant amount of money.

Admission was free but we requested donations and they were more than happily given. Including a \$50 bill!

The whole idea was for people to find their Mother's Day gifts at Spring Fever as well as just about everything they needed for the May 24th planting weekend. It was a big success and we are thrilled.

We netted \$2490.53. Our gross intake was \$4965.30 and our expenses \$2464.77, which is pretty good for the first year. Next year we will correct the mistakes we made this year - there weren't many - we will have less expenses – signs are already created and paid for, art work is already in place - and we plan on asking for sponsorships to pay for advertising and promotion expenses. We will expand the number of arts & crafts vendors and increase the amount of plants and planters.

Spring Fever was a success. In large part because of the team of extraordinary volunteers who devoted countless hours to making it work. Thank you.

Selena Forsyth
Director of Fundraising

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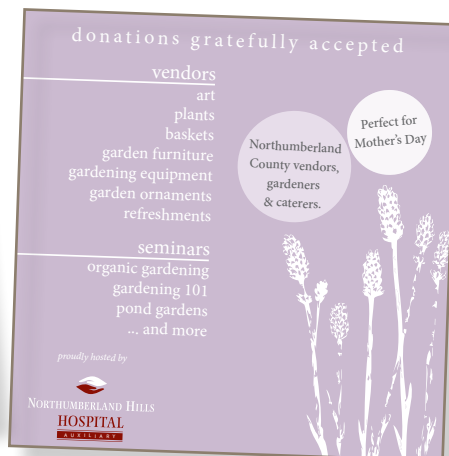
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President's Report ...



Winter seems far distant and spring, for this mighty Auxiliary, brought the highly successful launch of Spring Fever, of which we have had tremendously positive feedback from the many, many who came out to support the event. The time, thought and effort spent by the 'team' and their friends in the planning and executing of this fundraiser was huge, and yet another example of what the talented and committed group of volunteers who support this Auxiliary and the Northumberland Hills Hospital is capable of. Many thanks as always. Our up-coming events are: first, Bowling for Bucks on September 15th. Only Auxiliary members can bowl so get out there and get pledges for yourselves for this fun and growing 'exercise'. Next is a new event for the fall: on October 3rd, in concert with Port Hope's Furby Books, three authors will read from their new books at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope. More on it later but mark your calendars for this fine evening of author readings and conversation, book signings, wine and hors d'oeuvres. This promises to be another annual event for the Auxiliary.

After a year in this position I think (hope?) I've found some balance and a more comprehensive understanding of the role and responsibilities. The establishment of a schedule for office coverage by board members has helped to create a daily presence in the Auxiliary room, and has provided board members with an opportunity to be a little more involved with the Auxiliary and with those impromptu situations that come up and need to be responded to by us. Some days are uneventful to be sure, but others kind of mushroom into all kinds of conversations and encounters, all of which reinforce our presence in the hospital and the variety of things we do.

At our AGM on May 15th, we had the benefit of a most informative and thought-provoking presentation on mental illness by Scott Pepin, Director of NHH Community Mental Health Services. In my remarks during our formal business meeting, I used a quote from American activist and author Jerry Mander: "We evolve into the images we carry in our minds. We become what we see." It framed my message that we have three intertwined challenges before us: Recruitment, Retention and Capacity. The Strategic Planning Committee will be addressing this over the next year. We will be looking at our vision for the future, where the new volunteer potential lies, all with a view of how we remain as active and vibrant as we are right now. Your input, as always, is most welcome.

Finally, two things: I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer wherever it takes you, and secondly, thank you for your commitment, diligence and generosity of time and spirit to the Auxiliary, NHH, and to the Board and myself. It is gratefully and respectfully received and appreciated. Salut!

Gayle Metson
President, NHHA



2012 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on May 15 while many of us were still in the afterglow of Spring Fever. For the first time, the meeting was held in the NHH Education Centre which accommodated the group comfortably with a continental breakfast offering a variety of fresh fruit and baked goods.

NHH Board Chair John Hudson brought greetings from the Board and expressed gratitude for the many contributions made by Auxiliary members to the hospital. Ann Logan, Foundation board chair offered positive greetings from the NHH Foundation.

Robert Biron was happy to accept a cheque from Laura Scrivener. The \$150,000 commitment covers the cost of patient-focused hospital equipment for several areas. Robert commented that he and his wife enjoyed their visit to Spring Fever, particularly the ice cream.

Scott Pepin captured the attention of the attendees as he outlined the scope of the changes in the area of mental health. As Director of the Community Mental Health Clinic, Scott has been at the forefront of the major positive initiatives, partnerships and programs – not to mention a new physical site – that have been in the forefront of developing a vibrant and effective addition to our already splendid health care combination.

Might be an opportunity for a volunteer or two to assist at the new site.

The number and nature of the questions that followed his presentation were a testament to how well and thoroughly the message had been heard.

The business part of the meeting consisted of the usual components – previous year's minutes, the audited financial statements, next year's budget and the installation of officers. Past President Vera Wellman presided over the nomination and installation process. The slate of officers approved by the membership remains essentially the same. One Board position remains vacant – that of Director Public Relations and Communications.

The attendance was modest, the refreshments were first class and the presentation contained information that everyone in our catchment area would be pleased to hear.



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2012 Volunteer Appreciation Tea

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea had a special feature this year – a celebration of a very special volunteer.

Held in the NHH Education Centre, with NHH Board Chair John Hudson as MC, the event attracted a large turnout of volunteers – new and long-standing. Chair Hudson spoke of the contributions made by the volunteer members of the NHH Board. He noted the many acts of kindness and financial support offered by the Auxiliary as well as the contribution made by Foundation volunteers in staging their highly successful fundraisers.

As has become the custom, Gerbera Daisies added colour to the gathering and the cinnamon buns were much appreciated.

But the event also recognized the service given by a unique volunteer, Marg Gear who has completed 63 years of service for the organization and who, alas, has moved away from Cobourg and us to be closer to her family.

Soon after Marg arrived in Cobourg with her husband, Doug established a general practice in the community. They raised a family of five children, all of whom were present at the event. A registered nurse, Marg chose to devote her skills to the auxiliary and continued to serve in a number of areas at the Chapel Street site and at the 'new' hospital.

Yvonne Green provided a fascinating view of what life would have been like when Marg's service started in 1949. A musical moment was provided by Jim Gordon who 'crooned' the 1949 top hit "A You're Adora ble." Patricia Fenner suggested that we should 'retire' Marg's tabard and the event was brought to a close with a lusty Auld Lang Syne.

All pronounced the event a success on every level.



The Logans



Some give to the Northumberland Hills Hospital because of personal experiences. Some because they know that just about every person in our community will, at some point in their lives, need its services. Whatever the reason, leaving a bequest helps to secure the future of our hospital, an organization we care about. Bill and Nancy Logan, who believe the Northumberland Hills Hospital's staff and volunteers do wonderful work, have left a gift to the hospital in their will.

Bill and Nancy have been members of the NHH Auxiliary for five years, working on the Inquiry and Help Desks. For the past year Bill has been coordinator for the Help Desk. Between them they give almost 30 hours a month to the Auxiliary.

When thinking about planned giving the Logans knew that they would only support an organization that would use their money to its fullest potential. Bill and Nancy believe that the Northumberland Hills Hospital will do exactly that. "We know the money will be well spent and well used" says Bill.

Gifts made to the Foundation are used to fund essential medical equipment for the hospital. If you would like to make a bequest in your will consult with your legal, financial, banking and business advisors. Or get in touch with John Russell, Personal Gifts Officer with the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation. John can be contacted at 905-372-6811 ext 3065 or jrussell@nhh.ca



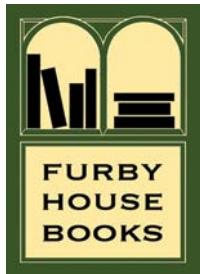
Coming Events

September 15th	Bowling for Bucks
October 3rd	Furby House Authors at the Capitol Theatre
November 3rd	Pumpkin Toss

YET ANOTHER NEW FUNDRAISER!

Lou Pamerter, owner of Port Hope's Furby House Books, has offered us a marvelous partnership: she will bring three authors to the Capitol theatre on October 3rd. (Including Linden MacIntyre.) They will read from their latest books and everyone who buys a \$60 ticket gets a signed copy of the book of their choosing. They will also get a glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres from The Palm Restaurant and the opportunity to chat with the authors. Furby books will take no profit and the Northumberland Hills Auxiliary will receive the net proceeds of the evening.

The Capitol Theatre holds 360 people. Imagine! Could be another annual signature event.



SPRING FEVER DRAW PRIZES AND WINNERS

Hanging Basket donated by Yona; a Mary Talbot Photo;
Private Gardens Book

Winner: Dorothy Bishop

Cedar Planter made and donated by Robert Moss

Winner: Kathy Ewert

Sprucewood Gift Basket; Private Gardens Book

Winner: C. Waugh

Kathryn McHolm's prints, photos, & plants; Tom Groot Photo

Winner: Susan Gabany

Butterflies Hanging donated by the Little Treasure Shop; "Northumberland Hills" day lilies; \$100 Lorne Park Nursery Gift Certificate

Winner: Wayne Rusk

Viking Nursery Hanging Basket; Private Gardens book; Mary Talbot Photo

Winner: Hilda Ed

Five piece wooden patio set donated by Dieter Pung Phipps

Winner: Nancy Fields

