

BRAGS MINUTES

January to December 2008

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Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 2, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05

2. Adoption of November 2007 minutes with the following amendment: There are two \$5000 term deposits held at VanCity, not one. Moved by Keith Harris, seconded by Peter Barnsdale

Adoption of December 2007 minutes, regular meeting:
Moved by Darja McBride Kiara, seconded by Coni O'Neill

3. Treasurer Report. Heather MacKay reported that VanCity Current Account balance is \$3290.43, plus two \$5000 term deposits.

4. Old/New Business

a. Gifts to the Community

Butterfly Pergola: Approved by GVRD but work has not yet commenced. Judy Wellington will update us as the project moves forward. Pres. reminded people there is a picture of the proposed pergola if anyone is interested.

Gift to library. As per discussion at Nov 07 meeting John Crawford reported that we can ask the library to purchase titles we suggest. It was agreed we ask that the library purchase some of the books we are interested in. Norbert Wuensche will give the list to Susan Brandl and she will follow up with a request to purchase.

Other projects

- Therese Pope will look into an elementary school which may wish to develop a garden
- PADS is not yet ready for plants it requested last year; Don Wrigley and Susan Brandl will keep in touch
- St. Michaels may need some funding for containers. Marti Tutti will follow up.

b. Kevin McBride-Kiara suggested we encourage Burnaby to use native plants in their landscaping. Coni O'Neill reported that Burnaby is using natives. Heather Edwards from Burnaby will be here in February and she can answer in detail.

5. Correspondence

Information on the upcoming reduction in GST was received from the Government of Canada.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 32, 1 new member and 2 guests.

b. Raffles. Raffle: several prizes available this month.

7. Committee heads needed

- Plant Sale co-chair
 - Speakers
 - Newsletter
 - Garden Tour (Wendy Snyder has resigned)
- The executive will discuss whether to hold a garden contest this year.

8. Committee Chair Reports

Plant Sale April 20 2007

Susan Brandl handed out Volunteer forms, return to her, especially if you can help with digs or have pots. Master Gardeners who wish to help at this event should sign up quickly with their co-ordinator. Tim Hortons is not available. Therese Pope suggested asking if Scouts or Guides would be interested.

Raffle: several prizes available this month.

9. Other New Business

Articles for the newsletter can be sent to Susan Brandl. Marti Tutti and Val Wuensche requested confirmation that their term as nomination committee is over. It ended Dec 2007 and a new committee will be selected.

Meeting adjourned.

Susan Brandl, President

Speaker Dr. Alan Reid on Pruning

February 2008
Meeting
Cancelled

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 5, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:00. Cheryl Fiddis chaired the meeting. Susan Brandl and Faye Kilpatrick were absent.

2. Adoption of January 2008 minutes. Motion by Coni O'Neill, seconded by Darja McBride-Kiara. Passed.

3. Treasurer Report. Heather MacKay reported that VanCity Balance is \$3,342.55 as of March 5, 2008 and the term deposit is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. St. Michael's requested for \$1,000 for pots, trellises, and other garden furnishings. Marti Tutti mentioned that Royal Bank has donated a pond and St. Michael's volunteers will plant the plants in the spring. Motion by Diane Allison, second Veiko Tutti. Passed.

b. Stoney Creek Environment Committee requested a donation of \$500 for the community educational event on May 10, 2008. Members were interested in getting more detailed information about what the money would be used for. This issue will be discussed in the next meeting.

c. Volunteer needed at Gardenworks for the weekend of March 15 - 16. It was suggested to have the event later in the year for better chance of participation, as most people do not start gardening in March. This suggestion will be mentioned to Gardenworks.

d. BC Council of Garden Clubs Annual Meeting March 29, 2008. If anyone is interested in attending the AGM, please contact Heather; she has the required form and will issue the cheque to cover the fee.

5. Correspondence

a. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter. Our meetings and plant sale were mentioned in the newsletter.

b. BCCGC newsletter is available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 44, including 4 new members.

b. Rhododendron Festival. Judy Wellington was absent.

c. Raffles. Valentine's Day Draw was created by Cheryl Fiddis and Peter Barnsdale.

d. Publicity. Jackie Walker was absent

e. Nominations. Cheryl Fiddis & Lois Brown will organize the nominations in December 2008. All the available positions were mentioned in February newsletter, they can be co-chaired and there will be plenty of support – you won't be alone. Please consider participating in one of the positions and contact Cheryl for more information.

7. Committee Chair Reports

a. Plant Sale will be held on April 20. Blank volunteer forms and plant list are available.

b. Garden Tour/Contest. Faye Kilpatrick is still looking for a few more gardens to make a total of seven gardens for the 2008 Tour. Please let Faye know about any private garden that might interest you.

8. Other Business

Big applause to Debbie Vallee as she stepped forward to volunteer to organize upcoming speakers starting this fall.

9. Show and Tell

Norbert Wuensche brought a bouquet of flowering Rhododendrons. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We are all envious that your Rhodos blossomed so early in the season.

Meeting adjourned, followed by "Rhododendrons Q & A" by Gerry Gibbons

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 2, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of March 2008 minutes. Motion by Coni O’Neill, seconded by Peter Barnsdale. Passed.

3. Treasurer Report. Heather MacKay reported that VanCity Balance is 2490.45 as of March 5, 2008 and the term deposit is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Plant Sale. Sticks and plastic knives for labeling are available for pick up. Anybody who needs to have plants picked up there is a signup sheet.

b. Stony Creek. We still have not received more detailed information regarding request for donations.

5. Correspondence

a. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter. Our meetings and plant sale were mentioned in the newsletter.

b. Upcoming Plant Sales

- Park and Tilford, 333 Brooksbank Ave, N Vancouver, from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, April 26
- Fraser Valley Rhododendron, Whonnock Lake Centre, Maple Ridge from 11 am to 3 pm on Sunday, April 27
- Vancouver Orchid Society Show and Sale Richmond Curling Club at 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 3 and at 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 4

c. City of Burnaby is calling for Environmental Awards nominations

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 39, including 2 new members.

b. Rhododendron Festival. Posters and cards are available for local postings. 30 volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are available or please contact June Dodson.

c. Fundraising – Cheryl Fiddis and Peter Barnsdale will organize a *special* Mother’s Day Raffle.

d. Nominations. Cheryl Fiddis is absent, but please read the newsletter to find more information.

7. Committee Chair Reports

a. Garden Tour/Contest. Faye Kilpatrick is still looking for a few more gardens to make a total of seven gardens for the 2008 Tour. Four gardens are available so far. Next month there will be sign-up sheets for volunteer. Please let Faye know about any private garden that might interest you.

c. Raffle. Prizes were pump and glazed clay container, ferns and ‘salad’ basket.

8. Other Business

We welcome two new members: Moira Nichol and Glenn Gytenbeek.

Meeting adjourned, followed by “Small Water Features” by Candyse Roberts of GardenWorks

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 7, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of April 2008 minutes. Moved by Don Wrigley, seconded by Darja McBride-Kiara. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Heather MacKay reported that our VanCity Balance is about \$8,000 as of May 7, 2008 minus some cheques to clear. Our GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Plant Sale. Net sales were about \$2700. Thank you to all who helped and bought plants! We need someone to chair the event for next year. Susan McDougall has past experience with the event and is willing to help the new chair.

b. Rhododendron Festival. We received \$3,482 from silent auction, \$31 from plant & T-shirt sales at BRAGS table, and \$28 from “*Adopt a Rhododendron*” raffle. *Burnaby Now* website has some pictures which can be downloaded.

c. Stony Creek. We still have not received any details of the request for donation.

5. Correspondence

a. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter mentions Garden Tour.

b. KJM Country Gardens announces its re-opening. This new garden center is in Southlands at 7226 Bleinheim. 10% discount to garden club members who show the club card.

c. Thank you from St. Michaels for the second BRAGS donation to purchase containers.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 39, including 1 new member and 1 guest.

b. Rhododendron Festival. This year, we were lucky to have good weather on the festival day. Judy wishes to thank all the volunteers and would like to recognize Jeanne Mitchell for again organizing the plant auction. On behalf of BRAGS, Marti Tutti thanked Judy Wellington for all of her work.

c. Fundraising – Cheryl Fiddis and Peter Barnsdale arranged a special Mother’s Day basket for the raffle today.

d. Nominations. In the May newsletter, we described the positions of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. In the next newsletter the positions of Publicity, Fundraising and Rhodofest will be covered.

7. Committee Chair Reports

a. Plant Sale. The date for next year is to be determined.

b. Garden Tour/Contest. Faye Kilpatrick is looking for volunteers to “sit” in gardens on Tour day. Sign-up sheets are available.

c. Raffle. Mother’s Day planter

8. Other Business

Susan Klapwijk mentioned that she has six acres of garden, including a rhododendron collection. She invites about 6 people to her place for a garden tour. Please contact Lois Brown for more info.

A request was made that a list of executive members and committees be included in the newsletters.

Pacific Assistant Dog Society has an auction this weekend.

Meeting adjourned, followed by “Hydrangeas” presentation by Elaine Cramer of Surrey Hydrangea society.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 4, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of May 2008 minutes. Moved by Peter Barnsdale, seconded by Cheryl Fiddis. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Heather MacKay reported that our VanCity Balance is about \$6,430.20 as of June 4, 2008 minus some cheques to clear. Our GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. St. Michaels Therapeutic Garden. On behalf of BRAGS, Cheryl Fiddis, Susan Brandl and Heather McKay attended Donor Appreciation night. They received certificate.

b. Contact with Edmonds School re possible funding

5. Correspondence

- a. BCCGC newsletter available for members to read
- b. Gabriola Island tour June 29, 10 -5

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 39, including 1 new member and 1 guest. We welcome our new member: June Jeffries.

b. Fundraising – Cheryl Fiddis and Peter Barnsdale would arrange the planter. The draw would take

place at Lavender Garden in Garden Tour on July 20.

d. Nominations. Handouts describing the upcoming positions are available; please take one with you and let us know if you would like to participate.

7. Committee Chair Reports

a. Plant Sale. Tentatively, it is booked on April 9, 2009. Please let us know if you can help coordinating the event. Extra plants will be donated

b. Garden Tour/Contest. Faye Kilpatrick is still looking for volunteers to “sit” in gardens on Tour day. Sign-up sheets are available. Posters are available for people to distribute. The raffles will be available for sale.

c. Raffle. Wonderful prizes are for draws tonight.

8. Other Business

Debbie Vallee will organize the upcoming speakers. She asked us to let her know the gardening topics that we'd like to hear in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned, followed by “Xeriscaping” presentation by Brenda Faulk of Tanglebank Country Garden.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 3, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of June 2008 minutes. Correction:
Next year, the Plant Sale will take place on April 19,
2009. Moved by Peter Barnsdale, seconded by Kevin
McBride-Kiara. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Heather MacKay reported
that our VanCity Balance is about \$6258.14 as of
September 3, 2008 minus some cheques to clear. Our
GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Eagles Estate Plant Donation. \$1000 is proposed
to buy plants for Eagles Estate. Motion by Marti
Tutti, Second: Cheryl Fiddis.

b. Fairhaven Plant Sale is scheduled on September
20. If any member would like to donate plants, please
contact Peter Barnsdale or Susan Brandl.

c. New Vista Update. Renovations are to be made to
the garden. The plants from the project will be kept
for future use.

d. St. Michael's Garden. The therapeutic garden is
open to the public. Please come and visit.

5. Correspondence

BCCGC newsletter available for members to read.

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2008.
Please contact Susan Brandl if you are interested in
attending.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 38,
including and 4 guests.

b. Nominations. Handouts describing the upcoming
positions are available; please take one with you and
let us know if you would like to participate. This
year, Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held
on December 2, 2008.

7. Committee Chair Reports

a. Plant Sale. Tentatively, it is booked on April
19, 2009. Please let us know if you can help
coordinating the event.

b. Garden Tour. Faye Kilpatrick reported that 252
tickets were sold: 153 tickets were bought at the
community centres, 55 at the gardens, 37 at
GardenWorks and the rest were bought on June
meeting.

8. Other Business

There is a request for the upcoming speakers to be
published in the newsletter.

**Meeting adjourned, followed by Garden Tour
Slide Show.**

Lanny Hui, Secretary

**Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 1, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum**

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of September 2008 minutes.

Correction: AGM will take place on Wednesday, December 3, 2008. Moved by Marti Tutti, seconded by Darja McBride-Kiara. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Heather MacKay reported that our VanCity Balance is about \$6,304.85 as of October 1, 2008 minus some cheques to clear. Our GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Eagles Estate Plant Donation. We will request the list of plants to buy.

5. Correspondence

a. BCCGC newsletter available for e members to read. The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2008. Please contact Susan Brandl if you are interested in attending.

b. Burnaby Lake Park Association wishes to thank BRAGS for the Pergola at the Butterfly Garden

c. Wildlife Rescue Newsletter is available for members to read.

d. Fraser Valley Orchid Show is on October 25 and 26 at the Langley Civic Centre

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 41, including 1 guests.

b. Plant Sale. We need one or two people to head this up. Divide your plants now.

c. Rhodofest: possibility of time change to 9:30 to 5pm from 9:30 to 4pm.

d. Nominations. The latest nomination should be made two weeks before the A GM. Most positions can be shared with others. You will get a lot of support from the previous executive members. Handouts describing the upcoming positions are available; please take one with you and let us know if you would like to participate.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Raffle: Various plants and gifts to be won tonight.

8. Other Business

Don Wrigley will give a talk on Oct. 2, 2008 regarding the Restoration of the CW Parker #119 at the Discovery Room.

Meeting adjourned, followed by "Fall & Winter Garden Features" by Conway Lum from Garden Works.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 5,
2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. Adoption of October 2008 minutes. Moved by Keith Harris, seconded by Don Wrigley. Passed.

3. Treasurer's Report. Heather MacKay reported that our VanCity Balance is 7221.62 about as of November 5, 2008 minus some cheques to clear. Our GIC is \$10,000.

4. Old/New Business

a. Simon Fraser University Scholarship has been awarded; recipient is Chelsea Eby. BRAGS received a thank you letter from SFU.

b. Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 followed by Christmas Party Potluck.

c. Nominations by Lois Brown. Nominations are open for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Rhodofest, Publicity, and Membership.

d. Membership due for renewal in December; David Forsyth will happy to take the membership dues now.

e. Deer Lake United Church. Pat Young requested financial contribution to build a garden

in front of the church. BRAGS will discuss the matter in the next meetings.

5. Correspondence

a. BCCGC newsletter is available for members to read.

b. Burnaby Arts Council Newsletter is available for members to read.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Membership/Welcome. Total present: 35, including 2 guests.

b. Plant Sale. We need one or two people to head this up.

c. Rhodofest: possibility of time change to 9:30 to 4pm.

7. Committee Chair Reports

Raffle prizes are toolkit, picture frames, perennial books, chocolate box, postcard collection, and mini Christmas tree.

8. Other Business

We need someone to organize future speakers as Debbie Vallee cannot arrange the speakers anymore.

Meeting adjourned, followed by “The Sustainable Lawn” by Stan Kazymierchyk, Turfgrass Management Instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING – December 3, 2008
Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 19:05.

2. AGM

Adoption of minutes from Annual General Meeting December 5, 2007 read by Lanny Hui. Motion to accept Minutes was Moved by Cheryl Fiddis, seconded by Lois Brown. Passed.

Financial Statement for the year ended on October 31, 2008 given by Heather MacKay. During the fiscal year November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2008, we collected \$8,497.79, total expense was \$5607.98, the total liabilities and equity was \$17,313.48. Copies of the Statement were available to members.

President's Year End Report for 2008 was read by Susan Brandl. Anne Forsyth is elected as the Membership Chair.

Motion to adjourn AGM moved by Keith Harris

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS
MEETING December 3, 2008.

1. Adoption of November 2008 minutes. Moved by Coni o'Neil and seconded by Don Wrigley. Passed.

2. Old/New Business

a. Deer Lake United Church Garden Design.

There were some discussions about funding the development and design of the garden in front of the church

b. Membership fee is due at the end of December.

Please send a \$12 cheque payable to BRAGS to Anne Forsyth
6425 Aubrey St.
Burnaby, BC V5B 2C9

3. Correspondence

a. BCCGC newsletter is available for members to read.

b. Simon Fraser University pamphlets about a Continuing Education program in Garden Design are available for members.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by the Christmas Potluck party.

The following positions were filled by acclamation once the meeting was adjourned.

President Judy Wellington

V.P. Lanny Hui

Treasurer Lois Brown

Secretary Linda Cholette

Rhodofest Chair Wendy Thompson

As well, the Welcome Desk will be taken over by Faye Kilpatrick. Thank you for stepping forward.

Many thanks to Susan Brandl, Heather MacKay, Faye Kilpatrick, Judy Wellington, and David Forsyth for your contribution in the past positions.

And to all BRAGS members, thank you for the continuing support throughout the year. Your smiles and helping hands have made BRAGS possible.

See you all in the New Year.

Lanny Hui, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008

Once again a whole year has zoomed by us, and we take a quick look back.

As the year started club members were eagerly looking for new projects to support: we were looking forward to the installation of a pergola at the Butterfly Garden at Burnaby Lake and drumming up more ideas. Dr. Alan Reid from GardenWorks spoke to us on pruning. In February a freak snow storm hit which cancelled the meeting, while few kilometers away on the sunny south slope we got no snow at all. We were all set for the meeting and startled to find it wasn't happening.

But we were back at it in March, when people enjoyed a Rhododendron Q & A session with Gerry Gibbons. We approved \$1000 for St. Michaels Care Centre to buy pots and other garden furnishings, adding to the Therapeutic Garden we bought plants for in the fall. April's meeting gave us a talk on small water features by Candyse Roberts of GardenWorks, as well as the final planning for our annual plant sale. This year the sale was a group effort and we made about \$2500. Thankfully, the forecasted snow held off.

May's Rhododendron Festival is always the highlight of our year and Judy Wellington did a wonderful job. This year we had good weather, comparatively speaking, and grossed \$3500, with help from Jeanne Mitchell for the Silent Auction. At May's meeting we had a memorable talk by Elaine Cramer on Hydrangeas. The executive was invited to a Donor Appreciation Night at St. Michael's Care Centre, where we received a thank you certificate from BC's Lieutenant Governor, Stephen Point. A group of us got out to view Sue Klapwijk's gardens and nursery (and bought some plants on the way home).

June saw a wonderful talk on Xeriscaping by Brenda Faulk of Tanglebank Country Garden, which gave us lots of good ideas. In July Faye Kilpatrick headed a very successful garden tour: some 250 people enjoyed seeing seven of Burnaby's private gardens. The tour was celebrated at our September meeting, and we were happy to approve a donation of \$1000 worth of plants for the Eagles Estate. Diane Allison's North Shore garden was featured in Garden's West Magazine.

October and November passed quickly by, with talks from Conway Lum on Fall and Winter Containers, and Stan Kazymierchuk on Turf Management – too late though for my sad lawn. Our SFU scholarship was awarded to a deserving student – finally. We end the year as we started, looking at projects to fund and planning for new events.

I thank everyone for their support: the hundreds of little things that people do that keep the club running. We look forward to next year.

Susan

**BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY (BRAGS)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND EQUITY
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2008**

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	7,221.62	
Van City Shares	91.86	
Term 1	5,000.00	
Term 2	5,000.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 17,313.48</u>

LIABILITIES

Outstanding cheques		<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-

EQUITY

Members Equity	17,313.48	
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>\$ 17,313.48</u>

<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>		<u>\$ 17,313.48</u>
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BURNABY RHODODENDRON AND GARDENS SOCIETY (BRAGS)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
NOVEMBER 1, 2007 TO OCTOBER 31, 2008

Revenues

Membership	1,047.66	
Monthly Meeting Draws	452.74	
Spring Plant Sale	2,105.32	
Rhodofest	2,536.03	
Garden Tour	1,944.33	
Van City Account Interest	411.71	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,497.79</u>	

Expenses

Gifts to Community Program		
Fairhaven Care Home	113.95	
BVM Love Garden	100.00	
Butterfly Garden Pergola	770.85	
Eagles Estate	1,000.00	
St. Michael's Hospice	1,000.00	
BC Wildlife Rescue	<u>1,050.00</u>	
	4,034.80	
SFU Scholarship Fund	-	
Community Association memberships	232.40	
Meeting Refreshments/Supplies	261.82	
Meeting Guest Speakers	675.00	
Newsletters / Website	361.04	
Financial charges	25.00	
Administration	<u>17.92</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>5,607.98</u>	

Revenues over Expenses

\$2,889.81