

## President's Report 2006 Year In Review by Cheryl Fiddis

2006 was again, a year filled with many successful events for BRAGS. Our continued focus on community events had us reaching far and wide, while continuing to gain respect and popularity within the City of Burnaby.

\*We started off in **January** with a high number of members and guests present, no doubt all anxious to get their new year gardening resolutions under way! Guest speaker Ruth Blasig presented excellent landscaping tips.

\*In **February**, guest speaker Charlie Sale presented a wonderful slide presentation of his garden in Deep Cove, which featured not only Rhododendrons, but many other fascinating plants as well. This gave us a welcome respite from the many days of rain experienced recently.

\***March** welcomed guest speaker Alan Reid of Garden Works with his presentation on the history and role of lawns in our gardens. A large number of members and guests attended this meeting, with hopes of finding the answer to the Chafer problem prevalent in Burnaby. BRAGS participated in Gardenworks Spring Fling Weekend, and numerous members helped take shifts at the table.

\*In **April**, the speaker was Fred Weins Sr. from Clearview Clematis. Beverlee Birce officially took over the position of Secretary, replacing longtime member Margot Moser who has purchased a new home on the Island. Farewell to Margot! On April 23 under new chairs Susan and Anita, we held our 5th annual Plant Sale with incredible sales of \$5300! A special thanks went to Margot who donated many plants from her own garden.

\*Our guest speaker for **May** was Gary Lewis from Phoenix Perennials. The 18th Annual Burnaby Rhododendron Festival took place on May 7th and was a huge success, thanks to David once again. The silent auction raked in \$4600!

\*In **June** our famous Plant Auction raised \$382, thanks to our deep-pocketed members. Our Garden Contest took place after a 2 year hiatus, and was well

received within Burnaby. Kudos to Judy and Christina who brought this event back to life.

\*On **July 16** our fabulous weather continued for the Garden Tour, chaired again by Heather, which offered 7 gardens this year, 5 belonging to BRAGS members. 265 tickets were sold.

\*In **August**, our Second Annual Eagles Estate Picnic was held, hosted by Catherine Dale, the new head gardener, who offered a tour of the heritage gardens. Hats off to Diane who chaired this event once again.

\***September** welcomed back both members and guests for a special evening in which Heather & David presented the 2006 Garden Tour show. On September 17<sup>th</sup> BRAGS hosted the Garden Tour & Garden Contest Shadbolt reception, with another presentation by Heather & David. An outstanding event that was enjoyed by all who attended.

\*In **October** prior to the meeting, a number of members arrived early to view the Love Farmhouse Garden, and the structures that BRAGS funded. We were very impressed, and it was nice to see our dollars at work. Our guest speaker was Ray Mattei on bamboos.

\*Our guest speaker for **November** was June Hunter, with her presentation, garden photography on tiles. The late November "planting party" at Fairhaven Care Facility was bumped into December due to the record snowfall. A very dedicated team of members turned out in zero degree weather to fill the purchased planters with a feature plant, spring bulbs and pansies. BRAGS members had approved \$4000 to go towards making the Fairhaven gardens a special place to be. Approval was also made for \$500 to the New Vista gardens, \$1000 to the Wildlife Rescue Association, and \$1000 for the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake.

\*And here we are. It's our **December** meeting, we're wrapping up another amazing year, holding the AGM, and celebrating with a Christmas feast.

This year wouldn't have been possible  
without all of you.  
May we all have a Happy & Healthy 2007

## BRAGS' Year at a Glance

January 3, 2007

Ayuko Inoue  
*Small Space Gardens*

February 7, 2007

Les Clay  
Species Rhododendrons

March 7, 2007

Sharon Hanna  
Starting Plants from Seed

April 4, 2007

Dave Hutch  
Native plants for the Home Garden

April 22, 2007

BRAGS Plant Sale

May 2, 2007

June 6, 2007

Meetings: 7:00 pm

Burnaby Village Museum  
(Discovery Room)  
6501 Deer Lake Avenue

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### Dig This!

If you, or someone you know, have plants you're willing to donate to our 2007 Plant Sale and you would like to have volunteers dig them up in early spring, please let Susan know to arrange 'diggers' to come and pot them up. Likewise, please call Susan, if you are interested in being a digger to help harvest such plants . . . 604-432-9641.

## Our January 3 Speaker

**Ayuko Inoue**

came to Vancouver in 1982, via London England, where she lived for 7 years. After working as a market analyst for shipping commodity industries, she went back to London to study garden design.

After returning to Vancouver, she started a garden design company, **Gardens by Design**, offering both design and installation services. During 15 years of operation, she designed gardens all over the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Calgary.

Ayuko is a Master Gardener at Vandusen Gardens and also teaches garden design courses at VanDusen and North Shore Continuing Education.

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## Refreshment Committee

*"Hats off to our Refreshment Committee who continue to provide refreshments at each meeting! We are looking for a few new volunteers to help out, on a rotation basis, for the upcoming year. If you think you can help out, please contact Wendy Snyder at 604-937-0556, or talk to her at the next meeting."*

## BRAGS 2007 EXECUTIVE

### President

Susan Brandl  
522-6190

### Vice-President

Faye Kilpatrick  
434-5921

### Treasurer

Heather MacKay  
438-1342

### Secretary

Beverlee Birce  
525-0201

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Fund Raising

Peter Barnsdale  
421-8987  
& Cheryl Fiddis  
435-2801

#### Membership

David Forsyth  
298-6350

#### Nominations

Cheryl Fiddis  
435-2801  
Marti Tutti  
436-1942

& Val Wuensche  
298-2836

#### Publicity

Jackie Walker  
420-0275

#### Rhododendron

##### Festival

Judy Wellington  
434-8287  
& Doreen Harold  
434-1102

### OTHER COMMITTEES

#### Garden Contest

Judy Wellington  
434-8287

#### Garden Tour

Wendy Snyder  
937-0556  
& Faye Kilpatrick  
434-5921

#### Newsletter

Margot Moser  
250-468-9167  
Anne & David Forsyth  
298-6350

#### Plant Sale

Susan McDougall  
432-9641

#### Raffle & Greeting

Val Wuensche  
298-2836  
Judy Wellington  
434-8287

#### Refreshments

Wendy Snyder  
937-0556

#### Speakers

Peter Barnsdale  
421-8987

#### Website

David Forsyth  
298-6350

**.BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY**

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.