

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
Minutes of Monthly Meeting – January 7, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of November 5, 2014 Minutes

Motion to accept November minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Judy Wellington. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **Amendments to By-laws** - were voted on at the AGM in December and passed. The amended minutes were sent to the Registrar of Companies in Victoria for approval. We will receive a signed copy.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial reports for November and December:

November = Total revenue = \$65.61; expenses = \$150.00; revenue over expenses = (\$84.39). Bank balance as of December 1 = \$7,303.03.

December = Total revenue = \$96.63; expenses = \$206.97; revenue over expenses = (\$110.33). Bank balance as of January 1 = \$7,257.70.

Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Don Wrigley seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence

Letter was received from the L'Arche Society requesting a donation. This was a general request.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival – Verna Adamson** - no report.

b) **Plant Sale – David Forsyth** - no report.

c) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 22 members + 2 guests in attendance.

d) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded members that membership fees are due.

e) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reported that the Seattle Flower Show takes place again in the beginning of February. If interested in attending, email Bev at bglover@telus.net

7. New/Other Business

- Evelyn Crawford informed members that she knows someone who wants to give away some compost. If interested contact Evelyn.
- John Crawford enquired about the Unique soil amender and whether members were interested in purchasing this product again. Therese Pope has the contact person's name. This item will be discussed further at February's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned and Heather Webb presented on "From the Ground Up – West Coast Garden".

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – February 4, 2015

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of January 7, 2014 Minutes

Motion to accept January minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **Unique Soil Amender** – we need to commit to purchasing 40 bags at \$10/each. John Crawford will organize. The supplier is unable to deliver until our April meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated and an email will be sent to all members so that a final count can be given at the March meeting.

b) **Amendments to By-laws** – these were passed at the AGM in December and the Registrar of Companies in Victoria approved them. The old Constitution and By-laws on the website will be replaced with the revised/approved version and a signed copy will be retained by BRAGS' Secretary, Linda Cholette.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for January:

Total revenue = \$96.62; expenses = \$100.00; revenue over expenses = (\$3.38). Bank balance as of February 1 = \$7,254.32. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Bev Glover seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence

- Amended bylaws for BRAGS. Refer to above notation.
- Burnaby Food First – they are requesting a donation. If interested in making an individual donation, refer to their website, or contact Wendy.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 3) – Verna Adamson

Verna will be meeting with City of Burnaby representatives in March. Times may be changed from 10 – 4 to 10 – 3. At our March meeting she will circulate a sign up sheet for volunteers. Volunteers are also needed to set up on Saturday May 2.

b) Plant Sale – David Forsyth

Next month members should be thinking about potting up plants to donate. Nice house plants are wanted also!

c) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 23 members + 7 guests in attendance.

d) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded members that membership fees are due.

e) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reminded members about the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival April 2 to 29th. Refer to their website for more information. The following speakers are confirmed: March – Chris Jennings (Shade Garden) and May – Gary Lewis (Phoenix Perennials). Bev suggested printing a leaflet to advertise for Gary Lewis and invite other garden club members. A nominal fee (\$3.00?) could be charged, or suggest a donation. Non-members would also pay. The handout could be placed at the plant sale table. Bev and Verna will prepare the leaflet and co-ordinate with Burnaby Rhodofestival reps. All agreed that it is MORE important to encourage new members to join BRAGS versus accumulating more funds.

7. New/Other Business

a) Wendy and Bev will meet the community gardening group at University Highlands Elementary School at SFU on February 20 at 2:00 pm. If interested in attending, contact Wendy.

b) **BRAGS picnic** – Bev has offered to host the picnic in her garden in June. (after June 10) To be discussed further.

c) **Great Salmon Send off** – at Stoney Creek School on Saturday, May 9th.

Meeting was adjourned and Elke Knechtel (RedBarn Plants) presented on vegetables.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – March 4, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of February 4, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept February minutes was made by Cheryl Fiddis; seconded by David Forsyth. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **Unique Soil Amender** – members have committed to purchasing 40 bags at \$10/each. John Crawford will place the order and delivery will be arranged for 6:00 pm prior to April's meeting. Cash, or cheque will be accepted.

b) **Great Salmon Send off** – If any members are interested in setting up a BRAGS display at Stoney Creek School, contact Wendy.

c) **University Highlands Community Gardening Group** – Wendy and Bev met this group on February 20th. Last year they presented to BRAGS and requested donations of the following: raised bed boxes, dwarf fruit trees, seeds and soil. Wendy and Bev were impressed with the group's dedication and their 5 volunteers. They focus on educating students (K – Gr. 7) in nutrition, food preparation, plant growth, soil composting, water conservation and growing edible plants and vegetables. Judy Wellington made the motion to donate \$350.00. Faye Kilpatrick seconded. All were in favor. Bev Glover recommended that BRAGS receive recognition for the above donation – e.g. notation on the school's website and the group will be requested to provide BRAGS a follow up report in the fall.

d) **BRAGS picnic – Sunday, June 14 from 1 – 5** = will be held at Bev Glover's home – pot luck.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for March:

Total revenue = \$201.55; expenses = \$150.00; revenue over expenses = (\$51.55). Bank balance as of March 1 = \$7,305.87. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival (Sunday, May 3)** – Verna Adamson

Verna and June met with the City of Burnaby March 4th and the end time has been changed to: 10:00 to 3:00 (instead of 10 – 4). The Silent Auctions will take place at 12:00 and 2:00.

b) **Plant Sale – David Forsyth**

David reminded members to start dividing your plants and make sure the soil and pots that you donate at the sale are clean. Therese Pope needs more pots for her plants. Susan Brandl will contact her. Suggestion was made to have a childrens' activity area set up at the bouquet table. E.g. crayons and flower posters for children to colour. This item will be discussed further at April meeting. Beth MacLaren suggested having a "butterfly release" as an education session at the conclusion of the Rhodo Festival. Beth has information re: the young man that does this and the City of Burnaby has expressed interest. Verna proposed donating up to \$200.00 to purchase the butterflies and we will request the City to match this amount. The City would advertise and promote this activity. Verna circulated a sign up sheet and this item will be discussed further at April meeting.

c) **Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick**

Faye reported that there were 22 members + 4 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships – Anne Forsyth**

Anne reminded members that membership fees are due.

e) **Speakers/Program – Bev Glover**

Bev reported that April's speaker Karen Myskiw (Jardins Designs) will present on "Habitat Gardens for Butterflies, Birds and Bees" and Gary Lewis (Phoenix Perennials) will present in May on the "Cutting Edge Plants for Cutting Edge". June speaker TBA.

7. New/Other Business

Nil.

Meeting was adjourned and Chris Jennings presented on "Shade Gardens".

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – April 1, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

BRAGS Meeting April 1, 2015
Minutes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Call to Order at 7:08 PM 	Bev Glover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the March 4, 2015 minutes as posted on the website June Dodson/Judy Wellington M/S 	Bev Glover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Business from the Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Unique soil amender delivered tonight b) BCCGC AGM – Keith reported that general business and re-elections took place. 	Bev Glover Keith Harris
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Susan Brandl reported that we had revenue of \$36.61 from membership and interest, and expenses of \$441.26 for newsletter, speaker and our Burnaby Mtn Community Garden donation. With \$6901.22 in our chequing account. Susan Brandl/Don Wrigley M/S 	Susan Brandl
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence SFU – letter of thanks re the Fall 2014 scholarship recipient is Jennifer Scholefield (\$500) 	Bev Glover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rhodo Festival - Sunday, May 3 Sign-up sheet circulated. We will confirm your jobs by phone. We have access to the Shadbolt Centre on Sat, 9 am. Silent Auction closings are 12 pm and 2 pm. Louise Meville will deliver Spring Bouquet fliers to the South Bby Garden Club. We are looking for someone to take on the Spring bouquet table. (Note – Judy Wellington has agreed) Bring your lunch or be prepared to purchase it. We have limited storage for plants on Friday. b) Plant Sale - get plants ready! b) Welcome/Attendance tonight 22 members in attendance c) Memberships Reminder to renew your memberships if you haven't already d) Speakers/Program Bev reported that the Nov meeting speaker hasn't been booked, so if you have a request, please contact her at bglover@telus.net. 	Verna Adamson David Forsyth Faye Kilpatrick Anne Forsyth Bev Glover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brochure regarding May speaker (Gary Lewis) to be distributed at Rhodo Fest. Verna and Bev will develop it. • Discussion re fee for non-members to attend the May meeting. Vote taken – fee – 9 no fee – 12 No Fee AGREED Please invite your friends and neighbours. <p>Adjournment Coffee Break followed by Karen Miskyw, "Habitat Gardens/Butterflies"</p>	Bev Glover

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – May 6, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of April 1, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept April minutes was made by John Crawford; seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for April:

Total revenue = \$574.57; expenses = \$720.00; revenue over expenses = (\$145.43). Bank balance as of

April 30 = \$6,755.79. Brief summary from the Rhodo Festival: \$1,448.50 from the silent auction and \$698.50 from the plant sale. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson

a) Request for support from Burnaby Community Garden – Mary Fraser reported on their Urban Garden Project at 6239 Canada Way. They are NOT requesting a grant, or donation, however, they need assistance to build up their garden. They are volunteer driven, have six raised beds and the produce grown is distributed among the volunteers. Wendy stated that there will be no decision made tonight regarding support from BRAGS.

b) Burnaby Food First - This pertains to sharing your backyard. David Forsyth will email all members details on this item.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Verna Adamson

Verna thanked everyone that volunteered at this annual event. The BRAGS banner looked good; there were nine spring bouquets and the two live auctions at 12:00 and 2:00 went well. Thanks to Verna and June Dodson for all their hard work.

Summary and suggestions:

Judy Wellington – need to promote more interest in the spring bouquet contest – next year try having a children's activity.

Therese Pope - more signage is needed for our plant sale – try a sandwich board type of sign.

Joan Conklin – suggest to the City to organize a workshop on ecosculpture and print a small map/handout indicating the room #s for the spring bouquet contest & plant sale and post a sign with list of events, times and room numbers. The City also needs to do more advertising at Community Centres.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 21 members + 14 guests in attendance.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded guests that BRAGS membership is only \$12.00 per year and your membership card entitles you to 10% discount at Garden Works, WIG and Phoenix Perennials.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reported that June's speaker is Marilyn Holt from Buckerfields and she will present on "Herbs: Culinary, Medicinal & Cosmetic". There are no meetings in July and August and in September BRAGS members will present on "what works best in their gardens".

7. New/Other Business

a) Rhodo garden at Burnaby Mountain Park – from Barry Jones, former MLA for Burnaby North Wendy read a letter sent from Mr. Jones regarding the Rhododendron Garden that used to be growing along the Trans-Canada Trail. This historical site was part of a centennial project initiated by the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission 47 years ago. Maintenance of this beautiful landmark has ceased and it is now barely visible from Centennial Way. Blackberry and other bushes have taken over...Mr. Jones was requesting verbal support from BRAGS for the rehabilitation of this park by lending our name. Cheryl Fiddis made the motion to give support for this initiative; Don Wrigley seconded. All were in agreement.

b) BRAGS Annual Picnic - June 14 is the annual picnic at Bev's home (8627 – 12th Avenue) at 1:00. This is pot luck; theme is "Pretend Ascot" so wear a fascinator or facsimile!

Meeting was adjourned and Gary Lewis presented on "Cutting Edge Plants for Cutting Edge Gardens".

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – June 3, 2015

Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of May 6, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept May minutes was made by Bev Glover; seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor.

Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) Barry Jones has been in contact with the City of Burnaby about the neglected rhododendron garden on Burnaby Mountain near Horizons restaurant. He is hopeful that something will be done to restore maintenance to the garden and will keep BRAGS posted.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for May:

Total revenue = \$2,363.22 (\$1,454.00 from auction May 3 and \$818.50 from plant sale); expenses = \$519.30; revenue over expenses = (\$1,843.92). Bank balance as of May 31 = \$8,599.71. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Keith Harris seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson
Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – Verna Adamson

Verna and June prepared the following report consisting of feedback/recommendations received. If you have any additional suggestions forward them to Verna. This report will be forwarded to the City of Burnaby:

- The new cashier sign was very visible.
- The one glass display case for the trusses was successful.
- Signage for directions entering in and out the plaza for vendors was confusing – needs to be clearer.
- More advertising for the Rhodo Festival is needed in libraries, community centres, etc. Clarify with the City whose responsibility this is. Need to submit advertising to the community newspapers earlier.
- Need better signage for the silent auction – perhaps a “sandwich board” type of sign.
- The banner should be displayed in a better

position to be more visible.

- Implement the “butterfly release” for a children’s activity – needs to be planned earlier.
- The City should print a map and directions handout for the Shadbolt building indicating times of events and room numbers, and activities, etc.
- Designate a reserved section in parking lot for BRAGS members.
- The City should have a shuttle bus for visitors to the festival.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Faye Kilpatrick

Faye reported that there were 20 members + 2 guests in attendance.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded guests that BRAGS membership is only \$12.00 per year and your membership card entitles you to 10% discount at Garden Works, WIG and Phoenix Perennials.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reminded members about the annual picnic “pot luck” at her home on June 14 and the theme is “Pretend Ascot”. She reported that September’s meeting is “Garden Successes” (bring photos and samples of what you grew if you wish) and October’s speaker has declined so a speaker is needed. November’s speaker is Brian Campbell and he will present on “Winter Permaculture”.

7. New/Other Business

- a) John Crawford is selling dahlia tubers for \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00 and the proceeds go to BRAGS.
- b) David Savelieff brought some sky charts to the meeting and left the handouts at the back of the meeting room.

Meeting was adjourned and Marilyn Holt of Buckerfields presented on “Herbs: Culinary, Medicinal & Cosmetic”.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – September 2, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of June 3, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept the June minutes was made by Bev Glover and seconded by Therese Pope. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website which is updated by David Forsyth. Wendy thanked David for his ongoing, diligent work on the website.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

Wendy thanked Bev Glover for hosting the BRAGS pot-luck picnic on June 14. It was a beautiful day and all who attended enjoyed good company, good food, a rousing game of croquet and showing off their hats.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl reported that there was \$8465.06 in the chequing account as of September 1, 2015. It was moved by Therese Pope and seconded by June Dodson that her report be accepted as read. All were in favour. Susan asked members to be thinking about making donations as funds are available.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson

No correspondence other than bank statements.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Rhodo Festival – June Dodson

Susan Brandl asked if there had been any feedback from Burnaby on the 2015 Rhodofest. Verna Adamson was not present, however, June Dodson said that she had not received anything.

b) Welcome/Attendance – Anne Forsyth

Anne reported that there were 13 members present.

c) Memberships – Anne Forsyth

Nothing to report.

d) Speakers/Program – Bev Glover

Bev reported that Egan Davis will be speaking at the October meeting about his trip to the Strandzha Mountain Region in Turkey and Bulgaria. Strandzha is an oak and beech forest with a Rhododendron understory. Mr. Davis is an excellent speaker. He teaches horticulture in botanical gardens, college and university setting, and he brings passion and infectious enthusiasm for gardening to his teaching. Members were encouraged to bring their friends as this should be a very interesting presentation.

7. New/Other Business

a) Wendy mentioned that the next Customer Appreciation Day at Gardenworks is Sep 17; be sure to take your membership to receive the discounts.

b) June Dodson will be away for the October meeting. Bev Glover volunteered to make the coffee.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

After refreshments, David Forsyth showed photos of club members' gardens which generated discussion.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 7, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of September 2, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept September minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Don Wrigley. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS' website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

- a) Suggestions for donations from BRAGS:
1. Cheryl Fiddis recommended the Wildlife Rescue.
 2. Susan Brandl suggested the B.C. Council of Gardens Club – a scholarship.
 3. Wendy Thompson will follow up with the University Highlands Community Gardens regarding their planting request and our previous year's donation.

At November's meeting a decision will be made regarding the above suggestions on how to spend this year's money.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for September:

Total revenue = \$8,465.76; expenses = \$63.98; revenue over expenses = (\$63.28). Bank balance as of September 30 = \$8,401.78. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson - Some bank statements.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival** – Verna Adamson - Nil.

b) **Welcome/Attendance** – Cheryl Fiddis

Cheryl reported that there were 22 members + 3 guests in attendance.

c) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth - No new memberships.

d) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that November's speaker is Brian Campbell and he will present on "Beekeeping and the Decline of Bees". From January onwards there are no speakers scheduled as yet. Please contact Bev with suggestions.

7. New/Other Business

a) **University Highlands Community Gardening Group** – Wendy will follow up with this group regarding the funds they received from BRAGS in March 2014. Bev recommended that BRAGS should receive recognition for the donation with a notation on the school's website. Wendy will request that they provide a follow up report.

b) Recently Wendy experienced an issue at Gardenworks where they had no record of BRAGS receiving a 10% discount at their store. Following discussion, some members suggested giving your phone number for a discount should solve the problem!

c) John Crawford enquired as to the end result of the neglected rhododendron gardens on Burnaby Mountain. Wendy promised to follow up with Barry Jones.

d) Joan Conklin suggested that BRAGS could approach schools via a letter to promote available funding from BRAGS for gardening projects. Also BRAGS could contact Burnaby Food First.

Meeting was adjourned and David Forsyth presented a taped gardening show from the BBC. Egan Davis was the scheduled speaker, however, he was absent from this meeting.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 4, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of October 7, 2015 Minutes

Motion to accept October minutes was made by Keith Harris; seconded by Don Wrigley. All were in favor. Reminder: meeting minutes are posted on the BRAGS website and is updated by David Forsyth.

3. Outstanding Business from the Minutes

a) **University Highlands School & Community Garden Report**

A very thorough report was presented by Wendy Thompson. BRAGS donated \$350.00 to this school in March 2015. A breakdown of their funding expenditures was included in their report.

b) **Suggestions for donations from BRAGS**

The following recommendations were given: the BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund; Wildlife Rescue; Burnaby Food First and University Highlands School & Community Garden. Decision on this item will be deferred.

c) **Rhododendron garden near Horizon's Restaurant**

Wendy Thompson has received no further information from Barry Jones.

4. Treasurer's Report

Susan Brandl provided the following financial report for October:

Total revenue = \$0.72; expenses = \$48.76; revenue over expenses = (\$48.04). Bank balance as of October 31 = \$8,353.74. Motion to accept the above report was made by Susan and Verna Adamson seconded. All were in favor.

5. Correspondence – Wendy Thompson - Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Rhodo Festival** – Verna Adamson

Verna will be attending a meeting soon.

b) **Plant Sale** – David Forsyth - Nil.

c) **Welcome/Attendance** – Evelyn Crawford

Evelyn reported that there were 18 members + 2 guests in attendance.

d) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

Anne reminded that it is time to pay your 2016 membership dues.

e) **Speakers/Program** – Bev Glover

Bev reported that speakers for January to March have not been confirmed yet. Thank you to the members that provided suggestions for speakers. Tentative upcoming topics are: January – Water Management; February – Soil Basics; March – Crows – Their Habitat and Environmental Value.

Bev reported that the following gardening events will be taking place:

February 17 – 21, 2016 – PNWFS Seattle Flower Show; February 17 – 21, 2016 – BC Home & Garden Show;

March 16 – 20, 2016 – San Francisco Flower Show; March 21 – April 17, 2016 – VCBF Cherry Blossom Festival.

7. New/Other Business

a) On **October 24th** Keith Harris attended meeting at the BC Council of Garden Clubs. He prepared a detailed report for members to read.

b) **December 2nd** BRAGS meeting – will be the AGM and Christmas Pot Luck. Please bring your favorite “finger” food to share with others. Guests are welcome at the Christmas pot luck.

Meeting was adjourned and Brian Campbell presented on “Bees – Conserving Pollinators”.

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 2, 2015
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order

Wendy Thompson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05

2. Confirmation of Quorum

Wendy confirmed that at least five members in good standing were present constituting a quorum.

3. Minutes from December 3, 2014 Annual General Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes as posted on the website was made by Cheryl Fiddis and seconded by Bev Glover. All were in favor.

4. Financial Report

Oct 31, 2015 Year End - Treasurer, Susan Brandl, presented this report which was made available to review. Motion to accept was made by June Dodson and seconded by Faye Kilpatrick. All were in favor.

5. Budget for 2016

Treasurer, Susan Brandl presented the proposed 2016 budget. This is a guideline document. Copies of the proposed budget were available to review. Motion to accept it was made by Susan and seconded by Verna Adamson. All were in favor.

6. President's Year End Report

Wendy Thompson read her year-end report which will be posted on the BRAGS website appended to the minutes and financial reports.

5. Nominations

No nominations were to be accepted from this meeting and the following is the incoming Executive: President – Wendy Thompson; Vice President – Bev Glover; Secretary – Linda Cholette; Treasurer – Susan Brandl. Directors are: Publicity – Evelyn Crawford; Rhododendron Festival -- Verna Adamson & June Dodson; Plant Sale Coordinator -- Vacant; Membership – Anne Forsyth. Non elected positions are: Welcome & Raffle – Faye Kilpatrick; Speakers – Bev Glover; Website – David Forsyth; Refreshment Coordinator – June Dodson; Newsletter -- Cheryl Fiddis; Nominations (3 positions) - Judy Wellington, Verna Adamson & Vacant; BC Garden Club Representative -- Keith Harris. Motion to adopt the nominated Executive for the 2016 year was made by Cheryl Fiddis and Don Wrigley seconded. All were in favor. Motion to accept the non-elected

(appointed members) for the 2016 year was made by Verna Adamson and seconded by Keith Harris. All were in favour.

The positions were all filled by the previous incumbents, however, this does not mean there are no opportunities to take on a position (i.e. a volunteer is needed to coordinate the Plant Sale). Wendy asked members who are interested in becoming more involved to come forward.

6. Other Business

- a) Keith Harris offered thanks to the Executive and to all the non-elected members who keep the club going.
- b) Bev Glover said that the speaker for the February meeting is willing to bring a load of soil amender in 30 litre bags that he is selling for \$6/bag. Orders will be collected at the January meeting for payment and pickup at the February meeting.

7. Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8. Adjournment

Wendy called for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:25 pm

BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
President's Year End Report
December 2, 2015

It has been my honour to serve as your president for the past year. Thank you to our Executive Committee, standing committee members and all those who contribute in so many ways to BRAGS. We have had another successful year!

Special thanks to Bev Glover for coordinating the 2015 guest speakers and for filling in for me when I was away. The variety of topics and the knowledge the speakers shared with us were most interesting.

Thanks to Anne Forsyth for coordinating the annual plant sale which we held again in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival, and to all of you who donated plants and your time to make this a successful event. The funds we raised go toward our expenses, namely guest speakers and community donations.

Thanks to Verna Adamson and June Dodson, for continuing to coordinate the annual Rhodofest with the City of Burnaby. We had an outstanding group of volunteers who worked hard on both the RhodoFest and Plant Sale. We kept the format of two closing times which worked out well thanks to the excellent organizing skills of Verna and June. Thank you to everyone for your time, commitment and dedication to this event. I enjoyed it very much and hope that you did too!

Special thanks to David Forsyth for his undying commitment to our website and email communications, Cheryl Fiddis, the tireless editor of our interesting and informative newsletter, Evelyn Crawford for publicity, Keith Harris for attending the BCCGC meetings, June Dodson for organizing the refreshments for a second year, and to all of you who contributed goodies throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Treasurer, Susan Brandl, and Secretary, Linda Cholette, for doing a great job for many years, and for agreeing to continue in their positions.

In June, we had a fabulous pot-luck summer picnic in the lovely garden of Bev and Bill Glover. The weather was perfect and we dressed for the theme of pseudo Ascot. Bev had great prizes and we all left with a lovely little Santolina plant.

Our donation to the community for 2015 was \$350 to the University Highland Community Garden at SFU to help with their environmental and gardening projects. We will vote on two more donations for which we have already budgeted, early in 2016.

Our thanks go to the City of Burnaby for supporting BRAGS by providing the use of the Discovery Room for our monthly meetings and for the successful partnership collaborating on the RhodoFestival.

We will soon be into active planning for the 28th Annual RhodoFestival on May 1, 2016. Please bring ideas and your support to our planning committee as they work with the City to bring Burnaby another successful Rhodofest.

Thanks again for your support. I'm looking forward to another great year with BRAGS!

Respectfully Submitted
Wendy Thompson
President

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
YEAR END REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 2014 - OCTOBER 31, 2015**

INCOME AND EXPENSES

RECEIPTS	2012	2013	2014	2015 Actual	2016 BUDGET	
MEMBERSHIP	564.00	504.00	504.00	432.00 †	432.00	† plus 1 in Oct '14 to total 37 paid members
RAFFLE	178.75	231.00	229.00	229.55	200.00	
INTEREST	58.82	93.58	75.75	87.81	70	
PLANT SALE	737.00	702.00	1234.50	818.50	600.00	
RHODOFEST	2103.00	1331.00	1310.00	1454.00	1000.00	
DONATIONS	21.00	3.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	
OTHER	25.00		0.00	92.00	0.00	
TOTAL	3687.57	2864.58	3353.25	3119.86	2302.00	

DISBURSEMENTS

SPEAKERS	525.00	725.00	1050.00	960.00 *	1100.00	*9 speakers
NEWSLETTER	167.53	218.20	212.50	114.95	125.00	
OFFICE/ADMIN	165.86	45.12	128.77	159.00	125.00	
REFRESHMENTS	189.04	33.09	14.26	17.34	100.00	
MEMBERSHIPS/INSURANCE	87.00	97.00	78.00	77.00	77.00	
BCCGC Meeting	135.00	50.00	95.00	73.10	75.00	
PLANT SALE	100.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	
RHODOFEST	230.29	159.31	118.38	135.29	150.00	
DONATIONS	2600.00	1019.96	588.40 *	350.00	2000.00	**includes proposed donations
SOCIAL	59.80		0.00	50.47	100.00	which are to use up 2013 and 2014
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00		77.96	32.89	100.00	budgeted amts.
TOTAL	4309.52	2467.68	2483.27	2090.04	4072	

REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-621.95	396.90	869.98	1029.82	-1770	
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*Budgeted in previous year

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET OCT 31/15**

ASSETS	Oct 31/12	Oct 31/13	Oct 31/14	Oct 31/2015	Oct 31/201 5 ⁶ projected	
CASH-Chequing	\$6,295.92	\$6,641.12	\$7,452.42	\$8,404.24	\$6,634.24	
-petty cash(raffle)	\$71.75	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$123.55	20	
GIC	\$5,000.00	\$5,087.50	\$5,156.18	\$5,236.10	\$5,290.00	
LIABILITIES	\$0.00		0.00	-\$50.47	0	outstanding cheque
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,367.67	\$11,813.62	\$12,683.60	\$13,713.42	\$11,943.42	
Change	-\$621.95	\$445.95	\$869.98	\$1,029.82	-\$1,770.00	