

BRAGS Minutes

September 2006 to December 2007

Year End

- President's Report
- Financial Statements

October 2006 missing

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
MINUTES OF MEETING September 6, 2006
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Cheryl Fiddis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES from the May meeting

No errors or omissions were found in the June, 2006. Keith Harris moved to accept the Minutes; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick; carried.

3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

- - The president reminded members that we are looking for an inexpensive place to store BRAGS signs etc.
- - Gifts to the Community Update:
 - a) a) The Love Garden – visit set for October 4 @ 6:15 prior to our October meeting. We are contemplating purchase of hard items such as a bench, planter boxes & Trellis.
 - b) b) Eagles Estate – Catherine Dale was welcomed by the membership. She gave us an update on the gardens. The fence is to start shortly and the lumber is on order for the gate. Expected to be completed by the end of September/October.
- - Brags have an abundance of money that we would like new ideas to enhance the community. Some ideas are: Benches, Rhodos, Arbors in neighborhood parks, Brighten up gardens in Burnaby Care facilities. We are looking for ideas so keep a look out for worthy “gifts”.
- - Shadbolt reception: Those involved should have already received invites for Sunday, September 17.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- - The B.C. Council of Garden Clubs, 2006 General meeting is taking place on Saturday, October 21st. BRAGS will pay for 2 members to attend. SOUL will be speaking.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- - Treasurer was unable to make it
- - Membership and Welcome – Total Present 38 and 4 visitors and 1 special guests
- - Rhodo Festival – No report at this time
- - Nominations – Marti and Val read the job descriptions for the positions that will be open at the next election. A handout was distributed.

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- - Plant Sale – Susan reported that we are preparing for the next spring plant sale. A handout was distributed on taking cuttings right now for your own use and for the plant sale. We will do a donor dig program. If you want plants dug out for the plant sale please contact Susan.
- - Garden Contest Update – Everything is on line for the Shadbolt reception. We need flowers for the table.
- - Garden Tour Update – Heather MacKay reported that we sold 265 tickets. Slightly less than last year. We have lots of gardens lined up for next years' tour.
- - Picnic Update – Diane Allison reported that the picnic at the Eagles estate was a success, lots of food but not enough people came. If you have any other suggestions so more people will come, contact Diane.
- - Raffle – Val Wuensche reported that there were plants, books available for the raffle.

No other business to report.

A slide show of the 2006 Garden Tour was shown, hosted by Heather MacKay and David Forsyth.

Beverlee Birce
Secretary

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
MINUTES OF MEETING, November 1, 2006
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Diane Allison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. welcoming the members and guests.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES from October 4, 2006

No errors or omissions were found in the October 4, 2006 Minutes. Marti Tutti moved to accept the Minutes; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick; carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

- President Cheryl sends greetings from South America. She will be seeing Machu Pichu and the Galapagos Islands!
- Don Wrigley would like to know how many who would like to come to the Friends of the Carousel Christmas Dinner. The event will be held December 9 from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for food and rides on the carousel. There was a sign up sheet.
- **Gifts to the Community** – There have been several projects suggested for gifts to the community. These are:
 - a) **Fair Haven Care Facility** – they need some planters to cheer up a bleak garden area. Proposed - 12 blue pots with a single evergreen tree for the pot with room for the residents to plant annuals. Also, to replace two benches for the front of the building. \$4,000.00
 - b) **New Vista Care Facility** – they need something for residents with dementia off their dining area. They want to level the area so the residents can walk outside and they need the area secured. For now, we can fill planter boxes with plants to cheer up their view. \$500.00
 - c) **Butterfly Garden** – Judy would like to expand the butterfly garden. The proposed funds are \$1,000.00
 - d) **Wildlife Rescue** – They need a shade cloth for the aviary. This will help in the summer when it is hot. Cost is \$1,000.00
- A vote was taken for each individual proposal and all were passed unanimously. A volunteer sign up list was circulated. Veiko Tutti volunteered to assemble and stain the benches.
- Christmas party will be next meeting. Please bring finger food only. We will also have our annual general meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurers Report – Janice Bobic reported that we have \$23,087.28 in the bank at this time. She will give the annual report next month. This is her last financial report.
- Membership/Welcomes – David reported that we had 40 members present and one new member and one returning member.
- Nominations – Marti and Val reported that at the moment we have a few volunteers for some positions but still are missing someone for the President, Treasurer, Publicity, Fund Raising and Rhodo Festival chairman. David reported that the meetings with the city for the Rhodo Festival have already started to meet.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- Plant Sale – Susan McDougall reported that the date will be Sunday, April 22, 2007 in the parking lot of the Village. It is in the newsletter. She hopes people will start to pot up their extras for the sale.
- Garden contest will not be held till 2008.
- Raffle – Val reported on the items to be raffled.

The speaker was June Hunter with her “Art Tiles”. We had a beautiful slide show of her photographs mounted on tiles.

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Annual General Meeting - December 6, 2006

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

- 1) The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Cheryl Fiddis at 7:07 pm.
- 2) Adoption of previous (November) minutes - errors or omissions. Motion to accept the minutes by Peter Barnsdale. Seconded by Don Wrigley
- 3) **AGM:**
Adoption of minutes from Annual General Meeting December 7, 2005 read by Bev Birce.
Motion to accept Minutes: Peter Barnsdale. Seconded: Faye Kilpatrick. Carried.
President's Year End Report for 2006 was read by Cheryl.
Financial Statement for the year ended October 31, 2006 given by Janice Bobic. As of the fiscal year November 1 - October 31, 2006 we had \$23,117.97 and shares of \$86.56 = Total \$23,204.62
Motion to accept Financial Statement made by: Peter Barnsdale.
Seconded by: Judy Wellington. Carried.
Election of Officers: President *, Vice-President - Faye Kilpatrick, Treasurer - Heather McKay. Standing Committees: Rhodo Fest *, Membership - David Forsyth, Fundraising *, and Publicity - Jackie Walker.
Motion to adjourn AGM moved by Marti Tutti. Seconded: Val Wuensche. Carried.
- 4) Volunteer Form for our next two events: the Plant Sale and the Rhodo Fest will be out in the next newsletter. Watch for it.
- 5) **Gifts to the Community Update:** Peter Barnsdale provided an update on the work they had done at Fairhaven and New Vista to improve the outdoor areas of both facilities.
- 6) **Standing Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership/Welcome Desk: Dues are now due. 52 members present, 4 guests, (Coni O'Neill and her husband Brian, Joy from New Vista and Monica), one new member, Jillian Crowther.
 - b. Rhodo Festival - David Forsyth reported that the City of Burnaby is getting anxious for a BRAGS representative. Judy Wellington and Doreen Harold volunteered after the meeting.
 - c. Nominations - Val & Marti encouraged anyone to step forward for the positions not yet filled.
- 6) **Committee Chair Reports:**
 - Garden Tour - Wendy Snyder & Faye Kilpatrick volunteered after the meeting.
 - Raffle - Val Wuensche reported that she had raised \$378.75 from January – December 2006 and thanked those who donated plants etc. for her to raffle.
 - Refreshment Committee, Wendy Snyder and team were thanked. They need new helpers to volunteer.

Marti Tutti thanked the Executive for their hard work during the year.

* After the meeting the President's position was filled by Susan Brandl, Fundraising was filled by Peter Barnsdale and Cheryl Fiddis.

The Christmas party was enjoyed by all with wine and lots of goodies.

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting – January 3, 2007

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1) Welcome and call meeting to order.

2) Adoption of previous (DECEMBER 06) minutes – errors or omissions.

Motion by: Marti Tutti Seconded by: Cheryl Fiddis

3) Past President's (Cheryl Fiddis) Remarks:

- Introduction of new executive

Executive:

President:	Susan Brandl	by acclamation
VP:	Faye Kilpatrick	by nomination
Treasurer:	Heather MacKay	by nomination
Secretary:	Bev Birce	position not expired

Standing Committees:

Membership:	David Forsyth	by nomination
Publicity:	Jackie Walker	by nomination
Rhodofest:	Judy Wellington & Doreen Harold	by acclamation
Fundraising:	Peter Barnsdale & Cheryl Fiddis	by acclamation
Nominations:	Marti Tutti & Val Wuensche, & Cheryl Fiddis (automatic for the Past President role)	

President's (Susan Brandl) Remarks:

- Welcome and thank you
- Gifts to the Community Update: Cheryl Fiddis reported that the committee would like to consider Seton Villa as a recipient. They had major damage to their rhodos by the windstorm and are still evaluating the damage and how they can receive help. They will talk to Bev before the next meeting.
- New Website – David Forsyth was thanked for all his work of updating the website. Kevin McBride-Kiara asked if our financial statements were on the website. The answer was no.
- Refreshment Committee: Wendy and Pat reported that there are volunteers needed before next meeting.

4) Correspondence: a. We received a letter of thanks for the Wildlife Rescue for our \$1,000 donation. They have purchased a shade cloth for the cages to protect their residents from the sun. Cheryl reported that they had to put down a frostbitten pelican.

5) Standing Committee Reports:

a. Treasurers Report –Heather McKay reported that the balance as of Nov 30 was \$23,000 and there were a few amendments to the statement before the end of the year.

b. Membership/Welcome: - David Forsyth & Judy Wellington

*Total Present: __46__/Dues/New Members – 5

c. Fundraising – Cheryl Fiddis/Peter Barnsdale nothing to report.

d. Rhodo Festival - Judy Wellington reported that they have just started but will be looking for volunteers to head up some of the subcommittees.

e. Publicity – Jacquie Walker thanked Maureen and Susan.

f. Nomination committee presented baskets to the people who volunteered after the meeting last month. Peter Barnsdale (Fundraising) and Judy Wellington (Rhodo Fest).

6) Committee Chair Reports:

- Plant Sale – Susan reported that volunteer forms will be in the February's newsletter and on the website. We have volunteers to dig plants up but no donor gardens at the moment. The Boy Scouts will allow us to borrow their tables and tents again this year.

- Garden Contest - nothing new

- Garden Tour – Wendy and Faye have yet to get together with Heather.

- School Programme – Cristina Lupien – nothing at this time

- Raffle - Val Wuensche & Lorraine Dowdall

COFFEE AYUKO INOUE on Small Space Gardening was not able to make the meeting so Norbert Wuensche showed slides of Hawaii.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

Minutes of Meeting – February 7, 2007

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

- 1) Welcome to everyone. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Adoption of previous (January 07) minutes – no errors or omissions.
Motion by: Cheryl Fiddis Seconded by: Val Wuensche
There was one correction. Doreen Harold is no longer Co-chair of the RhodoFest.
- 3) President's Remarks:
 - The cost of the Newsletter was discussed and it has been suggested that if members would like to have their newsletter sent electronically would they please let us know or sign the paper being sent around. It would save about \$60 per month in stamps and printing. Those who do not have email can still have theirs mailed to them. The minutes would not be posted on the website because they include private information of the club.
 - Refreshment Committee: we now have enough volunteersCorrespondence:
 - BC Council of Garden Clubs, March 24, the club will pay for 2 people. Let the executive know if you want to go.
 - Newsletter from the Burnaby Arts council
- 4) Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurers Report –Heather McKay nothing to report except that we made \$55 on the raffle in January. Nothing much coming in or going out.
 - b. Membership/Welcome: - David Forsyth
Total Present: 40 Guests 3
 - c. Fundraising – Cheryl Fiddis/Peter Barnsdale reported that they are working on something for Mothers Day. They will report on it later.
 - d. Rhodo Festival - Judy Wellington was not available but everything is going according to plan and they are having meetings with the City.
 - e. It has been suggested that at the Silent Auction during the Rhodo Fest, we may get more bidders if a charity is designated for the funds. There was a motion to designate the Eagles Estate as the recipient this year. Moved by Lois Brown, seconded by Cheryl Fiddis.
 - f. Publicity – Jackie Walker was not available but she has us already in 4 magazines and the Burnaby Parks and Recreation guide.
 - g. It was reported that Carolyn Juhl's property is featured in Gardens West Magazine.
- 7) Committee Chair Reports:
 - Plant Sale – Susan McDougall reported that she has distributed a plant guide with the last newsletter. So far Peter and Judith Hollick have volunteered their garden for a dig. We need more volunteers for digging, also volunteers to store plants just prior to the sale. Preferably sunny areas. She distributed knives to mark the plants, serrated side down please. You can sign up at the meeting or email Susan McDougall.
 - Garden Tour – no report
 - Raffle - Val Wuensche would like to give someone else a chance to do the raffle as she has been doing it for 2 years. Please contact Val or Susan Brandl if you would like to have a great job and lots of fun.

Coffee was served and our guest speaker was **LES CLAY ON RHODODENDRONS**

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
Minutes of Meeting - March 7, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

- 1) Welcome to Everyone. Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting of February 2007 were adopted as corrected. Moved by: Don Wrigley and Seconded by: Peter Barnsdale
- 3) Treasurer's report: Faye Kilpatrick reported for Heather that we have \$18,900.00 in the bank.
- 4) Old/New Business
 - Newsletter: David reported that we have about 40 people who have signed up for the newsletter to be sent electronically.
 - Ideas for Silent Auction charity: Eagles Estate does not have a specific project at this time but would be willing to put a display up at the Rhodo Festival. Kevin McBride-Kiara suggested that we purchase some of the more expensive gardening books and donate them to the Library. After some discussion it was: Moved by Diane Allison and Seconded by Peter Hollick that we feature "Community Projects" at the Silent Auction and show pictures of projects we have been involved in. Motion passed
 - Volunteers needed: for the raffle desk and someone to learn what David does with the Web page in the event that something ever happens to David.
 - BC Council of Garden Clubs March 24. Heather McKay and Susan Brandl have volunteered to go.
 - Gardenworks Garden Planning Weekend needs volunteers Mar 17-18. A list of volunteers was circulated. Please let Susan know if you want to volunteer for a few hours.
 - Projector - David reported he has looked into it and the cost is quite high. Keith Harris has a contact he will give to David. Kevin McBride-Kiara moved "That we purchase a projector to a maximum of \$1,500" Seconded by Connie, motion passed. (Peter Barnsdale will look after it)
 - Correspondence: VanDusen is having a plant sale on April 29 and there is a list of speakers for the spring on the back table. Park and Tilfords' plant sale is April 28th.
- 5) Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership/Welcome: -
 - *Total Present: 37 /New Members are George McLaughlin and Alan James, 1 Guest
 - b. Fund Raising: Cheryl Fiddis reported that she and Peter Barnsdale have put together a beautiful "Mothers' Day" gardening basket to raffle. Cost is \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00 drawn at May meeting.
 - c. Rhodo Festival - Judy Wellington reported that we need new food vendors. Please let her know if you know anyone. It was discussed that perhaps we should bring in a well known speaker, but there is no way to recover our costs for that. Judith Hollick reported on the flower bouquet contest. A sign up sheet was circulated.
 - d. Publicity – Judy reported that publicity is going well in the papers.
- 6) Committee Chair Reports:
 - Plant Sale – Susan reported that the last dig was at Tina Sherwood's. Next weekend is the next dig.
 - Garden Tour – Faye Kilpatrick is getting ready for this year's tour.
- 7) Other New Business – Bev Birce, Secretary will be leaving at the end of the month. She has found a job on the Island. We are looking for a new volunteer. (Lanny Hui volunteered during the coffee break)
- 8) Coffee break and then our guest speaker – Sharon Hanna on "Starting Plants from Seeds"

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MEETING – April 4, 2007

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1) Welcome to Everyone. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2) Minutes of the previous meeting of March 2007 were adopted as corrected. Moved by: Peter Barnsdale
Seconded by: Keith Harris

3) Treasurer's report: Heather McKay
Income: \$120, Debit :\$1170 for Fairhaven
We have \$15,918.17 in the bank

4) Old/New Business

Gifts to the Community

Catherine Dale, the Head Gardener of Eagles Estate, acknowledged the generosity of BRAGS with the fence installation. The fence panels have all been completed. There is a problem with the footings due to poor drainage; hopefully being fixed. The staircase project is almost complete. Catherine plans to improve the soil around the staircase and plant wild flowers around it and requested funding from BRAGS. There will be a "Grand Staircase" opening event on Sunday June 24. BRAGS members were asked to donate \$500 for the wild flowers project. Moved: Kevin McBride-Kiara, Seconded: Connie O'Neill, Passed

Fairhaven project

Peter reported that the benches have been installed. For each bench, there is a plaque saying "Come and rest a while". The plaques were donated by BRAGS. Members are welcome to order personalize plaques to dedicate a bench for someone. He needs six volunteers on April 29 from 10 am to help with planting at Sussex and Rumble.

New Vista

Diana and her team have requested extra \$300 to finish filling two 18' planters with planting mix and to purchase assorted perennials, dwarf shrubs, and annuals. For the second phase, the courtyard will be renovated and she suggested that we add four benches, similar to Fairhaven project. In total, they requested approximately \$2500 to finish phase one and two.

Moved: Lois Brown, Seconded: Rimka Laman, Passed

PADS (Pacific Assistance Dog Society)

There is a possibility that PADS will need donations of plants and soaker hoses. Don was asked to follow up with PADS if the items are still necessary.

Burnaby Parks & Recreation

Connie O'Neill has given Susan Brandl a contact name at Burnaby Parks & Recreations to see if there are any projects with which BRAGS could be involved.

Projector

We have bought a new digital projector at a cost of \$1500. Peter Barnsdale will keep it for the guest speakers; if someone needs it they can contact him.

BC Council of Garden Clubs

List of events are available in their bulletin. There are lots of things happening on the weekend of May 5 and 6. Dart Hill tour is scheduled for April 29, but a different date can be arranged, as long as the tour date is scheduled for a group of people. Members noted the club toured the garden a few years ago.

5) Correspondence

- Burnaby Arts Council has a list of community events, including our plant sale. The council has requested nominations for Burnaby Environment Awards.
- Wildlife Rescue acknowledged our donation with a small article in their newsletter.
- June Hunter tile exhibit on April 1 - 21 at Havana Library on 1212 Commercial Dr.

6) Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome

Total present: 45, 3 new members and 2 guests

b. Fundraising

Cheryl Fiddis and Peter Barnsdale have sold \$140 of raffle for Mother's Day Basket. The winning ticket will be drawn during May meeting.

c. Rhododendron Festival

Volunteers are still needed for Rhododendron Truss table and distributing posters and publicity cards. T-shirts have been ordered for the festival.

d. Publicity - Jackie Walker

There is an article with photo in Now and Newsleader

e. Nominations

Secretary: Lanny Hui volunteered to replace Bev Birce.

Raffle table: a volunteer is still needed.

7) Committee Chair Reports:

Plant Sale – Susan McDougall

Members were asked to advertise plant sale by distributing flyers to the community. Susan and her team have dug many plants from Gina's and Peter's gardens despite the wet weather in March.

Garden Tour

There are four gardens available for tour, but we are still looking for more.

Raffle

Raffle Tickets were available for purchase

8) Other New Business

Therese Pope has pots if any one needs them

Meeting adjourned

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 2, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:03

2. Adoption of April 2007 minutes. Motion by: Peter Barnsdale, seconded by: Marti Tutti

3. Treasurer Report – Heather McKay is absent. VanCity Balance is \$17,509.76 as of our last statement (March 31, 2007)

4. Old/New Business

a. Gifts to the Community

Fairhaven update. Peter Barnsdale thanked the volunteers who helped on Sunday, April 29. Most of the pots have been placed. Peter has ordered three large pots for the entrance/courtyard area. There is still extra money to buy colourful annuals. BRAGS was asked for commitment to purchase and plant annuals every year.

PADS thanks BRAGS for the potential help. Plants and soaker hoses might be needed after the new puppy shelter is built. In the meantime, Don was given a wish list: Bearberry Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster dammeri*), Heather (Erica or Calluna), Kinnikinick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), Japanese Spurge (*Pachysandra terminalis*), Taiwan creeping Rubus (*Rubus pentalobus*). There will be a Mother's Day Brunch and silent auction to raise funds for PADS on May 12. Tickets are \$35 per person.

2nd Street School. There is a potential project at this school. Seeds and soil for the schoolyard might be sufficient. Someone has to take care of the garden during the summer. It is suggested that Cristina be contacted to find out more details.

Brantford School. Kathy Flood from their PAC asked for leftover plants from the plant sale.

b. Burnaby Projects

Eco-sculpture. Heather Edwards, the director of planning from Burnaby Parks, asked whether BRAGS would be interested in sponsoring an eco-sculpture. Eco-sculptures have been used in teaching kids, fundraising, and school projects. To find more information, please visit: http://www.city.burnaby.bc.ca/cityhall/departments/departments_parks/prksrc_ecsclp.html

Rivershed Society. Their mission is to protect watersheds in urban areas. A possibility is to help them with fundraising through sponsoring an eco-sculpture, as well as providing information on green spaces and gardens for mapping purposes. For more information, please see www.rivershed.com

Horticulture apprenticeship program at Burnaby schools. A program to encourage and ready students to take horticulture as career training. Could sponsor a project for the students to work on.

Replanting at Fraser Foreshore, planting at Variety playground at Central Park

5. Correspondence

Burnaby Arts Council: BRAGS is profiled this month

BCCGC: new bulletin

6. Plant Sale Report.

Susan McDougall reported that the plant sale was successful. There was a great turn out and the event raised \$4,600. She thanked everyone who participated for the event. Burnaby NOW had a good article covering the sale and the essence of BRAGS as an organization. Tim Horton's presence added the festivity of the sale. Some raffle tickets for the gift basket were sold. We received \$65 donation to our club. Before the sale, Peter Barnsdale, Diane Allison and Susan McDougall made some pre-pricing research. Susan thanked Lois Brown who helped with the supply of Burnaby Centennial Rhododendrons. The leftovers from the sale were given to the Butterfly Garden through Judy Wellington. Pictures from the plant sale are available at BRAGS website. Next year, the plant sale would be on Sunday, April 20, 2008.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership/Welcome: Total present: 51, 3 new members and 1 guest.

b. Raffle: still selling tickets for Mother's Day basket, to be drawn tonight. Smaller gift basket for Father's Day

c. Rhododendron Festival. June Wellington needed about nine to ten volunteers and had the volunteer confirmation sheet at the back table. There will be about 250 plants for the silent auction.

d. Publicity – Jackie Walker absent

e. Nominations. Introduction to the new secretary: Lanny Hui. A volunteer is still needed for the raffle table.

8. Committee Chair Reports

Garden tour. This year, we have six gardens available for garden tour on July 15. A volunteer is needed for garden write-up; please speak to Faye or Wendy. Volunteers are needed for the garden; sign-up sheet is available. The tour tickets will be ready by next month at \$10/ticket. The tour would be between 10 am to 4 pm.

School Programme – Cristina Lupien absent.

9. Other new business: none

Meeting adjourned.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 6, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05

2. Adoption of April 2007 minutes. Motion by: Coni O'Neill, seconded by: Keith Harris

3. Treasurer Report. Heather McKay reported that VanCity Balance is \$21,993.10 as of June 6, 2007. We earned \$3,952 from plant sale, \$4,805 from Rhododendron Festival, and \$396 from Mother's Day raffle

4. Old/New Business

a. Gifts to the Community

Fairhaven update. Peter Barnsdale reported positive reaction from the residents. There is still \$400 remaining in the budget. A sprinkler system is needed. He will contact two companies to get a detailed estimate. Roughly, the system would cost about \$2000 to \$3000. BRAGS was asked to give half the amount to a maximum of \$2000 and the other half would be provided by Gary Begin's fundraising. Moved: Stephen, Seconded: Cheryl Fiddis, Passed

New Vista update. A thank you letter was received. Diane Allison reported that on June 5, the project of enclosing the patio area was started. As soon as it is finished, some benches would be needed.

Eagle Estate update. Catherine Dale asked for \$1,500 towards painting the fence. Moved: Coni O'Neill, Seconded: Jeanne Mitchell Passed.

Brantford and 2nd Street Schools. No further response was received.

b. Burnaby Projects Heather Edwards, the director of planning from Burnaby Parks, will speak in February 2008 about some of Burnaby's garden-related projects

c. Butterfly Garden. The garden is located at the Nature House at Burnaby Lake. Judy Wellington reported that a pergola (large trellis) for flowers attracting hummingbirds is needed. She is to give an estimate for the structure.

5. Correspondence

Literature on Gardener's shovels and Discovery Trekking Gardener's pants was received – see Susan Brandl if interested. The Gardeners' shovel will be available at the upcoming Garden Show at Van Dusen

Upcoming events:

June 24, 12 pm – 4:30 pm: Rose Society Show and Sale at Van Dusen

June 24, 1 pm – 4 pm: Strawberry Social at Eagles Estate (5655 Sperling Ave.)

July 8, 10 am – 2 pm: Strathcona Park Open House

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcomes. Total present: 43, no new members and 3 guests.

b. Raffle. Tickets for Father's Day gift basket were sold and the draw held at the end of our coffee break.

c. Rhododendron Festival. Judy Wellington thanked the volunteers. Special thanks to David & Jeanne Mitchell and their family, Judith Hollick, Lois Brown, June Dodson, Norbert & Val Wuensche, Helen Reid, and David Forsyth. The festival was a success but the weather had a considerable effect on the attendance; about 2000 visitors came – less than expected. Burnaby has suggested that next year the festival be on May 17 (the long weekend) for a better chance of good weather and asked for our approval. The rhododendrons will be still in bloom and the event will not clash with Vancouver Rhododendron Society's show and sale. Members tentatively approved the change, noting that it was unlikely to ensure better weather or attendance.

d. Publicity. Jackie Walker reported that the Garden Tour publicity is on schedule.

e. Nominations. A volunteer is still needed for the raffle table.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Garden tour. The event will be on July 15 from 10 am to 4 pm. Faye Kilpatrick thanked all the volunteers for their write-ups on the gardens and to Wendy and Randy Snyder for many hours of work on the tickets and posters. There will be seven gardens open for the tour. There has been some difficulty contacting the Master Gardeners about the roster for the tour; Diane Allison is to follow up. Tour tickets are available at \$10/ticket. Some tickets were sold at the break time. For buying additional tickets, please contact Wendy at 604-937-0556. Tickets are also available Burnaby Community Centres and Burnaby City Hall (4949 Canada Way). Extra posters were available for people to put up in their neighbourhood. Volunteers were to stay after the meeting for orientation and to keep their nametags for the tour. The event is mentioned in MP Bill Siksay's June Newsletter.

School Programme. Cristina Lupien reported that due to ill health, she has not been very active with this program and does not need funds at this time.

8. Other new business

Compost and soil amendment left over from the Rhodofest was available for purchase.

Chrysanthemum cuttings donated by Point Grey Chrysanthemum Club at the Rhododendron Festival were available for members to take.

Susan McDougall announced she will not be co-ordinating the plant sale next year; a new coordinator is needed and she will stay as a volunteer to support the new coordinator.

Meeting adjourned.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MEETING –

Sept 5, 2007

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. **Welcome** and call meeting to order at 19:05

2. **Adoption** of June 2007 minutes. Motion by: Cheryl Fiddis, seconded by: Don Wrigley

3. **Treasurer Report** – VanCity balance approximately \$19,000.

4. **Old/New Business**

a. Gifts to the Community

- Fairhaven sprinkler quotes

Peter Barnsdale reported that quotes were higher than initially expected, with one company coming in at \$5370.38 and the other at \$6167.46. The company which gave the higher quote promises to return the area to the condition it was in before installation of the sprinkler system, and does not require that we or Fair Haven hire any subtrades. Peter requested that BRAGS OK the additional funding but noted that Fair Haven indicated they would try to cover any shortfall if BRAGS could not. Discussion ensued as to whether BRAGS would fund all of the cost above the \$2000 contribution promised by Gary Begin or ask Fair Haven to contribute \$500 toward the project. By show of hands, members agreed to cover the entire portion of the quoted price above Gary Begin's donation, with three members dissenting. Lois Brown moved we donate \$4167.46 to Fair Haven for the sprinkler system, with Heather MacKay seconding. Passed

- Other projects.

No further work is planned for New Vista immediately. One member asked why BRAGS doesn't contribute to St. Michael's as well. President Susan Brandl answered that a possible project at St. Michael's will be presented at the October meeting, as well as other projects.

5. **Correspondence**

- Burnaby Arts Council: the newsletter is available for members to read
- BCCGC: new bulletin available
- Fraser Valley Orchid club invites members to their show and sale Oct 27-28 at the Langley Civic Centre. Garden club members receive a \$1 discount
- South Burnaby Garden Club Fall Fair is this weekend at Bonsor

6. **Standing Committee Reports:**

a. Membership/Welcome:

Total present: not counted but guests welcomed

b. Rhododendron Festival

Judy Wellington reported the festival will stay on the first Sunday in May for 2008

c. Plant Sale we need one or two people to head this up; storage for signs, pots etc also needed.

7. **Committee Chair Reports**

Sheila Chowdhury has volunteered to take over the raffle. Other upcoming vacancies are:
-refreshment committee
-newsletter
-speakers
-garden contest

8. **Other new business:** Anne Marrison's glasses were left at the garden tour; if anyone is in contact with her please help arrange to return the glasses.

Meeting adjourned.

Past President Cheryl Fiddis then presented the Garden Tour Slide Show, with Diane Allison narrating the show prepared by David Forsyth. Garden owners were presented with a small token of our gratitude. Refreshments followed.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 3, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05

2. Adoption of September 2007 minutes. Motion by: Marti Tutti, seconded by: Cheryl Fiddis

3. Treasurer Report. Heather MacKay reported that VanCity Balance is \$20,852.51 as of October 3, 2007. There are still outstanding BRAGS cheques that have not been cashed since June. If anyone has one of these cheques, please deposit it.

4. Old/New Business

a. Winner of the Environment Award.

BRAGS wishes to congratulate Catherine Dale for winning the 2007 City of Burnaby Environment Award for the category of chemical free lawns and gardens. Besides her involvement with TLC, Catherine is an instructor in Burnaby's Ecological Landscape Design Program and will be instructing the new Organic Master Gardeners Course.

b. Gifts to the Community

Therapeutic Garden Project at St. Michael's. Marti Tutti read the letter of proposal from Rev. Michael Sorbara, the Chair of Therapeutic Garden Foundation with respect to a therapeutic garden at St. Michael's. The garden will be called "Gold and Sapphire Garden". The general layout of the garden and the plant list were provided. He requested BRAGS help in purchasing plants for the garden at an estimated cost of \$1919.71. BRAGS agreed to grant \$2000 to the project. Moved: Cheryl Fiddis, Seconded: Keith Harris, passed.

Scholarship with SFU. Last year, BRAGS donated money for scholarship in 2006. Susan Brandl contacted SFU to find out what was happening. The scholarship was apparently not awarded yet; SFU reports that the process of getting the scholarship published takes a long time but they expect to award it this fall and will contact us with the recipient's name. Diane Allison had a letter with the same information. BRAGS will finish the three-year commitment with SFU.

Butterfly Garden Project. The project is still in the planning stages to have a pergola. There has not been any direct request for funding.

c. Call for Other Projects

Donating books to Burnaby Library. Susan Brandl contacted Burnaby Library. We can either donate money towards gardening books of their choice or donate specific books. Norbert Wuensche agreed to look for some good rhodo books or rhododendron encyclopedia such as that mentioned by Les Clay in his talk. Any suggestion of good gardening books to be donated is welcome.

Gardening program at elementary schools. No school has approached BRAGS for any program.

5. Correspondence

BC Council of Garden Clubs requested that each person joining a garden club donated \$30 for scholarship fund. Diane Allison requested more detail of what funds had been distributed. Susan Brandl expects to bring a report back from the upcoming BCCGC meeting.

The meeting is on October 27 at 3871 Pandora St., Burnaby. If any member is interested, please let Susan Brandl know.

Upcoming events:

Italian Garden tour - information is available.

Fraser Valley Orchid Show. Oct 27-28 at the Langley Civic Centre.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 37, no new members and 3 guests.

b. Call for volunteers. Volunteers are needed in the following activities:

- two people for Plant Sale.
- two people per month for refreshments.
- one person for newsletter
- one person for Speakers

Please consider one of these positions.

c. Raffles. Prizes were a fall planter, some garden books, and an ornamental grass donated by Barbra Fairclough.

7. Other new business

Possible field trips or tours in the future. Any suggestion is welcome.

Reminder: Annual General Meeting is on December 7 followed by a Christmas Potluck.

Meeting adjourned.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 7, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05

2. Adoption of September 2007 minutes. *Correction: BC Council of Garden Clubs requested that each ~~person joining a garden~~ club donated \$30 for scholarship fund.* Motion by Peter Barnsdale, seconded by Christina Naano-Vesik. Passed.

3. Treasurer Report. Heather MacKay reported that VanCity Balance is \$4397.70 as of November 7, 2007. \$5000 was allocated in GIC. Transaction details throughout the year were available for members to see

4. Old/New Business

a. Gifts to the Community

Wildlife Rescue Proposal. \$1050 was needed for a new water heater. Motion by Keith Harris, seconded by Darja McBride-Kiara. Passed.

b. BC Council of Garden Clubs scholarship. Details were not adequately provided in BCCGC October meeting. They will not have the full report until the Annual General Meeting in March 2008. BCCGC gave about \$7500 last year and \$5500 this year. The money comes from the interest of a trust fund in the amount of about \$120,000. General information about the scholarship and the list of schools are available at www.bcgardenclubs.com/scholarship/scholarship.htm The club requested BRAGS to contribute, although the donated amount will not affect the distribution of the fund. Motion by Kevin McBride-Kiara, seconded by Lauraine Russell. 20 in favour, 5 opposed, 12 abstained. Passed.

c. Donating books to Burnaby Library. Norbert Wuensche proposed two books from American Rhododendron Society for the library: *Rhododendron Portraits* by D.M. Van Gelderen and *Rhododendrons and Azaleas: A Colour Guide* by Kenneth Cox. The total cost would be roughly about \$200. The books are available to ARS members at discounted price. The library accepts both books and monetary donations. Discussion involved whether the books are suitable for library use and how many copies will be needed. Decision to contribute is postponed until next month. Currently, the library has a copy of 1992 edition of *Rhododendron Portraits* and a copy of 2005 edition of *Rhododendrons and Azaleas: A Colour Guide*. Both copies are located in the Metrotown branch.

5. Correspondence

a. Letter of Thanks. Harry Bloy wishes to thank BRAGS for the Annual Garden Plant Sale.

b. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter. Available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 40, 2 new members and 3 guests.

b. Rhododendron Festival. Volunteer meeting will be held in 2008.

c. Call for volunteers. Volunteers are needed in the following activities:

- two people for Plant Sale
- two people per month for refreshments
- one person for newsletter
- speakers

Please consider one of these positions.

d. Newsletter. Margot Moser asked members for their input about bad or good plants this year.

e. Raffles. Prizes were a centre piece, a bottle of wine, a wine opener, and a squirrel-resistant bird feeder.

7. Other new business

Butterfly Garden. Judy Wellington requested \$600 donation for the project in addition to \$500 leftover from last month. Motion by Peter Barnsdale, seconded by Jackie Walker. Passed.

8. Reminder

Possible field trips or tours in the future. Any suggestion is welcome.

Annual General Meeting is on December 7 followed by a Christmas Potluck.

Meeting adjourned.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING December 5, 2007
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. The meeting was called to order by the President: Susan Brandl at 19:05

2. AGM

Adoption of minutes from Annual General Meeting December 6, 2006 read by Lanny Hui. Motion to accept Minutes was moved by Coni O'Neill and seconded by Marti Tutti. Carried.

Financial Statement for the year ended on November 1, 2007 given by Heather MacKay. During the fiscal year November 1, 2006 – October 31, 2007, we collected \$7000.92, the total liabilities and equity was 14,480.97. Copies of the Statement were available to members. Motion to accept the Financial Statement was moved by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by: Keith Harris. Carried.

President's Year End Report for 2007 was read by Susan Brandl. No Executive Officer to be elected this year.

Motion to adjourn AGM moved by Keith Harris. Carried.

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING December 5 2007

1. Old/New Business

Gifts to the Community

A cheque was sent to Wildlife Rescue Association.

2. Correspondence

a. BC Council of Garden Clubs. Newsletter was available for members to read.

b. Alpine Garden Club Winter Study Weekend will be held from February 29, 2008 and March 2, 2008. For more information, please contact Susan Brandl. Website: www.agc-bc.ca/wsw/index.asp

c. Letter from Wildlife Rescue Association thanking BRAGS for the donation of \$1050

3. Standing Committee Reports

Membership/Welcome. Total present: 36 members, no new members,.

Meeting adjourned and followed by Christmas Potluck Party.

Merry Christmas and see you all in the New Year.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

2007 YEAR IN REVIEW

Looking back at 2007, I'm impressed by how busy we were and how much was accomplished.

In January we started off with a brand-new executive. Our vice-president Faye Kilpatrick and Treasurer Heather McKay had been very involved with BRAGS but I was a complete newbie with plenty to learn. For the first time ever our speaker was ill but Val and Norbert Wuensche filled in with a beautiful slide show of Hawaii.

By February Susan McDougall had started preparations for our plant sale well underway. We congratulated Carolyn Juhl who had her garden featured in Gardens West Magazine. Les Clay gave a talk on Rhododendrons and brought some plants for us to buy.

In March we began sending out the newsletter electronically to many of the members, saving both money and time. Digs continued for the plant sale despite poor weather. Our Secretary Bev Birce resigned as she had accepted a job in Campbell River and Lanny Hui took over the position. We had an interesting and fun talk from Sharon Hanna on starting seeds.

By April we were the proud owners of a new digital projector, which more and more of our speakers require. This month featured a talk from Dave Hutch on using native plants. We donated \$500 to the Eagles Estate to cover the cost of landscape fabric and seeds to help stabilize a bank near the staircase. Two benches were installed at Fairhaven and Peter Barnsdale organized a group to finish the plantings. Meanwhile Diane Allison led a team refreshing planters at New Vista Care Facility. Judy Wellington and crew were hard at work with the upcoming Rhodofest. The big event was our annual plant sale which occurred on a rainy Sunday and brought in \$4600.

May saw a successful Rhodofest, again in poor weather, but with the ever-popular Silent Auction, Bouquet Contest and Rhodo truss displays. We raised over \$3000. For our May meeting, Ayuko Inoue gave a great talk on garden design and small space gardening. Everyone was coveting the Mother's Day gift basket fundraisers Cheryl and Peter put together.

In June we continued to try and disburse some of the money we had earned. Membership agreed in

principle to contribute toward a sprinkler system at Fairhaven and Peter Barnsdale agreed to get quotes. A further \$1500 was donated to the Eagles Estate, to paint the fence which had finally been completed. By their Strawberry Tea June 24th, the fence looked beautiful. And, as if our gardens didn't cost enough already, Cliff Forbes and his talk on Art in the Garden introduced us to a whole new way to spend money on our yards.

July saw our garden tour. Approximately 190 visitors enjoyed this year's 7 gardens. Again a large number of members interrupted their summers to help make it happen, New this time was a gift drawing thanks to Cheryl and Peter.

In Sept we met and approved \$4200 towards Fairhaven's sprinkler system. Sheila Chowdhury took over the raffle table. Wendy Snyder gave up the job of Refreshment Co-ordinator – at least she tried to. We enjoyed a wonderful show of our garden tour, thanks to David Forsyth's skill and Diane Allison's narration, with several of the garden owners joining us for the presentation.

In October we approved a gift of \$2000 to purchase plants for a therapeutic garden at St. Michaels Centre. Congratulations were offered to member Catherine Dale, who won one of Burnaby's Environmental awards. Barbra Fairclough gave us a talk on Grasses in the Landscape.

In November we donated \$1050 to Wildlife Rescue towards the purchase of a propane water heater. A further \$600 went to the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake to build a pergola for climbing plants. Our speaker fit nicely into this theme of helping wildlife: Randy Solomon gave us good information on attracting birds to our backyards.

And now it's December already. We mark the last issue of our newsletter by Margot Moser who has done such a wonderful job. Although we're busy celebrating, planning is already underway for next year's events. Thanks to all whose hard work and time make it all happen.

Susan Brandl
President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY (BRAGS)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
NOVEMBER 1, 2006 TO OCTOBER 31, 2007

Revenues

Membership	1,040.00	
Monthly Meeting Draws	559.10	
Spring Plant Sale	3,852.97	
Rhodofest Plant Auction	3,227.60	
Garden Tour	1,331.92	
Van City Account Interest	22.70	
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TOTAL REVENUES		10,034.29

Expenses

Gifts to Community Program		
Fairhaven Care Home	7,464.25	
New Vista Care Home	890.96	
Eagles Estate	2,000.00	
St. Michael's Hospice	2,000.00	
BC Wildlife Rescue	1,000.00	
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	13,355.21	
SFU Scholarship Fund	-	
Community Association memberships	279.00	
Meeting Refreshments/Supplies	275.09	
Meeting Guest Speakers	700.00	
Newsletters / Website	705.92	
Financial charges	25.00	
Proxima purchase	1,694.99	
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TOTAL EXPENSES		17,035.21
Revenues over Expenses		<u><u>(\$7,000.92)</u></u>

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY (BRAGS)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND EQUITY
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	4,390.73	
Van City Shares	90.24	
Term 1	5,000.00	
Term 2	5,000.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 14,480.97</u>

LIABILITIES

Outstanding cheques	95.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>\$ 95.00</u>

EQUITY

Members Equity	14,385.97	
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$ 14,385.97</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$ 14,480.97