

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
BRAGS President's 2017 Year End Report
December 6, 2017

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the fourth 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 and Beth McLaren for coordinating the varied and interesting guest speakers. Keith Harris kindly provided his garden for the summer pot-luck picnic which was a lot of fun, as was the September tour to the wineries and farms organized by Beth.

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.

Thanks to Verna Adamson for continuing to coordinate the annual Rhodofest with the City of Burnaby, and to Bev Glover who stepped in to fill June Dodson's role as assistant to Verna. We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. We made a lot more this year than last, due to your efforts.

The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers, and community donations. This year we donated to the Wildlife Rescue Association, the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake and the Stoney Creek Environment Society.

Thank you 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 organizing the refreshments, Janet Hayes at 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.

We are grateful 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 we have for the Rhododendron Festival.

We will soon be into active planning for the 2018 Rhododendron Festival which will be taking place on Sunday, May 6. 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! I am willing to carry on in this role for another year, 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
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 6, 2017
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Wendy Thompson confirmed that there is a quorum for this Annual General Meeting - five members are required to be in good standing. In attendance there were 20 members and 2 guests.

2. Minutes from the December 2, 2015 Annual General Meeting

As posted on the BRAGS' website, there was no AGM held in 2016 due to inclement weather and it could not be held in January 2017 due to regulations stated in the Society Act. Wendy recommended that it was not necessary to read the December 2, 2015 AGM minutes. Motion was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. All were in favor.

3. Financial Report for the 2017 Year End – Susan Brandl

Income and expenses for 2017 = \$3,449.41. Disbursements = \$1,405.62. Revenue over expenses = \$2,043.79. Susan explained that due to cancellations of some speakers this year BRAGS has spent less money. Copies of the Financial Report were circulated and Susan pointed out that it is not necessary to vote on the Financial Report. In spring of 2018 members should plan to donate another \$1,000.00 to a worthy cause.

4. Budget for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year - Susan Brandl

Susan reported that BRAGS had 38 paid members this year. The budget was circulated with the Financial Report. Susan made the motion to accept the 2017 budget and Keith Harris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. President's Year End Report - Wendy Thompson

Wendy read the President's Report for 2017 and the report is posted on BRAGS website. The report will be appended to the Minutes with the Financial Reports.

6. Nominations/Election of Executive - Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that no nominations can be accepted from this meeting and there were no nominations submitted prior to the meeting. The existing Executive has agreed to stand for another year. She reminded members that the Executive has to be re-elected every year. The following are the current Officers/Directors of the Executive: President - Wendy Thompson; Vice President - Bev Glover; Secretary - Linda Cholette; Treasurer - Susan Brandl; Immediate Past President - Verna Adamson. Directors: Publicity - Evelyn Crawford; Rhododendron Festival - Verna Adamson & Bev Glover; Plant Sale Coordinator - vacant; Membership - Anne Forsyth; Nominations: Judy Wellington, Verna Adamson & Vacant. Non-elected positions are: Welcome & door prizes - Janet Hayes; Speakers - Beth McLaren; Website - David Forsyth; Refreshments - Faye Kilpatrick; Newsletter - Cheryl Fiddis and BC Council of Garden Clubs representative - Keith Harris.

Motion was made to adopt the nominated Executive for 2018. Therese Pope moved the motion and Faye Kilpatrick seconded. All were in favor.

7. New/Other Business - Wendy Thompson

a) Susan Brandl, Treasurer, reported that it would be good accounting practice for someone new to become Treasurer. We also need someone to fill the position of Plant Sale Coordinator.

b) Wendy suggested that members read the December newsletter as it has a very interesting article and photos of Monet's garden in France.

c) Wendy stated that at January's meeting Evelyn Crawford will be bringing calendars from the Dahlia Society to sell.

d) The next regular meeting January 3, 2018 will feature "Idebana" Japanese Flower Arranging with Mayumi Ichino.

e) The next Annual General Meeting will be held on December 5, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm and refreshments followed.

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET OCT 31/17
AMENDED

ASSETS	Oct 31/14	Oct 31/2015	Oct 31/2016	Oct 31/17	Oct-18 projected
CASH-Chequing	\$7,452.42	\$8,404.24	\$7,658.01	\$9,683.90	7448
-petty cash(raffle)	\$75.00	\$123.55	20	\$20.00	20
GIC	\$5,156.18	\$5,236.10	\$5,296.48	\$5,352.09	5405
LIABILITIES	0.00	-\$50.47		-37.71	12873
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,683.60	\$13,713.42	\$12,974.49	\$15,018.28	\$12,835.28
Change	\$869.98	\$1,029.82	-\$738.93	\$2,043.79	-\$2,183.00

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
 YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2016 - OCTOBER 31, 2017
AMENDED

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	504.00	432.00	468.00	471.00	456
RAFFLE	229.00	229.55	164.00	140.00	150
INTEREST	75.75	87.81	68.52	64.46	63
PLANT SALE	1234.50	818.50	577.00	989.70	600
RHODOFEST	1310.00	1454.00	1180.00	1729.75	1000
DONATIONS	0.00	6.00	20.00	54.50	0
OTHER	0.00	92.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	3353.25	3119.86	2477.52	3449.41	2269.00

† plus 1 in Oct '14
to total 37 paid members

DISBURSEMENTS

SPEAKERS	1050.00	960.00 *9 speal	710.00	895.00 *6speakers	1,050.00
NEWSLETTER	212.50	114.95	239.32	107.76	200.00
OFFICE/ADMIN	128.77	159.00	270.53	154.18	150.00
REFRESHMENTS	14.26	17.34	9.19	0.00	50.00
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	78.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00
BCCGC Meeting	95.00	73.10	72.71	57.71	75.00
PLANT SALE	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
RHODOFEST	118.38	135.29	120.27	113.97	150.00
DONATIONS	588.40 *	350.00	1550.00	0.00	2,500.00
SOCIAL	0.00	50.47	0.00	0.00	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	77.96	32.89	47.43	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	2483.27	2090.04	3216.45	1405.62	4,452.00

* includes the
\$1500 dona
Nov 2017

REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	869.98	1029.82	-738.93	2043.79	-2183.00
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*Budgeted in previous year