

**BRAGS Monthly Meeting Minutes and  
Year-end Reports  
2016**

NOTE - September and December Meetings were cancelled

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – January 6, 2016**  
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:05 pm.

**2. Adoption of November 4, 2015 Minutes**

Motion to accept November minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

a) **Nominations at November meeting** – Nominations are not allowed at the December meeting, however, if anyone is interested in joining the Executive Committee it is not too late to contact Wendy. The majority of the Executive members have been doing their jobs for several years and would look forward to being replaced. New members would provide creative, refreshing ideas to ensure BRAGS remains a successful garden club.

b) **Suggestions for donations from BRAGS**

The following were submitted: Wildlife Rescue, the BC Council of Garden Clubs' Scholarship Fund, Burnaby Food First and University Highlands School and Community Garden. The Executive recommended donating \$500 to Wildlife Rescue and \$500 to BC Council of Garden Clubs. Motion was made by Rosemarie Daviduk to accept this recommendation; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor. Over the next couple of months Burnaby Food First will be contacted to do a presentation to BRAGS and decision to donate to University Highlands School was deferred to a future meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial reports for November and December:

Total revenue = \$8,686.74; expenses = \$227.00;  
revenue over expenses = (\$105.97). Bank balance as of December 31 = \$8,459.74. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

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

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 1)** – Verna Adamson

Verna, Wendy and June recently met with a representative from Burnaby. This year SFU will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year and will combine their celebration with the Rhodo Festival. BRAGS may not have Room 103 which could be problematic for the plant sale, however another option is to use a festival tent. A co-ordinator is needed to organize BRAGS' annual plant sale – contact Wendy if interested. Verna discussed with Burnaby about the availability of a shuttle and there was discussion about having a shuttle amongst BRAGS volunteers only.

b) **Plant Sale** – Refer to comments above.

c) **Welcome/Attendance** – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 25 members + 6 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that a few members have not paid their 2016 membership dues.

e) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the speaker for February's meeting will be presenting on "Soil Basics" and will be bringing a load of soil amender in 30 litre bags for \$6.00/bag. Orders were taken at this meeting and payment must be made at February's meeting. John Crawford offered to help members with handling/delivery of their bags of soil. The speaker for March, Howard Wills, is from Fernwood Nursery (U.K.) and will present on "Sempervivums". April's speaker will present on "Pest Management – the Chafer Beetle".

**7. New/Other Business**

- a) Refer to report above on the Rhodo Festival.
- b) Refer to report above on Speakers/Program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm and Margaret Nakahara presented on "Water Features".

# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 3, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:16 pm.  
Meeting commenced later due to purchase of, and movement of, soil amender into members' vehicles.

## **2. Adoption of January 6, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept January minutes with the following revisions, was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor. Revisions to be made are: "Total cash in the bank is \$8459.70, total revenue for November-December was \$332.97 (membership and last year's raffle) and total expenditure was \$227.00". Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

## **3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

a) **Community Garden at University Highlands school donation** – a final decision will be deferred to March meeting.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for January:

Total revenue = \$84.72; expenses = \$249.70; revenue over expenses = (\$164.98). Bank balance as of January 31 = \$8,294.76. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

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

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 1)** – Verna Adamson

Room 103 has been confirmed for BRAGS for the plant sale. Another meeting is scheduled for beginning of March. A co-ordinator for our plant sale is still needed.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 24 members *including guests*.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth - No report.

## **d) Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the speaker for March meeting will be Howard Wills of Fernwood Nursery in the U.K. and he will present on "Sempervivums" (hardy alpine succulents). April's speaker will present on "Pest Management – the Chafer Beetle"; the speaker for May will present on "Butterflies"; June's speaker on "Chrysanthemums".

## **7. New/Other Business**

a) **Burnaby Region Beekeepers Association** –

Janice Bobic, President.

This Association was recently launched in December.

b) **Burnaby Food First** – Leona Skovgaard, Chair.

This group started up in 1997 by a few school teachers. They do free workshops on: preparing food, jam making, soup making, food gardening, etc. The group consists of mostly community members and they "share backyard space"; school mentoring garden programs; raise awareness about food insecurity. Question was raised, "Could they work together with BRAGS?" They could post our speakers on their website/blog; possibility of partnering on grants with BRAGS. Currently they receive grants from: ***VanCity (Credit Union)***; United Way; Burnaby Meals on Wheels; Burnaby Neighbourhood House; Burnaby Hospital (on cooking food). ***BFF volunteers have been making aprons with donated fabric and selling them at farmers' markets to raise funds for their organization.*** Further discussion on this item will be held at March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm and Jerry Gelderman presented on "Soil and Compost".

# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 2, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

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

**2. Adoption of February 3, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

- a) **Community Garden at University Highlands school donation** – Wendy will confirm with the University Highlands School group to ensure that their gardening project is still running before sending them a cheque. Motion was made to donate \$350.00 to the school. Therese Pope moved the motion; Joan Conklin seconded. All were in favor. Verna Adamson enquired as to what the school's plans were for the donation. Bev Glover remembered that one of the school's objectives was to plant apple trees and espalier them.
- b) **Burnaby Food First** – Motion was made to donate \$200.00 to this organization for an honorarium. Cheryl Fiddis moved the motion; Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for February:

Total revenue = \$515.66; expenses = \$557.00; revenue over expenses = (\$41.34). Bank balance as of February 29 = \$8,253.42. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

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

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a) Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 1) – Verna Adamson**

A meeting with the City of Burnaby is scheduled for March 21. Details will be finalized at this meeting. Verna circulated a "sign up" sheet for volunteers for the rhodo festival.

**b) Plant Sale** - A co-ordinator for the plant sale is still needed, or the sale will have to be cancelled.

**b) Welcome/Attendance – June Dodson**

June reported that there were 22 members and 7 guests.

**c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

A few members still have not paid their annual membership dues.

**d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

Bev reported that the speaker for April's meeting is Paul Buikema and he will present on "Integrated Pest Management" including the dreaded Chafer Beetle; the speaker for May is still vacant; June's speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums".

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm and Howard Wills of Fernwood Nursery in the U.K. presented on "Sempervivums" (hardy alpine succulents).

# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 6, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

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

### **2. Adoption of March 2, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Faye Kilpatrick; seconded by Joan Conklin. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

### **3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

a) **Community Garden at University Highlands school donation** – Wendy confirmed with Julia Vaughan of the University Highlands School group that their gardening project is still running and they are still in need our donation which will be very much appreciated.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for March:  
Monthly revenue = \$24.69; expenses = \$197.71; donations = \$1520.00 Chequing account balance as of March 31 = \$8,130.87 minus the outstanding cheques. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

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

### **6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 1)** – Verna Adamson  
Verna, June and Wendy met with Beth of the City of Burnaby on March 21. The walking tours will be cut back but the early morning bird watching tour, floral arranging and strawberry tea will still be taking place. There will be walks by one of the First Nations identifying various indigenous plants used by their people.

It was confirmed that BRAGS will have Room 103 as usual for the Silent Auction, Plant Sale and Truss Display. The setup will be the same as last year with the BRAGS table and Bouquet Competition (led by Faye) outside the main room. There will be two closing times for the Silent Auction at 12pm and 2 pm.

Room 103 will be available from 9:00 am on Saturday, April 30, the day before Rhodofest for setting up, and a portion of Room 104 (behind 103) will be provided on Friday, April 29 for those bringing in plants. Burnaby requested that no hand written labels be used on the plants and offered to help by providing tags and labels. These were not received before this meeting so we will have to just have to "do our best".

Posters and rack cards were also not ready but Burnaby will mail them out to a list provided to them by June. Members can also pick them up at the Shadbolt when they are ready, however, the date for this is not yet known. Volunteers will be able to use the underground parking for dropping off items. Members' name tags will be taken to the festival and there are a few t-shirts available for those who don't have one from previous festivals. Volunteers should bring their own snacks and their own mug if they want a discounted coffee at Encores.

Verna circulated two "sign up" sheets: one for volunteers and the other for plant donations. If you have not already signed up, please contact Verna or June.

Please bring Rhodo trusses with long stems on the morning of the Festival, if you have any. We will be displaying them in the display cases in the hall as well as in Room 103.

b) **Plant Sale** - Lanny Hui has kindly offered to help with the Plant Sale on both days even though she is no longer a member. Please name your plants if at all possible, and clean up the pots before dropping them off.

### **b) Welcome/Attendance** – June Dodson

June reported that there were 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

### **c) Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Annual membership dues for 2016 are now all paid up.

### **d) Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the scheduled speaker for April's meeting, Paul Buikema, was unable to attend; he has been rescheduled to present on "Integrated Pest Management" at the May meeting; The June speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums".

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

a) **Summer picnic** - Wendy asked that anyone who would like to host the summer picnic in their garden this summer, to let her know .

### **8. Adjournment** --

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. Following refreshments, a video of the Hawaiian Islands brought to the meeting by Bev Glover was shown. David Forsyth provided the technical hardware and knowhow.

# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 4, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

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

## **2. Adoption of April 6, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept April minutes was made by Joan Conklin; seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

## **3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

None.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for April:

Total revenue = \$12.63; expenses = \$281.53; revenue over expenses = (\$268.90). Bank balance as of April 30 = \$6,261.59. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Joan Conklin seconded. All were in favor.

## **5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson**

a) Email was received from Julia Vaughan, Community Garden at University Highlands School. She thanked BRAGS for the very generous donation. They will follow up with a report later this summer.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

### **a) Rhodo Festival/Plant Sale– Verna Adamson**

Great job was accomplished by Verna and June Dodson. Unfortunately a great loss for BRAGS is that June will be leaving Burnaby in the near future and will be resigning from co-ordinating the Rhodo Festival. A replacement will be needed....Verna reported that more volunteers are required for marking prior to the end of the auction. Susan Brandl commented that parking for visitors was not good – they need an alternate area. Suggested Burnaby Central? Thanks was expressed for the donations of the silent auction plants. \$1,150.00 was raised for the Silent Auction and \$430.00 for the plant sale. Note for next year: Les Clay is retiring, however, Paul Buikema (pest specialist speaker for May) has a contact person in the Linnae nursery regarding plant donations and they have not donated for a while.....Additional suggestion for next year: the first auction is set for 1:00 – have pick up of the plants set for 1:30 and if not picked up they could be put out at the next auction time for resale.

### **b) Welcome/Attendance – June Dodson**

June reported that there were 22 members and 6 guests.

### **c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

All active members have now paid their 2016 dues.

### **d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

Bev reported that if anyone has pictures from the Rhodo Festival please send them to her and she will put together a video to present at September's meeting. June's speaker will present on "Chrysanthemums" and October's speaker is still vacant. At November's meeting Brian Minter will present.

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

a) Joan Conklin offered to have the BRAGS picnic at her home sometime in August. Date TBA.

b) Paul Buikema reminded BRAGS members that every third Sunday at 1:00 pm there is a tour of Riverview gardens from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Also in September there is Tree Fest.

Meeting adjourned and Paul Buikema, pest specialist, presented on "Integrated Pest Management".

# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 1, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:23 pm.

## **2. Adoption of May 4, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept May minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

## **3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

The summer BRAGS' garden party will be held at Joan Conklin's home in August and the exact date will be confirmed via email.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for May:

Total revenue = \$1,805.70; expenses = \$439.84; revenue over expenses = (\$1,365.86). Bank balance as of May 31 = \$7,627.36. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

## **5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson**

a) A new Society Act is being released in November and BRAGS will have to be in compliance. Societies are given two years to complete and Cheryl offered to assist Wendy with the process and the minor revisions that will need to be made and then will present at December's meeting.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale**– Verna Adamson – No report.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – June Dodson

June reported that there were 18 members in attendance.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth - No report.

## **d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

- Bev stated that on June 11 (10 – 4) there is an "Open Garden Day on Heritage Hydrangeas" at 13970 – 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue in South Surrey.
- She will be compiling a video from pictures given to her from the Rhodo Festival and will present at September's meeting.
- October's speaker will be Stan Stanley and he will present on "Chrysanthemums".
- November's speaker is Brian Minter and he will present on "New Trends in Gardening".

Bev announced her resignation from Speaker Co-ordinator as of January 2017 as she will be taking over June's former position in assisting Verna with the Rhodo Festival. Please contact Bev, or Wendy if interested in the position of Speaker Co-ordinator.

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

- a) Wendy reported that recently there was a butterfly release (painted lady) at University Highlands and David Forsyth and Verna attended.
- b) Janice Bobic announced that May 29<sup>th</sup> is the "Day of the Honey Bee" and she distributed some brochures.
- c) **Don't forget:** every third Sunday at 1:00 pm there is a tour of Riverview gardens from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and in September there is Tree Fest.

Meeting adjourned and June Dodson's farewell party commenced! Bye bye June – we will all miss you and your valuable contributions to BRAGS!

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING – October 5, 2016**  
**Activity Room, Carousel Pavillion**

---

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

**2. Adoption of June 1, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept May minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

**3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

a) Janet Hayes volunteered to take over the Welcome Table position starting immediately. Thank you, Janet!

b) A volunteer is still needed to take over the Speaker position from Bev as of January 2017 as she is taking over June's Rhodofest position. Speakers are already lined up for January and February.

c) The new Society Act comes into effect in November but groups are given two years to comply. It is likely that nothing is required of BRAGS, however, Wendy and Cheryl will look into it at a later date.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for June 1 - September 30, 2016:

Total revenue = \$112.66; expenses = \$27.35; revenue over expenses = \$85.31). Bank balance as of Sep 30 = \$7763.14. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan; Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

**5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson**

- a) Thank you note from Elsa Fogale, winner of one of the cash prizes at the Bouquet Competition
- b) Thank you letter from Burnaby Food First for \$200 donation for food programs
- c) Thank you from VanCity on behalf of BCCGC for \$500 donation to their scholarship fund

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale– Verna Adamson – No report.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Ann Forsyth  
Ann reported that there were 16 members in attendance.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth - Membership for 2017 will be due December 31, 2016

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

x Bev will be compiling a video from pictures given to her from the Rhodo Festival for the December meeting; she is also putting together a video entitled "Our Year in Pictures" also for the December meeting. Please email your favourite Rhodofest and garden photos to bglover@telus.net.

x November's speaker is Brian Minter who will present on "New Trends in Gardening". Members are encouraged to bring their family and friends. A suggested donation of \$5 will be posted for non-members, which would be deducted from membership fee for 2017 should they decide to join.

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

a) Lindsey McCann's garden -- Anyone who has tagged plants in Lindsey's garden is encouraged to pick them up as soon as possible as there is a lot of activity on the property now.

b) Tea -- Wendy asked that donations of tea to add to the refreshment supplies would be much appreciated as we are running low.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm. Following refreshments, Stan Stanley of the Point Grey Chrysanthemum Association spoke about Seasonal Gardening With Chrysanthemums" and demonstrated his product, EZ-Riser, a tool for the garden and the home which assists people getting up from their knees.



# Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 2, 2016

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

---

### **1. Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:05 pm.

Wendy Thompson welcomed the many guests at this meeting.

### **2. Adoption of October 5, 2016 Minutes**

Motion to accept October minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and are updated by David Forsyth.

### **3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes**

The Speaker Co-ordinator position needs a replacement as of January 2017. Bev Glover has already organized speakers for January to April so there won't be much to do! The following are the confirmed speakers:

January 4 – "Colour in the Shade" – Satya Brown

February 1 – "Winter Pruning" – Conway Lum (Garden Works)

March 1 – "Garden Photography" – Ursula Easterbrook

April 5 – "Managing Fruit and Young Trees" – Nicholas Funke (Bartlett Tree Experts)

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

A financial report was prepared by the Treasurer but not read out at the meeting. Susan explained that the speaker from October (Stan Stanley) donated his honorarium to BRAGS. A complete financial report will be given at the Annual General Meeting in December. Susan reminded us to submit any receipts for the year-end ASAP.

### **5. Correspondence** – Wendy Thompson – nil.

### **6. Standing Committee Reports**

a) **Rhodo Festival & Plant Sale** – Verna Adamson – no report.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – Janet Hayes

Janet reported that there were 24 members in attendance and 19 guests.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth – reminded members that annual membership dues for 2017 can be paid now.

d) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

- Bev reported that the upcoming speakers for January to April are posted on BRAGS' website and in our newsletter.
- Bev composed a job description for Speaker Co-ordinator and the outline was left out for members to read. Bev will officially resign as of January 2017 and will be taking over June's former position in assisting Verna with the Rhodo Festival. Please contact Bev, or Wendy if interested in the Speaker Co-ordinator position.

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

- Wendy reported that Keith Harris recently attended the BC Council of Garden Clubs AGM. Keith submitted his report for members to read and indicated that 27 garden clubs attended.
- Wendy reminded the guests in attendance at tonight's meeting that their contribution of \$5.00 each can go towards a BRAGS' membership if they decide to join.

Meeting adjourned and Brian Minter presented on "New Gardening Trends".

## **BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 7, 2016**

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the third year. Thank you to our Executive Committee, standing committee members and all those who contribute in so many ways to BRAGS. We have had another successful year!

Special thanks to Bev Glover for coordinating the 2016 guest speakers and for filling in for me when I was away. The variety of topics and the knowledge the speakers shared with us were most interesting.

Thanks to Anne Forsyth for coordinating the annual plant sale which we held again in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival, and to all of you who donated plants and your time to make this a successful event. The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers and community donations.

Thanks to Verna Adamson and June Dodson who left us in June, for continuing to coordinate the annual RhodoFest with the City of Burnaby. We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. We kept the format of two closing times which worked out well thanks to the excellent organizing skills of Verna and June. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. I enjoyed it very much and hope that you did too!

Special thanks to David Forsyth for his undying commitment to our website and email communications, Cheryl Fiddis, the tireless editor of our interesting and informative newsletter, Evelyn Crawford for publicity, Keith Harris for attending the BCCGC meetings, Faye Kilpatrick for taking over the refreshments, Janet Hayes who took on the welcome desk and to all of you who contributed goodies throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Treasurer, Susan Brandl, and Secretary, Linda Cholette, for doing a great job for many years, and for agreeing to continue in their positions.

Our donations to the community for 2016 were \$350 to the University Highland Community Garden at SFU to help with their environmental and gardening projects and \$200 to Burnaby Food First. We also gave \$500 to the Wildlife Rescue Association and \$500 to the BCCGC scholarship fund but these donations were budgeted in 2015.

Our thanks go to the City of Burnaby for supporting BRAGS by providing the use of the Discovery Room for our monthly meetings and for the successful partnership collaborating on the RhodoFestival.

We will soon be into active planning for the Annual RhodoFestival on May 7, 2017. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another successful Rhodofest.

Thanks again for your support. I'm looking forward to another great year with BRAGS! However, if anyone else would like to take over the presidency, I would be happy to step aside.

Respectfully Submitted  
Wendy Thompson  
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY  
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2015 - OCTOBER 31, 2016

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

RECEIPTS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 BUDGET
MEMBERSHIP	564.00	504.00	504.00	432.00	468.00	456
RAFFLE	178.75	231.00	229.00	229.55	164.00	175
INTEREST	58.82	93.58	75.75	87.81	68.52	63.45
PLANT SALE	737.00	702.00	1234.50	818.50	577.00	520
RHODOFEST	2103.00	1331.00	1310.00	1454.00	1180.00	1000
DONATIONS	21.00	3.00	0.00	6.00	20.00	50 (Minter talk)
OTHER	25.00		0.00	92.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3687.57</b>	<b>2864.58</b>	<b>3353.25</b>	<b>3119.86</b>	<b>2477.52</b>	<b>2264.45</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>						
SPEAKERS	525.00	725.00	1050.00	960.00 *9 speal	710.00 <sup>1</sup>	1,200.00 <sup>6</sup>
NEWSLETTER	167.53	218.20	212.50	114.95	239.32	200.00
OFFICE/ADMIN {	165.86	45.12	128.77	159.00	270.53 <sup>2</sup>	125.00
REFRESHMENTS	189.04	33.09	14.26	17.34	9.19	50.00
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	87.00	97.00	78.00	77.00	77.00	78.00
BCCGC Meeting	135.00	50.00	95.00	73.10	72.71	75.00
PLANT SALE	100.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00 <sup>3</sup>	120.00
RHODOFEST	230.29	159.31	118.38	135.29	120.27	150.00
DONATIONS	2600.00	1019.96	588.40 *	350.00	1550.00 <sup>4</sup>	1,000.00
SOCIAL	59.80		0.00	50.47	0.00	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00		77.96	32.89	47.43 <sup>5</sup>	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4309.52</b>	<b>2467.68</b>	<b>2483.27</b>	<b>2090.04</b>	<b>3216.45</b>	<b>3,198.00</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>-621.95</b>	<b>396.90</b>	<b>869.98</b>	<b>1029.82</b>	<b>-738.93</b>	<b>-933.55</b>

\*Budgeted in previous year

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY  
BALANCE SHEET OCT 31/16**

<b>ASSETS</b>	Oct 31/12	Oct 31/13	Oct 31/14	Oct 31/2015	Oct 31/2016	Oct 31/17 <b>projected</b>
CASH-Chequing	\$6,295.92	\$6,641.12	\$7,452.42	\$8,404.24	\$7,658.01	\$6,668.85
-petty cash(raffle)	\$71.75	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$123.55	20	20
GIC	\$5,000.00	\$5,087.50	\$5,156.18	\$5,236.10	\$5,296.48	\$5,352.09
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	\$0.00		0.00	-\$50.47		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$11,367.67</b>	<b>\$11,813.62</b>	<b>\$12,683.60</b>	<b>\$13,713.42</b>	<b>\$12,974.49</b>	<b>\$12,040.94</b>
Change	-\$621.95	\$445.95	\$869.98	\$1,029.82	-\$738.93	

## BRAGS 2016 YEAR END AND 2017 BUDGET NOTES

1. There were 6 paid speakers in 2015-2016.
2. Needed more cheques
3. Plant sale float
4. We had not donated all the monies budgeted in 2013 and 2014
5. Christmas basket and farewell gift for June Dodson
6. One-time increase to offset Brian Minter talk (falls into 2016-2017 fiscal year)