

An Important Message From Your Nominations Committee

Please read over the descriptions of the positions that will be up for nomination and think seriously about volunteering for an exciting and rewarding time with fellow gardeners! Remember we are all there to help each other and others on the executive will lend a helping hand.

Your committee will be presenting those who volunteer with a wonderful gift basket to enjoy.

We will be asking for volunteers at the November meeting, for official implementation at the December AGM and commencement starting in January 2007. Marti & Val

President

- * Represent the Club at any required functions, or assign a delegate.
- * Chair 10 meetings per annum, including the AGM, preparing an agenda in advance.
- * Provide support and guidance to the various committees and groups within BRAGS.
- * Ensure the By-Laws of BRAGS are followed.
- * Pick up the Club's mail at Shadbolt, distributing as necessary and attending to any correspondence.
- * Ensure the annual agreement is confirmed for the meetings at Burnaby Village.

Vice President

- * Fill in during any absence of the President, and provide support as needed.
- * If necessary, assume the role of the President, should this role become unexpectedly vacant.

Treasurer

- * Maintain all financial records of the club, keeping all accounting up to date, in order and available for audit.
- * Issue cheques as needed for any dues, insurance, club expenses, disbursements or reimbursements to members for expenses incurred.
- * Complete deposits for all funds received and issue receipts as required.
- * Ensure the Society Annual Report Form 11 is completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Finance within 30 days of the date of the AGM.

Secretary

- * Maintain all Minutes and the Club's official records. This position would be extremely easy for anyone who can operate a computer. The president sends you itemized agenda before each meeting. You are issued a tape recorder when you are elected so all you have to do is tape the meeting and fill in the blanks of the agenda that were emailed to you. Then you send it off to whoever is doing the newsletter.

Burnaby RhodoFest Chair

- * Call and chair all meetings of the RhodoFest Committee and liaise between the committee and the City of Burnaby staff responsible for the Festival.
- * Work with Burnaby City staff on development of advertising strategy and materials such as posters, cards and T-shirts.
- * Monitor BRAGS activities on Festival day and resolve last-minute issues.

Fundraising Chair

- * Brain-storm and work with the various committees and executive to find ways to incorporate fundraising into our events. Experience in soliciting funds from Corporate sponsors for major events, such as the RhodoFest, is desired but not crucial. 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.

Publicity Chair

- The mandate of the Publicity Chair is to publicize BRAGS special events and monthly meetings. Monthly meetings: - events listings in local newspapers, garden magazines, and community newsletters; local garden clubs. Special events: plant sale, garden tour, garden contest - liaise with event chairperson; events listings, garden magazines, local garden clubs, garden columnists, press releases to print, radio and TV; solicit feature articles.
- * Maintain, update, and add to list of possible resources for publicity.
- * Attend directors' meetings.

Membership Chair

* Collect annual fees from all members - usually in December.

* Remind members when their fees are due, either via email, post in BRAGS newsletter, announce at monthly meeting, or via phone.

* Register new members - collect annual fees, provide receipts and membership cards, forward funds collected to BRAGS Treasurer. Present to new members when joining: BRAGS newsletters, overview/introduction to BRAGS (list of annual events), others...

* Maintain membership database (includes home address, phone number and email address) and track outstanding dues. Keep list updated and inform other executive members.

* At monthly meetings - when Executive reports are given, provide the number of members in attendance and the number of guests.

* At annual events - attend in person with Membership 'supplies' to sign up new members.

Val Wuensche
Marti Tutti
Cheryl Fiddis

In accordance with our By-Laws, we hereby provide 30 days notice of our upcoming AGM to be held at the December meeting on December 6th, 2006. Should that meeting be cancelled due to some unforeseen event, the backup date will be December 13th, 2006.



My Favorite Plant Today is . . . *Aster lateriflorus* 'Horizontalis'

We have had such a beautiful autumn that there are still a lot of plants looking fabulous in the garden. My favorite plant, right now, is *Aster lateriflorus* 'Horizontalis'. This perennial has a shrubby silhouette and is so completely covered in flowers that it looks like pink cotton candy. The flower is a typical aster flower that is white with a rosy pink centre. Each flower is only about ¼ inch in diameter. There are hundreds if not thousands of flowers on each plant, and each of these flowers lasts for many weeks. Mine starts blooming in the middle of September and continues to about the middle of November when the rains usually soggy the flowers off.

The big bonus with this aster is that the foliage is such an incredible colour that it shows well in the garden from the time it pokes its leaves out in early spring until it is hit by a hard frost. The dark purple-black leaves are on densely branched stems that are stiff and upright. The plants grows to about 3 feet and stays fairly tight until just before it blooms when the opening flowers result in the final spread also being about 3 feet. The colour and form show off nearby spring and summer perennials perfectly.

There are two other cultivars of this species that show equally as well. *Aster lateriflorus* 'Prince' is a smaller plant, usually no more than 2 feet tall and wide. It tucks in almost anywhere. A more commonly available cultivar, 'Lady in Black', is a larger plant, mine is usually 4 feet. And yes, I love them so much that I have all three cultivars. I have them separated by about 20 feet and I love the repeat effect they produce without having to use the same plant.

Aster lateriflorus colours best in full sun, but will grow just fine in part shade. Once established, they are pretty tough, but do need watering, especially as the flowers are developing and opening. I like to tie up the base of the plant as the flowers open – this prevents the weight of rainwater from bending and breaking the branch down. Other than this, mine require absolutely no maintenance. I have been growing this aster for quite a few years and have never had any problems with insects, mildew, or any other disease. Whether you have a large or a small bed, there is an *Aster lateriflorus* that you too can try.

by Diane Allison

BRAGS' Year at a Glance

November 1, 2006

June Hunter *

Garden photography on tiles

December 6, 2006

Elections and Potluck Christmas party

January 3, 2007

Still to be decided

February 7, 2007

Les Clay -Rhododendrons

March 7, 2007

Still to be decided

April 4, 2007

Dave Hutch –

Native plants for the Home Garden

April 22, 2007

BRAGS Plant Sale

May 2, 2007

June 6, 2007

Meetings: 7:00 pm

Burnaby Village Museum (Discovery Room)

6501 Deer Lake Avenue

2007 BRAGS

Membership Renewal

Linda Cholette will be accepting membership renewals for 2007 at the November and December meetings. Still only \$12 per year payable by cheque or cash - exact change preferred.

Welcome to new members

Cathy Lund & Nancy Lee Bussey

* November Guest Speaker *June Hunter*

was born in the urban heart of industrial Newcastle upon Tyne, northern England. In spite of the lack of natural flora, her mother soon introduced her to the intricate marvels of the botanical world. At the age of nine, she was given her first camera (a Kodak Instamatic) and has been an avid photographer since. June has, over the years, earned a Bachelors Degree in English Literature and a diploma in Media Studies, moved to Canada and, with the use of hand tools and an instruction book, built a cabin in northern British Columbia. She has also learned to knit Fair Isle socks, married, settled in Vancouver, raised two children (a work in progress) and obtained gainful employment in the marketing and communications field.

The images she produces begin life as photographs taken in her own garden with a 35mm camera, hand held and using only natural light. The range of focus is extremely narrow and each photograph is something of a leap of faith. A whisper of wind, a cloud passing over the sun, or a bug landing on a leaf can alter the image sometimes ruining it, sometimes transforming it. These fleeting moments are then digitally processed to take that feeling of immediacy and overlay it with a sense of timelessness as if preserved in amber. This process of combining the transient with the permanent is taken one step further when June applies her images to marble tiles and when she uses them in her jewellery.

BRAGS Photo Gallery

David Forsyth has put together a web Photo Gallery with his photos of the Burnaby Garden Tours of 2004, 2005 and 2006 and Diane Allison's photos of the 2006 Garden Contest.

The Gallery can be accessed from the BRAGS website by clicking on the "Photo Galleries" button.

This section of the BRAGS website will hopefully be expanded in the future to include photos of other BRAGS events and by other photographers.

BRAGS 2006 EXECUTIVE

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Vice-President
Diane Allison
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Treasurer
Janice Bobic
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Beverlee Birce
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STANDING COMMITTEES

Fund Raising
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Val Wuensche
298-28 3 6
Marti Tutti
436-19 4 2
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299-68 0 0
Rhododendron Festival
David Forsyth
298-63 5 0

OTHER COMMITTEES

Garden Contest
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Garden Tour
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438-13 4 2
Newsletter
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298-63 5 0
Plant Sale
Anita Wer k
437-38 3 8
Susan McDougall
432-96 4 1
Raffle & Greeting
Val Wuensche
298-28 3 6
Judy Wellington
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Refreshments
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