

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 4, 2025
At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Adoption of January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Cheryl Fiddis moved that the Minutes be adopted as posted, and Beth MacLaren seconded the motion. All were in favour. There were no minutes for February as the meeting was cancelled due to icy weather conditions.

3. Outstanding Business from the November Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report:

\$36 was received in membership fees. \$140 was paid to the BCCGC for membership and insurance. \$2000 was put into a GIC.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Judy Wellington

There were 15 members in attendance.

b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

There are 26 members, but only 18 have paid their fees.

c) Speakers Program/Tours – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that speakers are confirmed until the end of the year as follows.

April 2 Ron Long - The fascinating Native Flora of British Columbia

May 7 Melonie Hewston - Hydrangeas (will have cuttings to sell

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

September 3 Members photos

October 1 Owen Ballance - Home propagation: Growing Your Own — Annuals to Trees and Everything in Between

November 5 Deborah Jones - Rain Gardens Revisited

Beth asked members to let her know if there any tours they would like to take in the summer months.

d) Burnaby Blooms - Wendy Thompson (Verna not in attendance)

The festival will be held on Sunday, May 4, from 11 am to 4 pm.

Our plant sale will be held in the same configuration as past years in Room 103.

Further details for loading-in etc to come.

Verna will send out donation requests to our kind commercial growers and will need help with pickups during the week before the event.

Please prepare plant donations from your gardens and any other sources you have.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

The BCCGC's spring meeting will be held on Saturday April 5 from 10am to 3pm at Bonsor. Keith offered to attend if no one else could make it. Wendy will register two members.

8. Adjournment -- 7:20 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, Conway Lum presented on Pruning Clematis, the Emerald Ash Borer, and Cover Crops.