

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 7, 2025
At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Faye Kilpatrick moved to accept the Minutes and Verna Adamson seconded the motion. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the November Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

Current balance: \$4,700.00 in the chequing account. (\$24.00 from memberships; \$100.00 for speakers and \$1,964.00 from Burnaby Blooms)

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

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

There were 15 members and 1 guest in attendance.

b) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

No change in memberships - 26 members - 21 have paid and 1 new member.

c) **Speakers Program/Tours** – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that the speakers are organized until the end of the year.

June 4 – Genevieve Olive – Beekeeping in BC – native bees and honeybees, the plants they love and products of the hive – wax, honey, pollen and propolis.

September 3 – BRAGS members' garden photos.

October 1 – Owen Ballance – home propagation: Growing your Own – Annuals to Trees and Everything in Between.

November 5 – Deborah Jones – Rain Gardens Revisited.

d) **Burnaby Blooms** – Verna Adamson

Verna expressed thanks to all who participated and she made a few helpful notes for next year: Linda will do the pricing of plants and/or organize a group so no duplications will take place. It was recommended to use different price markers next year – e.g. tongue depressors? The following plants were very popular at the sale and in demand: tomatoes, herbs, variegated Hostas, Solomon Seal.

Verna reported that thank you letters were sent to the vendors. Brad Jalbert forwarded a nice response. There were six reserved underground parking spots for BRAGS – unfortunately some of the volunteers did not know this. Thank you to Wendy, Beth, John and David for picking up plants.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

Wendy thanked everyone again for their part in making the plant sale at Burnaby Blooms a big success. She expressed a special thank you to Verna who did so much, and presented her with a token of appreciation from the club.

8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, Malonie Hewston presented on Hydrangeas and she sold some cuttings for \$2 each.