

June 2019!



This month we are pleased to have a recap of our annual Rhodo Festival, or as it is now known as, Burnaby Blooms. Thank you to the members who contributed an update of the day and photos.

Burnaby Blooms 2019 Final Report

The City of Burnaby has rebranded the 31st Rhododendron Festival as 'Burnaby Blooms', bringing a change of focus to a more general horticultural and floral festival spread over two days instead of just Sunday. Our members put together an amazing team once again giving their time, knowledge, and keen interest. ***Sincere thanks to everyone*** who contributed to this event. Between the plant sale and the Auction, we raised an amazing \$2000!

The Silent Auction went well, grossing \$1592, a bit higher than 2018. Our donors were generous once again, and the bidding was competitive. We didn't need to hold the 'Last But Not Least' live auction at the end, as we only had 3 items unclaimed and we were able to sell them on the spot. One Heuchera was kept as a door prize for our June meeting.

The new aprons looked very smart and were very useful. The truss display and window display were beautiful and well received.

Thank you to all the entrants of the People's Choice Spring Bouquet Contest. We had many beautiful entrants and it put on an impressive display in the atrium.

With change we did incur some hiccups that we will be bringing to the City to address for next year, such as lack of promotional materials for us to distribute, specifics in the advertising etc. They may want us to extend our hours next year to match the festival time of 10 to 5. To be discussed: - how we could accomplish this without overextending ourselves. We are losing Adamson's Heritage Nursery as a donor as they are retiring. They have been a very generous supporter over many years, so we will need to find a few new donors to replace them. We have put aside 4 of their Elderberries for next year's auction. Thank you Keith for volunteering to baby them for us.

Thank you all for your time and commitment to BRAGS!

Verna Adamson



Photo by Bill G.

The indoor/household plants were very popular - especially Janet Hayes Cacti and Daniel's fruit fly eating *Drosera Capensis*. Thank you to all the members that donated plants - the majority were appropriately labelled with their names, colours and preferred locations for planting. I enjoyed talking to

many enthusiastic gardeners.

– Linda Cholette



Photo by Wendy T.



Photo by Verna A.



Photo by Bev G.

Remember, if you have anything to share, - stories or pictures that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on! If you've been on a vacation, or visited a local attraction, and saw something of interest, don't be shy. We'd love to hear all about it! Send to Cheryl Fiddis @ ecfiddis@telus.net

Your June Birth Month Flower

Since this is the June issue, this month we wish all those with their June birthdays a bright day!

The flower for June is the Rose, one of the most beloved and most beautiful flowers.

Oh, and a Happy Father's to all of our special fathers!



For July and August, the flowers are Larkspur and Gladiolias. Birthday wishes to all those celebrating over the summer!



BRAGS Membership

Still only \$12 per year, BRAGS members share various gardening interests and enjoy monthly guest speakers, plus are entitled to discounts of regularly priced items at GardenWorks and other garden centres, simply by presenting their membership cards. Monthly meetings (excepting July & August) start at 7 pm at the Burnaby Village Museum, - Main Building, up on the 2nd floor. Easy to get to with ample free parking and refreshments are served! Please join us!

Also, if you wish to switch to 'digital only' newsletters to keep our costs down, please speak to David or email him at info@brags.ca.

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Upcoming Meetings Events/Club News

June 5, 2019 Meeting

Amanda Jarrett is a horticulturalist, garden design, writer, educator and general garden trouble shooter. Lots of info about her on her website the thegardenwebsite.com. Promises to be a very interesting presentation.

BRAGS breaks for the summer. See you in September!

September 4, 2019 Meeting

Our September meeting will be our usual 'interactive member sharing summer garden stories'. Be sure to take those pictures and bring something to 'show and tell' from your garden if you wish.



Out & About Etc...

Gardenworks Customer Appreciation Days

June 20, July 18, August 15 2019

Mark the date for 15% savings all day!

April in the Desert Again...

April in the desert was once again delightful...hummers nesting again in the shrub by the door, coyotes following us on the golf course, and a wayward turtle rescue off the road and being returned to the pond on the 11th hole! Always an adventure waiting☺.

