

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 2, 2025
At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Faye Kilpatrick moved to accept the Minutes as posted, 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. (\$12.00 from memberships)

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Wendy Thompson

There were 15 members in attendance.

b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

There are 26 members - 21 have paid and 1 new member.

c) Speakers Program/Tours – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that Melonie Hewston will be presenting on **May 7** on Hydrangeas and she will have cuttings to sell.

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

Saturday, May 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 is set up time. **Sunday, May 4** from 11:00 to 4:00 is the festival sale. Verna circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers. She has sent out requests to all the previous nurseries/donors with positive responses. Loading area is the main entrance – same as last year and you can bring carts/dollies through there. BRAGS has 8 tables and 8 chairs in Room 103. Tablecloths are provide by the City. Verna will contact John Crawford regarding his assistance in picking up the donated plants from the nurseries/donors. Verna and Wendy received several plant/tree donations from a private home. Linda will bring the bin of supplies on Saturday for setting up. Cheryl and Susan will be the cashiers again. Still need boxes and flats and don't forget to bring a lunch, water and wear your BRAGS t-shirt! David will send out a reminder to all members.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

Beth has requested, on behalf of the Vancouver Ikebana Association, that BRAGS give them \$100.00 to be a sponsor for a workshop at their spring show on May 24 and 25 at the Nikkei Centre in Burnaby. Four of the Ikebana schools will be

giving demos, which are free, but the workshops by the four schools are \$40.00.

Verna moved the motion to support the Association. Wendy seconded and all were in favour.

8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, Ron Long presented on “The Fascinating Native Flora of BC”.