

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 1, 2023
At the Burnaby Village Museum, Discovery Room

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Due to Wendy Thompson's absence Verna Adamson chaired the meeting.

2. Adoption of October 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Verna Adamson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Faye Kilpatrick adopted the Minutes and John Crawford seconded them. All were in favour. Additional item was added to the Agenda – notice of the AGM on December 6th.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Verna Adamson

- a) March 2024 meeting venue: Shadbolt Studio 104 has been booked and the cost is reasonable - \$42.53.
- b) Zoom membership for 2024, decision. This item remains undecided. The cost for BRAGS is half - \$80.00. Table this item to January's meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

Current balance: \$7,257.00 in the chequing account (\$78.00 from the raffle) and GICs remain the same.

5. Correspondence - Verna Adamson - Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington

There were 12 participants in attendance and 0 guests.

b) Memberships – Susan Brandl - Nil.

c) Speakers/Program – Beth MacLaren

January 3 on Zoom – Plant Propagation by Cuttings – Maria Valana.

d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson - No current information available.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing

a) BCCGC Fall Meeting update – Beth MacLaren

Beth attended the meeting as BRAGS' rep. Meredith Wilson, a recent Scholarship Fund recipient, was the best speaker. She did her presentation on bogs and she had created an illustrated story book on Bogs, which she is hoping to get published. There was a judged floral arts display. Richard Hebda, President of the Iris Society, gave a presentation showing historical and modern irises. Speaker Ian Lai presented on Ecuador – Land in Transition. A personal journey for him. The following vendors attended: Phoenix Perennials, Fraser Valley Rose Farm, Growers Delight, The Kelpman and My Father's Garden (Janice Bobic).

b) BRAGS Volunteer request from CSA for Thursday, March 14, 2024 – Beth MacLaren

The Confederation Senior Centre Association (CSA) need a speaker on Thursday, March 14, 2024 for their Lifestyle Lecture series from 10am to 11:30pm. They would like a presentation on gardening, which could be house plants and/or plants for the balcony, or patio. Please contact Beth for more information.

c) BRAGS AGM – Verna Adamson

This meeting will be held December 6th. Verna will request David Forsyth to send out a notice to all members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm. After the break, Tasha Murray, Executive Director of the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, will talk about invasive plant species as well as stinkbugs & Japanese Beetles.