

2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

All Months Comined

Includes:

February

March

April

May

June

September

October

November

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
ZOOM Meeting February 2, 2022

Verna Adamson

Verna reported that Burnaby Blooms will take place Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10:00 to 4:00. There will be no Silent Auction. We can have our annual Plant Sale in Room 103 and the Spring Bouquet Competition outside. There will be reduced capacity. Cheryl Fiddis offered to be a cashier again. Dale Fitzpatrick and Therese Pope offered to donate plants. Linda Cholette will also donate plants. Verna will continue promoting this annual event and will email all BRAGS members.

Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that the City has approved BRAGS having their indoor meetings and can commence again in April. She will confirm if we can bring refreshments.

Beth MacLaren

All BRAGS members in attendance thanked Beth for organizing the upcoming speakers. The speaker for March is confirmed, however, April's speaker is not confirmed yet.

BRIAN MINTER'S ZOOM PRESENTATION: "New Climate Changes, New Garden Audience and New Plants to Inspire"

There were 43 participants: 10 from the Dahlia Club; some from South Burnaby Garden Club; some from the Shade Garden Society and some from VanDusen Garden's volunteers. Thank you to Evelyn Crawford for soliciting participants and thank you to the Shade Garden Society for their contribution of \$50.00 towards Brian Minter's fee.

Beth MacLaren and Susan Brandl will be monitoring the "chat" line and Cheryl Fiddis will introduce Brian.

SOME BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PRESENTATION

- March 8, 2022 is International Women's Day
- Regenerative Gardening (composting, tilling, health of the soil)
- Mushrooms – plant power and its benefits
- Plants to inspire: yellow meconia (hummingbirds love); purple buddlia; evergreen daphne (scented); pillar Rose of Sharon; everlasting hydrangea; peegee hydrangea; wintergreen (Wintersplash); new English Lavenders; echinacea (Sombrero); hellebores (Jacob); coreopsis (Sylvester). Containers – canna lilies; coleus explosion (sun or shade); sweet potato vine (harvest in Sept/Oct); Bay trees; raspberries (Everbearing); Calamint (fluffy, compact, perennial).

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 2, 2022
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Adoption of February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Beth McLaren. All were in favor. The meeting minutes will be posted on the BRAGS website by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) In-person meetings – Crystal at the Burnaby Village Museum called to ask if BRAGS would be having an in-person meeting on April 6, 2022. Most of the members on the Zoom call were ready to meet in person and Wendy will call the other members before responding to Crystal. She will also ask her if we can bring refreshments.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan reported that there is \$6800 in the bank account and almost \$6000 in a GIC. The only outstanding expense is the insurance for 2022/2023.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

None

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Burnaby Blooms** – No new details

b) **Plant Sale** – Verna reported that BRAGS will have six tables for the plant sale. Wendy, Beth and Verna will organize the plant sale as Linda will be away. Verna will ask Linda for the supplies. Members are asked to clean their pots and label their plants with the type of plant and the colour of the flowers.

c) **Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth**

Wendy reported that there were 11 members in attendance via Zoom

d) **Memberships - Anne Forsyth**

Membership fees were not discussed.

e) **Speakers/Program - Beth McLaren**

Beth is looking for speakers for the upcoming meetings.

7. New/Other Business

a) **Insurance for activities** –Wendy will follow up with Lorna at BCCGC about obtaining insurance

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm and was followed by Pamela Danelmaier and Elke Wehinger of Botanus who spoke about “How to Attract Bees to our Garden with Bee-Friendly Plants”.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 6, 2022
Burnaby Village Museum – Discovery Room

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Adoption of March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

As the minutes have not been posted on the website, no one has seen them, therefore adoption will have to wait until they have been posted.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) Insurance has been obtained through the BCCGC but only for ten months, ending December 31, 2022.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan reported that there is approximately \$6700 in the bank account and almost \$6000 in a GIC

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson BCCGC regarding their AGM on April 9, 2022. Request to submit info about our plant sale for Brian's upcoming article in the newspaper. Verna will provide the information.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms – No new details
The festival will be held for one day only, Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

b) Plant Sale – Verna reported that we will be able to set up our plants on the Friday prior to Burnaby Blooms but we don't have a time yet. Verna put out a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

c) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington
Judy reported that there were 15 members in attendance in person. We welcomed new members Barbara and Jim who brought several gardening books for the giveaway table.

d) Memberships – Wendy Thompson
Anne Forsyth, who manages the membership, will not be attending meetings in person for the next number of months. After discussion, all were in favour of deferring the dues for another year. Members wanting a new card can request it from Anne and she will mail it out to them.

John Crawford said that the nurseries would probably accept the old cards, given the circumstances.

e) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren
Beth has been working hard to find us speakers for the upcoming meetings. Thank you Beth!

Here is the lineup until the end of the year:
May 4 - In-person - Earthwise Society, Matt Johnson -\$125 - Earthwise Society's ecological demonstration garden, organic farm, and community programs
June 1 - In-person - Dianne Gaines - \$150 - What's new in summer flowering bulbs & perennials
July & August - no meetings
September 7 - in-person or Zoom - Members' photos
October 5 - in-person - Jennifer Zuk - \$100 - Talk/demo w/dahlias
November 2 - Conway Lum - \$125, will bring item for raffle,
Topic - Bird feeders for winter birds
December 7 - Christmas Party

7. New/Other Business

a) BCCGC's AGM -- The AGM will be held via Zoom on April 9, 2022, from 9:00 am to noon. Participants have an opportunity to win A \$50 Lee Valley gift certificate for their club. Susan Brandl offered to attend as the delegate from BRAGS. Thank you Susan!

b) Year of the Garden -- Dale Fitzpatrick mentioned that for 2022 the Year of the Garden has designated red as the colour to remember those who died during Covid.

c) Compost – Go Green is no longer available. Wendy will ask Bev if she has found a replacement.

8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm and was followed by a social

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 4, 2022
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February, March and April Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have not been posted yet on the BRAGS' website and will be approved at the June meeting.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) B.C. Council of Garden Clubs Annual General Meeting – Susan Brandl

Susan attended this recent meeting via zoom. The scholarship recipient gave a talk and they discussed some “housekeeping” business.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for April 1 to April 30, 2022.

There was no speaker for April 2022. Total revenue = \$6,727.41; expenses = \$34.49; revenue over expenses = -\$34.49. Bank balance as of April 30 = \$6,692.92.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms - May 7, 2022 (10:00 - 4:00) - Verna Adamson

- Verna reported that BRAGS will be setting up in Room 103 on Friday, May 7 from 2:00 to 3:00. Please bring the following items if you have any: plastic grocery bags, cardboard flats and small boxes.

- Reminder to volunteers on May 7th to bring a lunch, beverage and wear your BRAGS t-shirt. Verna will bring the aprons. Susan Brandl and Cheryl Fiddis will be looking after the cash. The Shade Garden will be inside nearby in the same room.

- Verna will prepare signs to acknowledge the four donors of plants.

b) Welcome/Attendance

Linda Cholette recorded that there were 12 members and 1 visitor (the speaker) in attendance.

c) Memberships

As Anne Forsyth was not present at this meeting Wendy reported that membership fees (\$12.00) should not be charged yet.

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

June 1 – Dianne Gaines, “What’s New in Summer Flowering Bulbs & Perennials”

September 1 – in person, or Zoom meeting - BRAGS members’ garden photos

October 5 – Jennifer Zuk, “Dahlias” talk and demonstration

November 2 – Conway Lum, “Bird Feeders for Winter Birds”

December 7 – Christmas Party and AGM

7. New/Other Business

- Hop On Farms on Marine Drive is having a hanging basket sale May 5 to 8th. They are closing permanently.

- John Crawford reported that the Greek Orthodox Church on Boundary Road is currently selling plants at great prices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Matt Johnson from Earthwise Society presented on Earthwise Society’s ecological demonstration garden, their organic farm and community programs.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 1, 2022
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Adoption of February, March and April Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have now been posted on the BRAGS' website. It was moved by Verna Adamson and seconded by Faye Kilpatrick that the minutes be adopted as posted on the website.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for May 1 to May 31, 2022.

Raffle and plant sale revenue = \$1,028.80; expenses = \$192.18; revenue over expenses = -\$7,529.54.

Bank balance as of May 31 = \$7,529.24.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

WildLife Rescue pamphlets.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms - May 7, 2022 (10:00 - 4:00) - Verna Adamson

Verna thanked all the volunteers that helped out and those who donated plants. She sent out letters to acknowledge the four donors of plants. Verna also answered the questionnaire from the City of Burnaby and responded that we will participate next year.

b) Welcome/Attendance

Judy Wellington reported that there were 11 members and 2 guests in attendance.

c) Memberships

Wendy reported that membership fees (\$12.00) will not be charged until September. If you need a membership card you can contact Anne Forsyth.

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

July and August – no speakers

September 1 – in person, or Zoom meeting - BRAGS members' garden photos

October 5 – Jennifer Zuk, "Dahlias" talk and demonstration

November 2 – Conway Lum, "Bird Feeders for Winter Birds"

December 7 – Christmas Party and AGM

7. New/Other Business

- On June 15 at 7:30 at the VanDusen Gardens the Dahlia Society's speaker will be Julia Common and her topic will be "Hives for Humanity".

- Verna suggested having a speaker on the Japanese beetle for November's meeting. Beth will contact Conway Lum.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Dianne Gaines, from Van Noort Bulb Company, presented on "What's New in Summer Flowering Bulbs and Perennials". She also sold packages of the company's bulbs at great prices!

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – September 7, 2022
Via Zoom

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:02 pm by Wendy Thompson.

2. Adoption June 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Verna Adamson and seconded by David Forsyth that the minutes be adopted as posted on the website. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for August 31, 2022.

The speakers have been paid and we took in \$22 from the draw

Bank balance as of August 31 was \$7,526; GIC of \$5700

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

See New Business

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms – Verna had nothing to report

b) Welcome/Attendance – Ten members were present via Zoom.

c) Memberships

Ann asked that we wait until January 2023 to collect membership fees. If you need a membership card please contact Anne Forsyth.

d) Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren

October 5 – Jennifer Zuk, “Dahlias” talk and demo; no tubers as they won’t be available until spring

November 2 – Conway Lum, “Bird Feeders for Winter Birds” and Japanese Beetle

December 7 – Christmas Party and AGM

7. New/Other Business

a) BCCGC general meeting will be held on October 1, 2022, 10am to 3pm at the Bonsor Recreation Complex. Beth may be able to attend.

b) South Burnaby Fall Fair will be on September 10-11 at Bonsor; no charge

c) Burnaby Volunteer Dinner November 18, 2022, at Riverway Clubhouse. Verna and Wendy will attend.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm, followed by a selection of members’ garden photos moderated by David Forsyth. Members were able to talk about their photos and ask questions.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 5, 2022
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Adoption of September 7th Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved that the Minutes be accepted as posted and Keith Harris seconded them. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) **BCCGC general meeting** was held on October 1, 2022 at the Bonsor Recreation Complex from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Beth attended and she reported that there was a quorum. They had a floral/art display and Jennifer Zuk was the judge. 2023 is their 80th anniversary. A student speaker Deacon Davis presented on the Long Grass Movement.

b) **South Burnaby Fall Fair** was held on September 10-11 at Bonsor Recreation Complex. Evelyn Crawford, Susan Brandl, Rosemarie Daviduk and Cheryl Fiddis attended.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

September expenses were \$68.00 for registration and door prize donation for the BC Council of Garden Clubs fall meeting; no income. Chequing account: \$7,526.24 and GICs \$5,714.78.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Burnaby Blooms - May 7, 2022 (10:00 - 4:00) - Verna Adamson**

Next year the festival will be held on May 13 and 14 and the City of Burnaby has requested BRAGS' participation for the two days and have the plant sale for two days. The City has many volunteers to assist us. Members suggested that South Burnaby could participate for one day, or have the Silent Auction one day and the plant sale one day.

b) **Welcome/Attendance**

Judy Wellington reported that there were 15 members and 1 new member Melinda Aitken in attendance.

c) **Memberships**

Wendy reported that membership fees (\$12.00) continue to be "on hold".

d) **Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren**

November 2 – Conway Lum, "Bird Feeders for Winter Birds" and "how to keep rats out of feeders".

December 7 – Christmas Party and AGM

7. New/Other Business

a) **Burnaby Volunteer Dinner November 18th at Riverway Clubhouse**

The City has requested one, or two good quality high resolution digital photographs representing BRAGS as soon as possible, or no later than October 17th. Email them to: prks@burnaby.ca Verna offered a couple and she will email them to Wendy before October 17.

b) **Donation request for \$250 for New Vista Care Home (Verna)**

Verna reported that the Care Home located at Edmonds needs more plants to beautify their patios. They have a budget of \$20,000. Verna is requesting a \$250 donation from BRAGS. Therese Pope moved to accept the request and Faye Kilpatrick seconded. All were in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Jennifer Zuk presented on "Dahlias".

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 2, 2022
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Adoption of October 5th Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Faye Kilpatrick moved the Minutes be accepted as posted and Judy Wellington seconded the motion. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.
Chequing account: \$6,855.00 and GICs \$5,700.00

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Wendy received a thank you email from the New Vista Care Home for BRAGS' donation of \$250.00. They were very appreciative of our donation.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Burnaby Blooms - Wendy Thompson

Next year the festival will be held on May 13 and 14. Wendy received an email from Lynda Pasacreta of the BC Council of Garden Clubs seeking garden clubs to offer plant sales at the festival.

b) Welcome/Attendance

Judy Wellington reported that there were 16 members and 1 guest in attendance.

c) Memberships

Wendy reported that membership fees (\$12.00) can start to be paid in January 2023.

d) Speakers/Program – Wendy Thompson

December 7 – Christmas Party and AGM

January and February – no assigned speakers yet

7. New/Other Business

Nil.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and Conway Lum spoke about feeding winter birds and how to keep rodents out of feeders. He also provided information about the Japanese Beetle.