

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 3, 2023
At the Burnaby Village Museum, Discovery Room

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

2. Adoption of April 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. John Crawford moved adoption of the Minutes and Beth MacLaren 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.

Current balance: \$6,348.80 in the chequing account and GICs \$5,700.00.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

The Great Salmon Send Off is asking for volunteers, however, this year it is the same day as Burnaby Blooms, therefore we are unable to help.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington

There were 14 participants in attendance and 0 guests.

b) Memberships – Susan Brandl

Susan reported that there are currently 33 paid members.

c) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

Theresa Krause, President of the Fraser Pacific Rose Society will be BRAGS June speaker. She will give a presentation on the types of roses and how/when to prune them. The Fraser Pacific Rose Society has their Annual Rose Show, "Carnival of Roses" on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25th. Also, the Vancouver Rose Society is having their Annual Rose Show on Sunday, June 18th at the VanDusen Gardens. The South Delta Garden Tour is on June 25 and tickets (\$30 in advance) go on sale May 10. Phoenix Nursery is the closest place to purchase tickets. There has been no response so far to the email that David sent out. Beth is looking for speakers for the October and November meetings.

d) Burnaby Blooms (May 13 and 14 from 11:00 to 4:00) - Verna Adamson

Verna reported that on Friday, May 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 members can load in their plant donations. John Crawford and Verna have some hand trucks for use. Members need to access through the north parking lot and go to Room 103. BRAGS has 7 tables to set up. At the present time Susan Brandl will be the only cashier. If there are extra volunteers have one positioned at the front door as a "greeter". Possibly Keith Harris? Verna will get some BRAGS brochures from David Forsyth to distribute. Members need to bring: cardboard flats, lunch and wear their Rhodofest t-shirt.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing

a) John Crawford stated that the Greek Orthodox Church on Boundary Road now has their plant wholesale sellers open for business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Chris Jennings from the Vancouver Shade Garden Society presented on Hydrangeas.