



# NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS

Community Spirit in Full Bloom



## Our 2024 Season in Review

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A beautiful photo  
of Purple Phlox in  
**Bed 40W,**  
planted by Team  
**Happy  
VONderers!**

More photos of our  
stunning beds on Pages 6-8





## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS WITH COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

The Heritage Gardeners came out in impressive numbers to show our support for the incredible work happening in our community. On a beautiful day along the waterfront, the **National Communities in Bloom** judges explored our vibrant green spaces.

We are thrilled to announce that on October 28 at City Hall, North Bay celebrated receiving **5 Blooms** in recognition of our commitment to beautifying our environment. This prestigious accolade is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Heritage Gardeners, who played a major role in this achievement.

Your efforts in nurturing our gardens and fostering a love for nature have made a significant impact, enhancing both the aesthetics of our city and community pride. Congratulations to all the Heritage Gardeners! This award reflects our collective commitment to creating a greener, more beautiful North Bay, and we look forward to continuing this vital work together.

## HERITAGE RAILWAY & CAROUSEL GARDEN

The Heritage Gardeners have officially adopted the gardens at the Train and Carousel. For the past three years, a dedicated group of volunteers led by Wanda Wallace and Bonnie Capoadocia has managed these gardens, focusing on the preparation, design, and planting of annuals.

These annuals are a unique exception to our usual mandate of perennials, providing vibrant color throughout the summer and fall for carousel and train visitors. The Train and Carousel group also supports these beds financially with compost and plants.

We are **looking for a team leader to collaborate** with the current ad hoc team and help transition responsibilities. For more information, please contact Wanda Wallace, Co-Chair of the Heritage Gardeners Executive.





## UPDATE ON BED 4

### TEAM FLOWER POWER

Bed 4 sustained damage during the winter of 2024, but thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Flower Power Team, it has been beautifully renovated this past spring. Led by Team Leader Wanda Wallace, Bonnie Cappadocia played a key role in the redesign process, carefully selecting and ordering the new plants that would restore the bed's vibrant appeal.

The renovation involved not only replacing the damaged plants but also reimagining the layout to enhance the overall aesthetics and ensure seasonal blooms. The Flower Power Team's hard work and creativity have transformed Bed 4 into a stunning focal point, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining the beauty of our gardens. Their efforts not only beautify the space but also enrich the community's connection to nature.

Thank you to everyone involved for bringing this bed back to life!



### NEW SCULPTURE CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERISM

The tulip sculpture was installed in July 2024 at the corner of the boardwalk, near the Chief Commanda. This beautiful piece was sponsored by the MacKay Corporation **to honour our committed volunteers over the past 25 years.**







# INSIDE THE ORGANIZATION

## NEWS & UPDATES

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After many years of dedicated service, we bid a fond farewell to **Judy Hendry**, who is retiring from her role with us. Judy has been a cornerstone of our organization, sharing her knowledge and nurturing our beautiful beds. Whether she was tending to our gardens with meticulous care or riding from one garden to another on her trusty bike, Judy was always a source of inspiration to those around her. Her passion and commitment to the community have left a lasting mark on our organization, and she will be deeply missed by all of us. We wish her nothing but the best in this next chapter of her life and are forever grateful for her years of dedication to NBHG. **Thank you, Judy, for everything you've done—you will always have a special place in our hearts and in our gardens.**

### Save the Date

We're excited to announce that our **2025 Volunteer Appreciation Symposium** is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 13th 2025!** Stay tuned for more details!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS! ENCOURAGE FRIENDS OR WORKPLACE SOCIAL COMMITTEES TO MAKE UP A TEAM AND JOIN US. **HAVE AN HOUR? PLANT A FLOWER!**

### Introductions

Hello everyone! My name is **Kyra Bates**, and I'm excited to be joining the team as the **new Office Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator**. As the person behind this newsletter, I'm looking forward to sharing all the wonderful things happening with NBHG and keeping you updated on the latest news, events, and opportunities to get involved.

To share a bit about myself, I am new member of the community and loving it so far! I recently completed my masters at the University of Guelph, and am a lover of history. I am thrilled to be part of such a dedicated team, and I can't wait to get to know all of you better as we work together to make a positive impact in our community. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or just want to say hello, feel free to reach out—I'd love to hear from you!

**I can be reached at (705) 825-4118 or [heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com](mailto:heritage.gardeners@heritagenorthbay.com).**



# RECENT EVENTS



## SEPTEMBER NEWCOMER'S EVENT

The Newcomer's Event, sponsored by the City of North Bay, was held in September 2024, where the Heritage Gardeners proudly set up a booth to engage with the community. This successful

event raised awareness about our nonprofit organization and the volunteer opportunities available. Executive members, including Wanda Wallace, Joan Clark, and Ingrid Pedersen, were present to represent the Heritage Gardeners. Their enthusiasm and dedication helped foster connections with newcomers, highlighting the importance of our work and inviting new members to join our efforts. Joan is on the left, and Ingrid is on the right in the accompanying photo. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a success!



On **November 8th, from 1pm to 3:30pm**, we participated in the **Marina Point Senior Health Fair!** While at the fair, visitors learned about various health opportunities available in our city, connected with fellow community members, and discovered resources to enhance their well-being. Our table promoted the various benefits of gardening and encouraged those unable to volunteer with us to make the time to explore the gardens next season. We had a great afternoon and loved to see many of our past volunteers! Seen in the photo are Executive Committee members Joan Clark, Susan Foster-Fulton, and Brenda Avison, as well as new Office Administrator Kyra Bates.



**Stories from this past season  
you would like to share?**

Please email them to  
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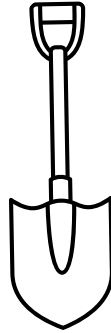
# PHOTOS IN THE GARDEN

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BEDS THIS SEASON



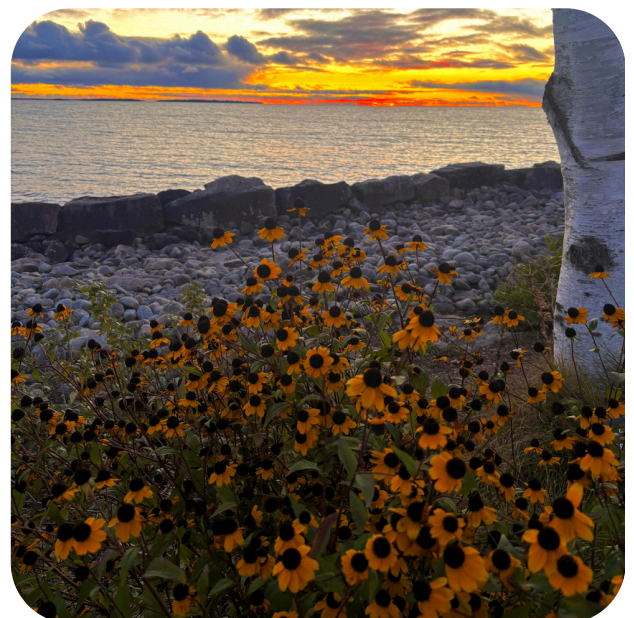
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Dirty Dozen



Bed U<sub>1</sub>/U<sub>2</sub>  
Dirty Dozen



Bed 16  
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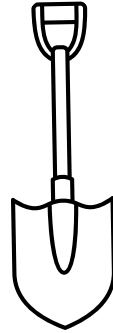
Bed 31  
Birch Island



# PHOTOS IN THE GARDEN

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MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BEDS THIS SEASON



Bed 24  
Rotary Garden



Bed 40W  
Happy VONderers



Bed  
Amelia Beach



Bed 18  
Plant Managers



# HIVE OF MEMORIES

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## A Collection of Past Gardening Moments



**Hive of Memories** is a new spot in the newsletter to celebrate the history of the North Bay Heritage Gardeners! Please enjoy these four glimpses into our past.

**Top Left** - Photo of Carol Owens and her beloved mother, Alma McCubbin, taken in 2000. Both were cherished members of our gardening community from the very beginning. Alma's passing in August leaves a profound absence, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

**Top Right** - Photo of Bed 45 in 1998, lovingly cared for by 14 dedicated women from The Church of the Latter Day Saints.

**Bottom Left** - Photo taken by Lake Nipissing of Bed 40 during a beautiful 2007 sunset.

**Bottom Right** - Photo of the amazing tulips in Bed 23 during the 2019 gardening season.