

Nominations! **Nominations!** **Nominations!**

By Cheryl Fiddis

A number of our BRAGS positions will be coming up for election by the end of this year. Now is the time to begin thinking about what you might want to take on, and to begin asking questions.

Executive positions up for election will be: President, Vice-President, Treasurer. Standing Committee positions will be: Fundraising, Membership, Publicity, Rhodofest.

Nominations must be submitted prior to the December 2008 AGM, and positions can be co-chaired by two individuals. With everyone's busy schedule these days, more and more positions are co-chaired which can make taking on a position less overwhelming. If you think you might want to take on a position, but are reluctant to take it on alone, take time over the upcoming months to discuss the option of co-chairing with a buddy. If you can't always make a meeting, but want to take on a role, co-chairing means less obligation as your position will always be covered.

Have a basic feel for numbers? Can you balance your chequebook? Perhaps the Treasurer position is the one for you. Interested in Publicity? Chat with Jackie and find out what she did 'behind the scenes' to make PR things happen for BRAGS. When you see your executive team sitting up at the front during each meeting, pay attention to the role they play...there might be one for you!

New to the club? All positions are strongly supported by other members, so jump in and get your feet wet! You will never be left alone to do the job.

Over the upcoming months, your Nominations team will be providing you with more information, and will of course, be available to answer your questions. Please don't be shy! A club like BRAGS doesn't happen without volunteers and members willing to step up and fill the roles we need. If you are interested in any of these positions right now, please speak to anyone of the executive team.

President

- The primary role of the President is to chair 10 meetings per annum, including the AGM. Involves preparing an agenda in advance, confirming with and allocating time for those committees which require floor time, reviewing correspondence received, communicating future relevant community events, and presenting requests for "Gifts to the Community" to the membership.
- Represents the Club at any required functions, or assigns a delegate.
- Provides support and guidance to the various committees and groups within BRAGS.
- Ensures the By-Laws of BRAGS are followed.

- Performs sundry duties such as picking up the Club's mail at Shadbolt and attending to any enquires by mail or by phone.
- Ensures the annual agreement is completed for the monthly meetings at Burnaby Village.

Vice-President

- Fills in as President during any absences, and provides support as needed to the President and other Committee members.
- If necessary, assume the role of the President, should this role become unexpectedly vacant.

Treasurer

- Is responsible for the maintenance of all financial records of the club, keeping all accounting up to date and in order and available for audit.
- Issues cheques as needed for any dues, insurance, club expenses, disbursements or reimbursements to members for expenses incurred. Completes deposits for all funds received and issues receipts as required.
- Ensures the Society Annual Report form 11 is completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Finance within 30 days of the date of the AGM.

Publicity

This position is ideal for someone who prefers to be "behind the scenes", as the majority of the duties can be performed by internet, phone or by mail. The primary function is to publicize BRAGS monthly meetings and special events such as the plant sale, garden tour, garden contest and RhodoFest (mostly handled by the City) in local newspapers, garden magazines, community newsletters and by networking with other garden clubs and garden columnists.

Solicit feature articles for print as necessary. Maintain and update a list of possible resources. Attend directors meetings. Provide reports at the monthly meetings as necessary. This is a 2 year term.

Fundraising

This position is responsible for brain-storming and working with the various committees and executive to find ways to incorporate fundraising into our events. This role also works closely with the volunteer responsible for monthly draws.

Experience in soliciting funds from Corporate sponsors for major events such as the RhodoFest, could be an asset, but is not necessary. This position may also explore various options for future "Gifts to the Community", and make recommendations to the executive team, ensuring potential recipients meet the guidelines of the By- Laws. This position is easily shared between two members and is a 2 year term.

RhodoFest Chair

Calls and chairs all meetings of the RhodoFest Committee and combines efforts with the City of Burnaby staff responsible for the festival. Works with the City staff on development of advertising strategy and materials such as designing the poster and other advertising materials. Works with the Volunteer Co-Ordinator for: set up/take down, silent auction, parking attendants, truss display, and for volunteer t-shirts and other Festival details that may arise. This is a 2 year term.



Every garden is unique with a multitude of choices in soils, plants and themes.

Finding your garden theme is as easy as seeing what brings a smile to your face.

- Teresa Watkins, [Gardening With Soul](#)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2010

October 6, 2010 "Roses" by Brad Jalbert. Brad is the owner of Select Roses, a farm-style nursery/greenhouse specializing in the hybridizing and growing of beautiful garden roses. The nursery, located in South Langley, offers the finest in selection and quality of rose bushes in Western Canada. Select Roses was established in 1990 on the same farm that Brad was raised.

The meeting starts at 7 pm, Burnaby Village Museum, Main Building, on 2nd floor. Refreshment is served. All are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own mug to avoid wasting styrofoam cups! Annual membership cost \$12. Members share various gardening interests and enjoy 10% discount of regularly priced items at GardenWorks by presenting their membership cards.

Future Speakers

- **November 3, 2010 Hardy Orchids by Bill Bischoff.** Award winning and international speaker Bill Bischoff will share his gardening passion for all orchids. Join us for an evening as he explains how one small Phalaenopsis in Toronto, that almost crushed his gardening interest, has grown to over 700 orchids grown in warm & cool green houses, and now has extended to hardy orchids grown in his Surrey garden.
- **January 5, 2010 Ikebana Talk and Demo by Beverley-Ann Ranney.** Beverley-Ann has a deep interest in Ikebana for many years. In 1961, she began studying ikebana at the Japanese Cultural Centre under the guidance Shizujko Kadoguchi, President of the Ikenobo Society of America-Toronto Chapter. In 1974, she went to Japan for advanced classes at the centuries – old home school of Ikenobo the family name Ikenobo ikebana which has had direct line of 45 headmasters for life. Over the years, she progressed through the rigorous levels of ikebana until she was honored this year with the Professor of Ikenobo 1st Grade full professorship in Ikebana. For more information about Ikebana in Vancouver, please visit www.vancouver-ikebana.ca

- **February 2, 2010 New Trends in Gardening by Brian Minter.** Brian's passion for plants was transformed into 32-acre [Minter Gardens](#) which today draws thousands of visitors each year, and has become a favourite destination for weddings. He is 'BC's go-to garden expert' through his experience at both the garden centre and the display gardens. As such, he has hosted countless radio and television shows, is a frequent gardening columnist, and is the author of Canadian Best Seller, [Brian Minter's New Gardening Guide - Fresh Approaches for Canadian Gardeners](#)



Many thanks to David Forsyth for the beautiful slide show presentation of "Vancouver Gardens - East Side, West Side" in September.

Out and About

May 1 - October 31, every Saturday, 9am - 2pm. Burnaby Farmers Market at North Parking Lot of Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way at Deer Lake Parkway.

October 1 - March 31, 2011, Emotional Geometry at VanDusen Botanical Garden. an exhibit of works by renowned Mexican sculptor SEBASTIAN, creator of VanDusen's Throne of Nezahuacoyotl, in honour of the bicentennial of the Republic of Mexico. Displayed on the Great Lawn and curated by noted SEBASTIAN expert Dr. George Drake. Presented in conjunction with the Consulate General of Mexico and the Vancouver Biennale.

October 14, Thursday, 7:30pm. Cedar Lecture: Unique Plants of Southern Oregon at Floral Hall, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Southern Oregon is not that far from British Columbia in distance but geologically and botanically it seems much farther. Mr. Long's incredible photography will transport us from the high elevation alpine plants of Steens Mountain to the Siskiyou Mountains, where the rare and toxic Serpentine rock supports a complex and exotic flora that has evolved to survive those poisonous elements. Ron Long was a professional photographer at Simon Fraser University for 36 years. For 15 of those he photographed exclusively for the Biological Sciences Department, acquiring a wealth of knowledge about our natural world. Ron is a board member of the Native Plant Society of BC, is active in the Botany Section of Nature Vancouver and is on the Speakers Committee at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Tickets: in advance from the Administration Office or, subject to availability, at the door on the night of the lecture. Individual tickets: Members \$10 and non-members \$15. Trio Pack: includes three tickets which can be used on any three lectures in 2010 - Members: \$25 (for 3), Non-members: \$40 (for 3)

October 16 - 17, Saturday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm. Vancouver UBC Apple Festival at UBC Botanical Garden. More than a hundred popular varieties of fruit trees from Orange Pippin and Bramley's Seedling to more unusual ones, such as Pink Pearl and Lord Lambourne. Adults \$2, children under 12 are free.

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October 16, Saturday, 10am, Bird Walk at VanDusen Botanical Garden, meet at the Garden entrance. Join Jeremy Gordon from Nature Vancouver for a guided birding exploration in the Garden. Rain or shine. Limited to the first 20 people. Free for Members or included with Garden admission. For more information on Nature Vancouver, visit www.naturevancouver.ca

October 17, Sunday, 10:30am - noon or 1:30-3pm, HSBC VanDusen Family Program, A Plant Before Time at VanDusen Botanical Garden for families with children ages 5 to 10 years. What did the plant-eating dinosaurs munch on for lunch? Did these plants have flowers or spores? Were they huge or tiny? Join us as we explore the Garden in search of plants that were on earth during prehistoric times. Price: Member Family \$15, Non-Member Family \$25 (includes admission to the Garden). One-time bursaries are available for families with limited resources. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by calling 604-718-5898 or familyprograms@vandusen.org

October 23, Saturday, 9am - 5pm and October 24, Sunday, 10am - 4pm, Fraser Valley Orchid Society 2010 Show and Sale at George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42nd Avenue. Come out and discover the beauty of Orchids. Many displays of orchids from around the world. Shop the Orchid Market for Rare orchids, potting supplies, arts and crafts and more. Visit www.fraservalleyorchidsociety.com for more info.

October 23 - 24, Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 4pm. Dried Flower Sale in Entrance Pavilion at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Sale of dried flower topiaries, wreaths, bouquets and arrangements made from materials gathered in the Garden.

October 24, Sunday, 11am - 4pm Vancouver Mycological Society Mushroom Show at Floral Hall, VanDusen Botanical Garden. Admission \$3. Information: Brian Didier 604.619.5060 brian.didier@telus.net

October 25, Monday 7pm, Film Screening, The Man Who Planted Trees presented by the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival with special guest, VanDusen Garden Director Harry Jongerden in Floral Hall at 7 p.m. Considered to be the finest hand-rendered animation ever created, this Canadian Oscar-winning film by Frédéric Back portrays Elzéard Bouffier's life's work transforming barren landscapes into thriving ecosystems brimming with wildlife. Using extraordinarily detailed impressionist watercolour paintings of forests, trees, and birds, this enchanting film describes the potential for one person to influence permanent change in the world. Experience the power of trees to restore the environment as Mr. Jongerden offers a brief commentary on the value of trees and horticultural projects benefitting environments and communities. Please reserve your seats (\$5 each with popcorn) at info@vcbf.ca and pay at the door.

October 28, 29, and 30, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 6 - 9pm, Haunted Village - Halloween Hysteria! at Burnaby Village Museum. Come have fun with superstitions, legends and the magic of Halloween. Witches, trolls, gravediggers, and undertakers greet you as you walk through our haunted village in the dark of the night. Children - wear your costumes to trick-or-treat. See the latest styles in coffins and get measured for yours. Visit the fortune teller and savour tasty toes and the Voodoo cafe. Take in the fashions for Dead Victorians. Enjoy our circus sideshow and ride the 1912 carousel and hear the moans of the dearly departed in the cemetery. Admission: Adults \$14 and Children (2-12 years) \$9. Entrance includes trick or treating for the children and unlimited carousel rides for all. Tickets available at the door.

No discounts or passes are accepted for this special event.

October 30, Saturday, 5 - 7pm, Jack O'Lantern's Spooky Stroll at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Suitable for families with children age 9 and under. Follow the pumpkin path to view more than 125 carved and lit pumpkins in the dark and arranged in a circle route through the Garden. When you're done, join WestCoast Families Editor Anya Levykh in the Glasshouse for story-telling. Rain or shine, dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets available in The Garden Shop starting October 1. Tickets also available at the door. Prices: Adult (19 - 64): Member \$5.50, Non-member \$7.25; Seniors (65+): Member \$4, Non-member \$5.25; Children & Youth (2 - 18): \$5.00. Media Sponsor: [WestCoast Families Magazine](http://WestCoastFamiliesMagazine.com), Pumpkin Sponsor: [Aldor Acres](http://AldorAcres.com)