

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 4, 2024,**  
**at the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

- **Welcome and call meeting to order** at 7:04 pm

- **Confirmation of Quorum**

Twelve members in good standing were in attendance, therefore a quorum was confirmed.

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Cheryl Fiddis moved, and Beth MacLaren seconded that the agenda be accepted. All were in favour.

4. Minutes from December 6, 2023 Annual General Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Beth MacLaren. All were in favor.

5. Financial Report for the October 31, 2024, Year End

Treasurer, Susan Brandl, distributed copies of the financial report to members before the meeting. When she asked if there were any questions or comments, none were forthcoming. Susan said that we need to spend more of our funds. The report was accepted as presented.

**6. Budget for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year** – Susan provided a projection of known income and expenses to membership prior to the meeting. Susan moved that the budget be accepted and Debbie Vallee seconded the motion. All were in favour.

7. President's 2024 Year End Report

Wendy Thompson read her report which mentioned that she had been President for eleven years and would be happy to step aside if anyone else wanted to take the position. She gave special thanks to Verna Adamson (Burnaby Blooms) and Beth Maclaren (speakers, tours and Ikebana workshop). Her report will be posted on the BRAGS website with the Minutes and financial reports.

8. Nominations

No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive:

President – Wendy Thompson

Vice President and Past President – Verna Adamson

Secretary -- Linda Cholette

Treasurer – Susan Brandl

Directors are:

Membership – Anne Forsyth

Nomination Committee – Verna Adamson

Publicity – Evelyn Crawford

Burnaby Blooms – Verna Adamson

Non-elected positions are:

Plant Sale Coordinator – Linda Cholette

Speaker Coordinator – Beth Maclaren

Welcome & Door prizes – Judy Wellington

Website & Communications – David Forsyth

Refreshment Coordinator – Faye Kilpatrick  
Newsletter -- Cheryl Fiddis

A motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2024/25 year was made by David Forsyth and seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. All were in favour.

A motion to accept the non-elected (appointed members) for the 2024/25 year was made by Judy Wellington and seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor

#### 9. Other Business

Meeting venues for 2025 – The City does not have space available for January, February or March. It was decided to have a meeting via Zoom in January, and to look for an alternate space for February and March. Shadbolt Centre and City Hall were suggested.

The Zoom account expires on January 25, 2025; no decision was made about renewal for around \$240, as we no longer have another club to share the expense.

#### 8. Adjournment

Wendy Thompson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:20 pm. It was seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. The meeting was followed by a social and snacks.

### **BRAGS President's Year End Report, December 4, 2024**

This has been my eleventh year as President of BRAGS. It has my honour to serve as president, however, I am more than ready to step aside for someone else to take it on.

We met in person in the Discovery Room in Feb, Apr, May, June, September and November and had Zoom meetings in January and October. In March we met in Studio #104 at the Shadbolt Centre as the Discovery Room was not available.

Thanks to Beth, we had a variety of very interesting speakers. Our speakers this year were:

Maria Valena of KPU, plant propagation by cuttings

Ron Long, photos from his travels in South Africa

Dwight Young, soil activation with his product Grower's Delight

Aidan Silzer-Hooker of Front Yard Farms

Jason Croutch of Fraser Valley Farms, Garden Facts & Folklore

Anna Dushyna, Medicinal Berries

Jay Akerly on crevice gardening for small places

In November, Beth presented an Ikebana workshop. The members all made an arrangement to take home which was a lot of fun. Beth also organized a most enjoyable tour on June 30 to the Fraser Valley Rose Farm and Erikson's Day Lily Gardens. We had lunch at the restaurant nearby that sells turkey products.

On May 4 we participated in Burnaby Blooms by having a one-day plant sale. It was a big success and we made over \$1500, which was \$300 more than the previous year. A very special thank you goes to Verna for organizing the event, obtaining donations and sending out thank-you notes, and to everyone else who donated plants, picked up donations and volunteered at the event.

We made a donation of \$500 to Wildlife Rescue in Burnaby.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to the Executive and to everyone else who has been staying involved and keeping BRAGS alive. Without you, we wouldn't have a club.

The City is reducing the number of first Wednesday that the Discovery Room will be available to us. I'm working with them to find alternatives.

Respectfully Submitted  
Wendy Thompson, President

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY  
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - OCTOBER 31, 2024

**INCOME AND EXPENSES**

RECEIPTS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 projected
MEMBERSHIP	420	0	0.00	420	360	360
RAFFLE	30	0	62.00	70.00	123	100
INTEREST	97.42	61.69	45.36	154.3	244.23	300
BURNABY Blooms	0	0	1,028.80	1271.62	1574	1000
	0	0	0.00	0		
DONATIONS	0	33.53	56.00	0	0	
OTHER	0	0.00	0.00	7.56	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>547.42</b>	<b>95.22</b>	<b>\$1,192.16</b>	<b>\$1,923.48</b>	<b>\$2,301.23</b>	<b>\$1,760</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

SPEAKERS	425	550.00	937.50	810	1170	1200
OFFICE/ADMIN	133.41	272.32	319.55	293.7	389	400
BANK FEES					9	15
REFRESHMENTS	0	0.00	16.43		0	40
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	94.72	94.12	94.18	106	110	110
BCCGC Meeting	0	0.00	68.00	117.07	120	180
BURNABY BLOOM		0.00	0.00		0	20
	0	0.00	0.00			
DONATIONS	1000	0.00	250.00	100	500	500
SOCIAL	0	0.00	0.00		0	100
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0.00	0.00	47.03	0	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,653.13</b>	<b>916.44</b>	<b>1685.66</b>	<b>1473.8</b>	<b>\$2,298.00</b>	<b>2615</b>

<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>-1,105.71</b>	<b>-821.22</b>	<b>-493.50</b>	<b>449.68</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>-855.00</b>
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**ASSETS**

	Oct 31/20	Oct 31/21	Oct 31/2022	Oct 31/23	Oct 31/24	Oct 2025 projected
CASH-Chequing	8325.57	7315.72	6,776.56	7196.94	3955.04	3000
-petty cash(raffle)	20	20.00	20.00	20.00	60	40
GIC	5607.73	5669.42	5,714.78	5869.08	6113.31	6350
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>	-126.94 *	0.00				
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$13,826.36</b>	<b>\$13,005.14</b>	<b>\$12,511.34</b>	<b>\$13,086.02</b>	<b>\$13,128.35</b>	<b>\$12,390.00</b>
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Change	-\$1,105.71	-\$821.22	-\$493.80	\$574.68	\$42.33	-\$738.35
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\*Cheques owed/not cashed