

## ADRP Social Events

May, June & July 2023



L to R: David Lewis, Karen Woolhouse, Grace Patterson, Nancy Pitts, Patrick Ryall, Dalhousie President Dr. Kim Brooks, ADRP President Heather Schellinck, July 20, 2023.

Despite our rather soggy summer, we have been blessed with perfect weather for ADRP social events.

On July 20 we hopped on a bus supplied by Dalhousie, along with other curious Dalhousie staff and faculty, and travelled to the Agricultural Campus for Community Day.

We were greeted by our hosts and organizers, Nancy Pitts, ADRP board member, and Anne LeLacheur, both former members of the Agricultural Campus Chemistry Department. Campus Principal and Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Gray, welcomed the ADRP group. We then had a guided tour of the rock gardens that recently won the North American Best Rock Garden Award. The rock formations and flowers, such as the blooming cactus and astilbe, were beautiful. There were also Cedar Waxwings singing in the trees.



Wagons loaded with hay bales and drawn by tractors took us from Cumming Hall to the “farm” up the hill. We saw sheep, horses, Holsteins, worms making compost out of paper, and Barn Swallows. Some cows have their food intake supplemented with seaweed to see if it reduces their production of methane gas, which is being measured. I didn’t ask how.

Beside MacRae Library, there were lots of people, squeals of delight, and a huge sheet of plastic spread on the grass slope. The sheets are typically used to cover plants to protect them from frost. On this day, the plastic was covered with bubbles and the kids were having a blast sliding on it.



The gossip grapevine soon informed us that newly appointed President Dr. Kim Brooks was on campus. We found her near the champion timber choppers. ADRP President Heather Schellinck, Dr. Brooks, mascot Rocky the Ram, and other folks, posed for photos. As always, Kim was relaxed and friendly.

The day was muggy but not too hot and no rain. Most of us topped off the day with a free popsicle from the friendly security guys in MacRae Library with its glorious air conditioning. Promptly at 2:30 bus driver Dave arrived to motor us back to Halifax. Everyone boarded the bus smiling after a very pleasant day exploring the beautiful Agriculture Campus and meeting lots of friendly, helpful students and staff.

Special thanks to Nancy Pitts and Anne LeLacheur for organizing things for ADRP and so warmly hosting us. And thanks to Stewart Cameron for driving to and from the Agricultural Campus before his lunch date to take photos.

**The next event is Shakespeare by the Sea, *Romeo and Juliet*, Saturday August 19, 7:00 pm.** Join your ADRP friends at Cambridge Battery, Point Pleasant Park between 6:15 and 6:30 to socialize and enjoy ice cream and refreshments. Check <https://theADRP.ca> for details.

In May we enjoyed early morning birding with guide Dominic Cormier at the French Basin Marsh in Annapolis Royal, followed by a delightful guided stroll through the Historic Gardens. The adventure

wrapped up with a delicious late lunch and cold drinks on the deck of Junction Sixteen Kitchen & Bar in Bridgetown.

In June, for a change of pace, Pat Nearing, ADRP Board Member, gathered a group of keen retirees for **Intro to Pickle Ball** at Dalplex. It was a blast and Pat has promised to do this again in the fall, along with **lawn bowling**...stay tuned.

On September 23, 9:00 am Peter Wallace, Earth Sciences Senior Instructor (retired) will be our guide for a field trip: Interpreting Horton Bluff Rocks & Fossils. Lunch following at Lockett's Vineyard. **Registration required:** [Peter.Wallace@dal.ca](mailto:Peter.Wallace@dal.ca)

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