

BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 7, 2016

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the third year. Thank you to our Executive Committee, standing committee members and all those who contribute in so many ways to BRAGS. We have had another successful year!

Special thanks to Bev Glover for coordinating the 2016 guest speakers and for filling in for me when I was away. The variety of topics and the knowledge the speakers shared with us were most interesting.

Thanks to Anne Forsyth for coordinating the annual plant sale which we held again in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival, and to all of you who donated plants and your time to make this a successful event. The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers and community donations.

Thanks to Verna Adamson and June Dodson who left us in June, for continuing to coordinate the annual Rhodofest with the City of Burnaby. We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. We kept the format of two closing times which worked out well thanks to the excellent organizing skills of Verna and June. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. I enjoyed it very much and hope that you did too!

Special thanks to David Forsyth for his undying commitment to our website and email communications, Cheryl Fiddis, the tireless editor of our interesting and informative newsletter, Evelyn Crawford for publicity, Keith Harris for attending the BCCGC meetings, Faye Kilpatrick for taking over the refreshments, Janet Hayes who took on the welcome desk and to all of you who contributed goodies throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Treasurer, Susan Brandl, and Secretary, Linda Cholette, for doing a great job for many years, and for agreeing to continue in their positions.

Our donations to the community for 2016 were \$350 to the University Highland Community Garden at SFU to help with their environmental and gardening projects and \$200 to Burnaby Food First. We also gave \$500 to the Wildlife Rescue Association and \$500 to the BCCGC scholarship fund but these donations were budgeted in 2015.

Our thanks go to the City of Burnaby for supporting BRAGS by providing the use of the Discovery Room for our monthly meetings and for the successful partnership collaborating on the RhodoFestival.

We will soon be into active planning for the Annual RhodoFestival on May 7, 2017. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another successful Rhodofest.

Thanks again for your support. I'm looking forward to another great year with BRAGS! However, if anyone else would like to take over the presidency, I would be happy to step aside.

Respectfully Submitted
Wendy Thompson
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2015 - OCTOBER 31, 2016

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	564.00	504.00	504.00	432.00	468.00	456
RAFFLE	178.75	231.00	229.00	229.55	164.00	175
INTEREST	58.82	93.58	75.75	87.81	68.52	63.45
PLANT SALE	737.00	702.00	1234.50	818.50	577.00	520
RHODOFEST	2103.00	1331.00	1310.00	1454.00	1180.00	1000
DONATIONS	21.00	3.00	0.00	6.00	20.00	50 (Minter talk)
OTHER	25.00		0.00	92.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3687.57	2864.58	3353.25	3119.86	2477.52	2264.45
DISBURSEMENTS						
SPEAKERS	525.00	725.00	1050.00	960.00 *9 speal	710.00 ¹	1,200.00 ⁶
NEWSLETTER	167.53	218.20	212.50	114.95	239.32	200.00
OFFICE/ADMIN	165.86	45.12	128.77	159.00	270.53 ²	125.00
REFRESHMENTS	189.04	33.09	14.26	17.34	9.19	50.00
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	87.00	97.00	78.00	77.00	77.00	78.00
BCCGC Meeting	135.00	50.00	95.00	73.10	72.71	75.00
PLANT SALE	100.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00 ³	120.00
RHODOFEST	230.29	159.31	118.38	135.29	120.27	150.00
DONATIONS	2600.00	1019.96	588.40 *	350.00	1550.00 ⁴	1,000.00
SOCIAL	59.80		0.00	50.47	0.00	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00		77.96	32.89	47.43 ⁵	100.00
TOTAL	4309.52	2467.68	2483.27	2090.04	3216.45	3,198.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-621.95	396.90	869.98	1029.82	-738.93	-933.55

*Budgeted in previous year

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET OCT 31/16**

ASSETS	Oct 31/12	Oct 31/13	Oct 31/14	Oct 31/2015	Oct 31/2016	Oct 31/17 projected
CASH-Chequing	\$6,295.92	\$6,641.12	\$7,452.42	\$8,404.24	\$7,658.01	\$6,668.85
-petty cash(raffle)	\$71.75	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$123.55	20	20
GIC	\$5,000.00	\$5,087.50	\$5,156.18	\$5,236.10	\$5,296.48	\$5,352.09
LIABILITIES	\$0.00		0.00	-\$50.47		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,367.67	\$11,813.62	\$12,683.60	\$13,713.42	\$12,974.49	\$12,040.94
Change	-\$621.95	\$445.95	\$869.98	\$1,029.82	-\$738.93	

BRAGS 2016 YEAR END AND 2017 BUDGET NOTES

1. There were 6 paid speakers in 2015-2016.
2. Needed more cheques
3. Plant sale float
4. We had not donated all the monies budgeted in 2013 and 2014
5. Christmas basket and farewell gift for June Dodson
6. One-time increase to offset Brian Minter talk (falls into 2016-2017 fiscal year)