

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 1, 2024**  
**At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

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

**2. Adoption of April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson**

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Keith Harris moved that the minutes be adopted and Faye Kilpatrick 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: \$2,961.00 in the chequing account (\$72.00 was received for memberships) Two GICs remain the same.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**  
Nil.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington**  
There were 17 members in attendance and 0 guests.

**b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth**  
There are 37 BRAGS members – 25 have paid their dues.

**c) Speakers Program/Tours – Beth MacLaren**  
Beth reported that in June, Ana Dushyna (Ana Apothecary) will present on "Medicinal Berries" and she will be serving herbal teas. At September's meeting members show photos of their gardens and in October, Jay Akerley will speak on, "Crevice Gardens for Small Places" on Zoom. Beth posted a sign-up sheet for possible tours in June, or July for Fraser Valley Rose Farm in De-roche, east of Mission. Another potential tour is Sekhon & Sons Nursery in Pitt Meadows.

**d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**  
Saturday, May 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 is set up time. Sunday, May 5 from 11:00 to 4:00 BRAGS will attend. Verna reported that many of the previous nurseries/donors will be providing donations again. Load into the main entrance and bring

carts/dollies through there. Also needed are: boxes, bags, flats, wagons and carts. BRAGS has eight tables and eight chairs in Room 103. Reminders: John Crawford will go to Select Roses and Wendy and Beth will pick up the donated plants from the designated nurseries along Marine Drive. Don't forget to bring a lunch and wear your BRAGS t-shirt. Verna circulated a sign-up sheet during this meeting for volunteers for the festival.

**7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson**

**a) B.C. Council of Garden Clubs – Beth** attended the AGM on Saturday, April 6. As usual there was a presentation from a recent recipient of the Scholarship Fund, followed after lunch by the main speaker. At every meeting there is a focus on Floral Arts and a display of Floral Art entries, which are judged under certain categories and themes, and awarded ribbons. There were also vendors' tables with an opportunity to shop and the amazing draw table with an opportunity to win a prize.

**b) Blue Herons- Joan Conklin**

Joan informed members that at the present time there are 58 blue heron nests across from the Burnaby City Hall near Deer Lake. Nearby neighbours of Burnaby are very upset that the daycare being built close by will disturb the nesting birds. At Burnaby Blooms there will be a petition available to sign.

After refreshments, Jason Crouch from Fraser Valley Rose Farm presented on "Garden Facts Folklore" and he had several plants to sell. Jason also donated a rose for our sale table at Burnaby Blooms.