

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 6, 2023**  
**Studio #104, The Shadbolt Centre**

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:10 pm. The meeting was held in the Shadbolt Centre as the usual venue was not available.

**2. Adoption of February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

These Minutes were posted on the BRAGS' website. Cheryl Fiddis moved and Verna Adamson seconded that the minutes be approved as posted. All were in favour.

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

a) nil

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

Susan provided the following financial report: Revenue for February was \$120 (membership) and expenses were \$221.25 (Zoom and speaker fee)

A donation of \$500 was made to Wildlife Rescue.

Balance in chequing account at Feb 29 was \$3130.38; the two GICs total \$8869.08.

**5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson**

a) Van City tax info.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Welcome/Attendance – Wendy Thompson**

There were 12 members in attendance.

**b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

Anne reported that there are 35 members who have paid.

**c) Speakers/Program – Beth McLaren**

April: Aidan Silzer Hooker on Front Yard Farms

May: Jason Croutch on Garden Facts and Folklore

June: Ana Dushyna on: Medicinal Berries; she will serve herbal tea

September: Members' Photos, in person, or Zoom - TBD

October: Jay Akerley via Zoom on Crevice Gardens for Small Spaces

November: To be determined

No tours have been arranged yet, but one idea is that as a group (of at least 10), we could go to Phoenix Perennials and Gary Lewis would give a 30-minute talk on what's current in the nursery or on a topic of our choice.

VanDusen is offering an online course, "Introduction to Native Plants and Meadowscapeing" on March 28 and April 4. It will be led by Abigail Hyde from Satinflower Nurseries in Saanich.

**d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson**

Verna reported that BRAGS will have eight tables in Room 103 which will be shared with another club. All plant sales will be inside and everything else will be outside.

BRAGS will be able to unload the day before the festival, which is to be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Verna will be sending requests to nurseries, requesting donations.

A sign-up sheet for volunteering on the day of the festival will be available at the April meeting.

**7. New/Other Business/Sharing**

a) John Crawford reported that Norbert Wuensche, a Rhododendron hybridizer, and one of the founding members of BRAGS, had passed away.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

After the business portion of the meeting and refreshments, Dwight Young spoke about soil activation and his product, Growers Delight