

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – January 4, 2023**  
**Via Zoom**

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

**2. Adoption of November 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved the Minutes be accepted as posted and David Forsyth seconded the motion. All were in favour.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes** – Wendy Thompson

None

**4. Treasurer's Report** – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

A total of \$146 was spent on the Annual Filing to the Ministry of Finance, and the fee to the BC Council of Garden Clubs for membership and insurance for 2023.

GICs total \$5,700.00

**5. Correspondence** -- Wendy Thompson

None

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Burnaby Blooms** -- Verna Adamson

Nothing new to report

**b) Welcome/Attendance**

There were 13 members in attendance via Zoom.

**c) Memberships**

It was decided at the AGM in December that Verna would collect the \$12 fees in exact cash or cheque and give them to Susan. She will send the names to Anne who will issue the membership cards.

**d) Speakers/Program** – Wendy Thompson

**February** – Andre Erasmus will do a flower arranging demo

**March** – Earthwise will provide a speaker to talk about therapeutic gardens.

**7. New/Other Business**

Nil.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. Chris Jennings of the Shade Garden Society was scheduled to speak about shade garden plants, concentrating on the Bleeding Hearts, Corydalis and Pulmonaria families, however, due to technical difficulties, he was unable to give his presentation. He will do so at a later date at an in-person meeting.

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 1, 2023**  
**Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Cheryl Fiddis moved the Minutes and Faye Kilpatrick seconded them. All were in favour.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes –**

Wendy Thompson

Refer to Memberships item below.

**4. Treasurer's Report** – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report. Membership fees = \$84.00 as of January 31; paid our annual Ministry of Finance Society fee and BC Council of Garden Clubs dues and insurance. Chequing account: \$6,714.56 and GICs \$5,714.78.

**5. Correspondence** – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance**

Judy Wellington reported that there were 22 members and 3 guests in attendance.

**b) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

The festival will be held on May 13 and 14. There is a satellite meeting organized at SFU for May 27<sup>th</sup>. The City of Burnaby has invited the Burnaby Farmers Market vendors to participate in the festival. They will attend on Saturday – plus another 30 vendors. There will be an Eco artist and the theme is fairy tales. A Strawberry Tea is not confirmed. Room 103 is reserved for BRAGS on the Saturday only. Preloading is scheduled for approximately 8:00 a.m. on the Saturday. Verna asked members for their decision as to holding the Plant Sale and the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction requires a lot more work and setup would be difficult if only allowed on the morning of the event. Decided to go with plant sale only. Verna will contact the vendors that have donated plants in the past to find out if they would be ok with us putting their donation into the plant sale. The City is looking for speakers for workshops; if BRAGS contributes a speaker it could be an opportunity to promote the club.

**c) Memberships** – Susan Brandl and Wendy Thompson

Wendy reported that membership fees remain at \$12.00 and can now be processed via electronic deposit. (e-transfer) A notice was posted in the February BRAGS newsletter. Members agreed that BRAGS has not advertised for new members for a long time so Evelyn Crawford will contact the Burnaby Beacon and the Burnaby Now to find out about placing a notice in their publications.

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

March 1 – Katie McGillivray from Earthwise will present on “Sensory Gardens”

April 5 – Winston Wong from BC Bee Supply will present on “Mason Bees in your Garden”

May 3 – Chris Jennings from the Vancouver Shade Garden Society will present on a shade plant, to be determined at a later date.

**7. New/Other Business**

Byrne Creek Community School Garden Club has requested a donation of plants, seeds, bulbs, soil, or dollars to help them to maintain and build on their gardening in the school grounds over the past 2 years. They are also asking garden companies and nurseries. Therese Pope made a motion for BRAGS to donate \$100.00. Linda Cholette seconded; all were in favour. Susan will contact the school about where to send the donation.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:23 pm. Refreshments were served after which Andre Erasmus gave a very entertaining and informational demonstration of floral design.

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 1, 2023**  
**HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING**

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:11 pm.

**2. Adoption of February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Verna Adamson moved that the minutes for February 1, 2023, be accepted as posted on the BRAGS website and Janice Bobic seconded the motion. All were in favour.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson and Susan Brandl**

a) Donation to Byrne Creek Community School – a cheque in the amount of \$100.00 was mailed to the school.

**4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl**

Susan provided the following financial report.

Zoom membership fees = \$78.40; donation - \$100.00. Current balance: \$6,623.72 and GICs \$5,700.00.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

Nil.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance**

There were 14 participants in attendance and 1 guest.

**b) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

The festival will be held on May 13 and 14. Verna will contact the donors. The City of Burnaby has requested that BRAGS sponsor a speaker. This suggestion was not supported by Verna and members. No further update. Wendy Thompson and Cheryl Fiddis will be unable to attend this year.

**c) Memberships – Susan Brandl and Wendy Thompson**

Wendy reported that membership fees remain at \$12.00 and can now be processed via electronic deposit.

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

**April 5** – Winston Wong from BC Bee Supply will present on “Mason Bees in your Garden”

**May 3** – Chris Jennings from the Vancouver Shade Garden Society will present on a shade plant, (possibly hydrangeas?) to be determined at a later date.

**7. New/Other Business**

**a) Donation of framed photo of Don & Dorothy Wrigley to the Carousel at the Burnaby Village Museum – Wendy Thompson**

Wendy reported that she has had no success contacting the Burnaby Village Museum regarding the hanging of a photo of the Wrigley's at the Carousel. This is in lieu of sending flowers to the Wrigley family when Dorothy died recently. The Wrigley's were long-time members of BRAGS and founding members of the volunteer group that reconditioned the Carousel, and later donated it to the City. Wendy has a photo of the Wrigleys, and she will contact a City Counsellor to discuss this suggestion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm. Katie McGillivray, from Earthwise, presented via Zoom on “Sensory Gardens”.