

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).