

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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FEBRUARY 15th, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us today.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Holly Adam Second: Dawn Ford Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.” From The Secret Garden

II. BUSINESS

4. Approval of the Minutes from the AGM – January 18, 2021 The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2021 was put forward. Moved: Sue Nilsson Second: Laurie Minorgan Motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan The current bank balance is \$7,293.39. Recent cheques that have cleared the bank are as follows: \$1900 for new website \$331.65 for Administration \$200 to Sun Harvest as deposit for summer planting materials \$100 for January speaker There are a number of grant applications as follows that are pending: \$1000 – Loyalist Township \$600 – Lafarge

\$500 – OPG

An application has been made for the Ontario Agriculture and Horticulture Support and Recover Funding Initiative. The Ontario government has allocated \$5 million and will provide a one-time payment of \$1,140 to qualifying not-for-profit agriculture and horticulture societies. The Club is also preparing an application to the Scotts Canada Gro for Good Grant of \$2500.

Motion: A motion to approve the treasurer's report was put forward.

Moved: Roxanna Beddington

Second: Melanie Myers

Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

6. Zoom Invite for Meeting Visitors – Janice Firth

An email has been sent out and will be resent regarding how guests can join in on the monthly meetings and presentations. There is a link on the gardening club website under Contact Us where anyone can ask to be sent the Zoom link for the meeting.

7. Policy on What Is Posted on Club Website – Melanie Myers

The committee has developed the following guidelines that will be used henceforth to determine what the content restrictions will be for any resource links or articles posted on the Club's website:

1. Must be relevant to the Bath, Ontario growing area
2. Must be of significant interest to the BGC members
3. Should be of benefit to BGC members, not just to the commercial enterprise(s) included in the link

Many thanks to Melanie and Roxanna for their work on this!

8. OHA Technical Grant – Janice Firth

Janice heard back from the OHA regarding the Club's grant application. Unfortunately the Club was not one of the recipients.

9. Memorial Garden for BGC – Janice Firth

Janice advised that the Club's application for the Scotts Canada Gro for Good Grant for \$2500 must be tied to projects which involve the community. The application will be related to improvements to the Bugtel, which will involve the school, and to a proposed memorial garden to commemorate deceased Club and community members.

Discussions with the township will still need to occur to determine feasibility and guidelines for the creation of a new garden. The Scotts grant is an annual grant, and it must be spent in the year it is received.

The memorial garden could be used by the community as a place for community members to go for quiet reflection. It was suggested that there could be 2 rocks, one for BGC members and one for community members, containing commemorative plaques. The Trillium often contains photos of memorial gardens in other communities.

A BGC committee to manage this project will be created. This will be discussed again at future Club meetings.

10. BGC Newsletter – Pat Chown

Pat Chown and Laurie Minorgan are working on the spring edition of the Club newsletter entitled “Indoor Planting”, which will go out at the end of March. The focus will be on what we are doing locally.

The deadline for submission of articles for publication in The Trillium submission is March 1.

11. Volunteers Needed for Program Planning – Janice Firth

Program committee members Jane Ledingham and Pat Chown have done an excellent job on arranging speakers for the 2020-2021 Program part of Club meetings. Both have moved onto other Club activities, so a new program committee is required for the 2021-22 season. Jane has kindly volunteered to mentor the new committee. Any Club members who would like to volunteer for the Program committee should contact a member of the Club executive.

IV. PROGRAM

TOPIC – Islamic Art and Gardens	SPEAKER- Courtney Stewart, Senior Research Assistant, Department of Islamic Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
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