

## Programs Report

BFS Annual Meeting, August 3, 2013

Thus far this season, there have been three programs. There has been good publicity in local newspapers and in the Bangor Daily, as well as the local Visitors' Supplements. The bookmarks have been widely distributed to libraries, shops, and B&B's and Inns, as well as to all garden clubs in the region.

Anne Welles and Peggy Bowditch have been indispensable in making everything run smoothly for the programs, Ann for the logistics at Garland Farm, and Peggy for arranging garden visits for two of our speakers and being on hand and helping out in any way she can.

On June 3, the Clematis workshop at Garland Farm, given by Cindy and Brian Tibbetts of Hummingbird Nursery, was very successful. About 32 people attended. The Tibbetts brought a truckload of plants to sell, which was a great addition to the workshop. The comments on the program were all positive - people seemed to love the instructions for growing clematis, and the chance to buy plants from the nursery. The raffle for 3 clematis plants was also successful.

The July 8th program was held at the Neighborhood House in Northeast Harbor at 5:00 PM. Barbara Paul Robinson spoke on her experience working for the renowned gardener, Rosemary Verey, in England, which resulted in Barbara's book, "Rosemary Verey: The Life and Lessons of a Legendary Gardener." Barbara was a delightful speaker, her topic was entertaining and instructional, and her power-point presentation was wonderful. Nineteen books were sold, which Barbara signed. It was a great program; however, disappointingly, only 22 people attended.

The location and time need to be evaluated, for future planning.

Carol and Dick Haberman were gracious, and needed, helpers, as was their son. Carol provided refreshments, and the family helped in getting the technical equipment working properly. Everything was a go by the time people began arriving.

On July 22, noted photographer Lynn Karlin presented a photography workshop for which ten people signed up, and nine attended. The attendance was disappointing for the BFS, but was excellent for those who attended. Everyone loved it! Lynn gave one-on-one instruction, and even experienced photographers learned from Lynn. It was a very successful event, according to comments, with people asking if it would be offered again next year.

At today's Annual Meeting, we are looking forward to Landscape Architect CeCe Haydock's presentation on "Edith Wharton and the Villas of Rome."

Two more regular programs are scheduled: August 12, scientist and author Jill Weber speaking on "Flora of Mount Desert Island: Then and Now," and on Sept. 16, educator Wanda Garland will speak on "Native Wildflowers of Summer and Fall."

There have been some excellent suggestions for future programs.

A complete report will be given at the end of the season, with full attendance numbers and accounting.

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