

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – September 4, 2019
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of June 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) **Parks Commission meeting at City Hall on June 11 - Wendy Thompson**

Wendy reported that this meeting was pertaining to the maintenance of the Rhododendron garden near Horizons. Wendy attended with Barry Jones who gave an excellent presentation. The Commission has yet to follow up with any action. Wendy met again with Barry today and he will pursue further.

b) **Annual Pot Luck Picnic on July 28 - Wendy Thompson**

The picnic was held in the lovely garden of Bev and Bill Glover. It was a big success - perfect day - weather and the food was excellent!

c) **Outing to West Coast Seeds on August 24 - Susan Brandl**

Susan attended with ten members of the Vancouver Shade Garden Society. Beth MacLaren organized this trip but was unable to attend. Susan reported that West Coast Seeds is located on about one acre that is worked. They use chicken manure and their plants are enormous! They have bee and butterfly gardens and the general public are encouraged to walk through any time.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report for June 1 to August 31, 2019:

Total revenue = \$31.80; expenses = \$218.87; revenue over expenses = -\$187.07. Bank balance as of September 1 = \$9,708.88. Members agreed that we should think about where to donate some of our funds. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

None.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Burnaby Blooms- Verna Adamson**

Nil.

b) **Plant Sale - Linda Cholette**

Nil.

c) **Welcome/Attendance - Anne Forsyth**

Anne reported that there were 21 members in attendance.

d) **Memberships - Anne Forsyth**

Nil.

e) **Speakers/Program - Beth MacLaren**

- October 2 - Jennifer Zuk will present on "Dahlia's"
- November 6 - Kristin Crouch will present on "How to start a Cut Flower Garden"

7. New/Other Business

- Wendy reported that the City has requested that some of BRAGS' bins of "stuff" in the Discovery room needs to be moved out. Faye and Wendy will follow up.
- Rosemarie Daviduk reported that the South Burnaby Garden Club is hosting the Fall Harvest Fair at Bonsor Community Centre on September 7th and 8th from 11:00 to 4:00.
- Daniel Ng won "Best Dahlia in Show" prize at the Vancouver Dahlia Society show on August 31 - September 1 at VanDusen. Congratulations Daniel!

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm, refreshments were served and members presented on the successes of their gardens this summer.