



A Garden Party/Arboretum Tour- Blomidon, NS

Gardens have long been a feature of the peaceful support that a Hospice provides so it is fitting that Dr. Bill Beveridge decided to open his gardens overlooking Blomidon and the Fundy Shore to be enjoyed by anyone who is interested in visiting, and to pair it with helping the Valley Hospice.

On July 14 he plans to host a Garden Party at his home in Blomidon from 2pm to 5pm, where there will be opportunity for the public to speak with members of the Valley Hospice team and learn more about the residential hospice soon to be built on the grounds of Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville.

There will be guided tours of the arboretum, music, refreshments and people are encouraged to pack a picnic and enjoy the stunning scenery of the area from the garden.

Dr. Beveridge wanted to host a garden party for several reasons. The house and grounds have been in his family since 1953. His grandfather planted trees and had orchards and strawberries. His parents carried on with professional landscaping, principally with Tim Amos, and later Kjeri Hjelkrem. The largest part of the garden is an arboretum with about 200 varied trees, some native, some not. Bill has maintained and added, and would like to share it with the public. His uncle, Glen Hancock had a garden party every summer which Bill enjoyed very much, as did all of his guests.

“I believe in the importance of a Hospice for our community, said Dr. Beveridge. “I think it important professionally and socially for us to know what this is about. I particularly wanted to honor a good friend, Dr. Jim Perkin who worked hard on this project before his recent passing.”

“A Garden Party” is open to interested general public of all ages. The event is being held at 1615 Pereau Road, Blomidon, NS, on July 14 from 2pm to 5pm. Rain date is July 15. Free will offering for the Valley Hospice is encouraged. www.valleyhospice.ca

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