

## **BRAGS President's Year End Report, November 18, 2020**

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the seventh year, but due to Covid 19, I haven't done much. Our January meeting was cancelled due to scheduling issues with the City. In lieu of a meeting, Beth organized an outing to the lighting display at Lafarge Lake which was enjoyed by several members. We only had two monthly meetings in 2020 before everything was shut down. Unfortunately, Burnaby Blooms did not happen this year.

We were hoping to reconvene in September, however, due to restrictions in place during Covid 19, it was not possible to meet at the Burnaby Village Museum. Due to these circumstances, we decided to have a virtual AGM, and to have it in November, a bit earlier than usual, but after our fiscal year end of October 31, 2020.

We gave away \$1000, \$500 to the Wildlife Rescue Association and \$500 to the BCCGC Scholarship Fund..

As BRAGS members were very busy in their gardens this year, we decided to share our photos with members who were interested. This proved to be very popular and some beautiful photos and videos were shared. David Forsyth saved them all to a website called [david.smugmug.com](http://david.smugmug.com). Thank you to all of you who contributed to BRAGS virtually, and to David for saving them in the cloud!

Thank you to everyone who contributed early in the year: Beth for finding speakers, Faye for providing refreshments, Judy for welcoming members and guests, Cheryl for writing the newsletters, Evelyn for advertising, Ann for managing the membership and David for communications and website administration, which is ongoing. Thanks also to everyone who brought goodies and items for the draw.

The Executive deserve a very big thank you for continuing to do their jobs, year after year.

We do not know yet what 2021 will bring for BRAGS. It will all depend on Covid 19 and whether a vaccine becomes available. I truly hope that we will be able to get back together again before too long.

Respectfully Submitted  
Wendy Thompson  
President

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY  
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2019 - OCTOBER 31, 2020**

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>
MEMBERSHIP	468.00	471	480	408.00	420	0
RAFFLE	164.00	140	225.35	168.50	30	0
INTEREST	68.52	64.46	65.38	117.39	97.42	62
PLANT SALE	577.00	989.7	509	487.10	0	0
RHODOFEST	1180.00	1729.75	1422.5	1592.00	0	0
DONATIONS	20.00	54.5	0	0.00	0	0
OTHER	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,477.52</b>	<b>3,449.41</b>	<b>2,702.23</b>	<b>2,772.99</b>	<b>547.42</b>	<b>62.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

SPEAKERS	710.00	895	850	1025.00	425	150.00
NEWSLETTER	239.32	107.76	123.15	261.33	0	0.00
OFFICE/ADMIN	270.53	154.18	134	133.41	133.41	150.00
REFRESHMENTS	9.19	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	77.00	77	77	93.61	94.72	95.00
BCCGC Meeting	72.71	57.71	80	92.30	0	0.00
PLANT SALE	120.00	0	7.84	0.00		0.00
RHODOFEST	120.27	113.97	114.09	112.99	0	0.00
DONATIONS	1550.00	0	2000	0.00	1000	0.00
SOCIAL	0.00	0	0	33.53	0	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	47.43	0	50	550.55	0	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,216.45</b>	<b>1,405.62</b>	<b>3,436.08</b>	<b>2,125.35</b>	<b>1,653.13</b>	<b>495.00</b>

<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>-738.93</b>	<b>2043.79</b>	<b>-733.85</b>	<b>647.64</b>	<b>-1,105.71</b>	<b>-433.00</b>
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<b>ASSETS</b>	Oct 31/2016	Oct 31/17	Oct 31/18	Oct 31/19	Oct 31/20	Oct-21 projected
CASH-Chequing	\$7,658.01	\$9,683.90	8856.14	9395.61	8325.57	7893
-petty cash(raffle)	20	\$20.00	20	20	20	20
GIC	\$5,296.48	\$5,352.09	5408.29	5516.46	5607.73	5664

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		-37.71	0	0	-126.94 *	0	*Cheques c
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$12,974.49</b>	<b>\$15,018.28</b>	<b>\$14,284.43</b>	<b>\$14,932.07</b>	<b>\$13,826.36</b>	<b>\$13,393.36</b>
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Change	-\$738.93	\$2,043.79	-\$733.85	\$647.64	-\$1,105.71	-\$433.00
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**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – November 18, 2020**

via Zoom at

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84412068169?pwd=Rm9MWG04d3dXN2QvOFJkNjd5OFh2QT09>

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:08 pm.

**2. Confirmation of Quorum**

Nine members were in attendance on the Zoom meeting. One listened in but was unable to participate and one joined the meeting near the end. A quorum of at least five members in good standing was confirmed.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

Verna Adamson moved and Beth MacLaren seconded that the agenda be accepted. All were in favour.

**4. Minutes from December 4, 2019 Annual General Meeting**

The Acting Secretary, Wendy Thompson, referred to the minutes from the December 4, 2019 AGM that have been posted online since the last AGM. Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Verna Adamson and seconded by Beth MacLaren. All were in favor.

**5. Financial Report for the October 31, 2020, Year End**

Treasurer, Susan Brandl, presented the financial report which was emailed to members prior to the meeting, and shown at the online meeting. It will be posted on the website, with the minutes. Following discussion, a motion to accept the report was made by Bev Glover and seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor.

**6. Budget for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year** – Susan presented the proposed 2021 budget for BRAGS which was emailed to the members as part of the financial report. It assumed that membership fees would be waived for 2021. A motion to accept the budget was made by Bev Glover and seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor.

**7. President's 2020 Year End Report**

Wendy Thompson read most of her report, and said that her complete report would be posted on the BRAGS website with the Minutes and financial reports.

**8. Nominations**

No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive:

President – Wendy Thompson  
Vice President – Bev Glover  
Secretary -- Linda Cholette  
Treasurer – Susan Brandl

Directors are:

Publicity – Evelyn Crawford  
Rhododendron Festival – Verna Adamson & Bev Glover  
Plant Sale Coordinator – Linda Cholette  
Membership – Anne Forsyth.

Non-elected positions are:

Welcome & Door prizes – Judy Wellington  
Speakers – Beth MacLaren  
Website & Communications – David Forsyth  
Refreshment Coordinator – Faye Kilpatrick  
Newsletter -- Cheryl Fiddis  
BC Garden Club Representatives - Vacant

A motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2021 year was made by Beth MacLaren; Therese Pope seconded. All were in favor.

A motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2021 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor.

**9. Other Business**

- a) Monthly meetings are still not possible due to Covid 19 restrictions; the next AGM is to be determined at a later date.
- b) Burnaby Blooms -- Wendy read an email from Lois Dawson, Special Events Coordinator, City of Burnaby, regarding the Burnaby Blooms festival. Lois stated that a full-scale Burnaby Blooms event will not take place in 2021. However, they are looking for ways to do some small events that also celebrate spring, and /or create some virtual experiences. Lois will be in touch as soon as something has been decided.

**10. Adjournment**

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:35 pm