

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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APRIL 19TH, 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. 22 members were in attendance today.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Dawn Ford Second: Mary Willing Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “Beauty surrounds us but usually we have to be walking in a garden to know it.” By Persian poet Rumi

II. BUSINESS

4. Approval of the Minutes – March 15, 2021 The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 15, 2021 was put forward. Moved: Roxanna Beddington Second: Joanna Sperinck Motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan The following grants have been received to date: OMAFRA – \$2140.00 Trans Cda. Pipelines - \$1000.00 OHA Technical Advancement Award - \$250.00 OPG - \$500.00 (to be received) The total amount of grants received and committed is \$3890.00. We are still waiting for responses to grant requests made to Loyalist Township and Lafarge. The current bank balance is \$9457.77 UPDATE: The Club did receive a response to our submission for the Scotts Canada Gro for Good grant and unfortunately we were not successful this year.

6.Resource Library – Janice Firth

Janice approached the Bath Public Library about donating the Club’s gardening resource books currently held at St. John’s Hall. The library would be happy to take the books after Covid restrictions are lifted. The library could not guarantee that the books would stay in Bath, but will become part of the larger Lennox and Addington library network. Members will still be able to request books through the inter-library loan system. Sylvia Whalen and Lisa Castonguay have volunteered to catalogue the books to be donated.

7. Addition to ‘meeting’ category in our constitution – Janice Firth

The OHA has found it necessary to amend its constitution to expand the scope of meetings to include electronic meetings.

Rational: *The District may well not be able to hold or conduct any business meetings after May 31st, 2021 unless the government extends again the powers of Reg 544/20. The OHA is recommending that Districts amend their bylaws to include electronic meetings if they do not already have a bylaw that permits electronic meetings.*

As there is a sufficient number of members in attendance to constitute a quorum, it was proposed that the wording in our constitution be changed to the same wording as OHA:

Motion: to add the following wording of the Bath Gardening Club and Horticulture Society constitution:
All meetings may be held at an in-person venue or may be held via electronic means provided such means allows all in attendance the ability to hear and also the opportunity and ability to have voice and to vote.

Put forward: Heather Morrow

Second: Elly Warren

Carried unanimously.

8. Fertilizer Sale – Laurie Minorgan

To date, orders for a total of 360 bags of fertilizer have been received. Thanks to Judy Hume and Pat Chown for donating the sifted ash ingredient. The ash will be bagged right away before the other ingredients are added. Laurie will be reaching out to those members who expressed an interest in volunteering to mix and distribute the fertilizer when the ingredients are delivered to Anne Jukes Hughes residence (next 1-2 weeks). The pick-up date will be pushed back due to the complications of the mixing and distribution. The final pick-up/delivery plan will be devised subject to any further government announcements, and instructions sent to all who placed orders.

9. Bugtel Update – Janice Firth

The plans to expand the garden around the Bugtel are moving forward. Wood has been donated by Sylvia and Mike Whalen. Janice and Sue Nilsson went to the current location and staked out the area for the garden. Joanna Sperinck will provide a list of appropriate pollinator plants for the site, and Pat Haslett will assist in developing a garden plan based on this list. An email will be sent out to members asking for plant donations for the site once the plan is developed.

Any plans for a memorial tree grove are on hold as the Club did not receive the Scott grant which would have been used for this project.

10. “Undies” Challenge – Pat Chown

In the winter edition of The Trillium, District 13 described an “undies” challenge conducted to assess the quality of garden soil. The BGC has decided to conduct this same challenge which will be open to all members and the Bath community. The “undies” must be white cotton with an elastic waste band, and must be buried in a flower or vegetable garden for 2 months. After 2 months, the undies are unearthed and their condition will be an indication of the quality of the soil. If the undies are completely disintegrated, this indicates that the soil is good. If not, the soil needs amending. Participants should plant in May or June for exactly 2 months, and record the exact planting and dig up dates. A photo and

description of the results must be submitted. An email with directions will be sent out, and notices sent out in the community newsletters, and posted on the bulletin board.

11. Garden Centre Discounts – Jeannie Pickles

Jeannie reported that letters were sent out in early April to the nurseries listed on the Club website. The following garden centres have agreed to offer 10% discounts on cash purchases to members for nursery purchases:

Sun Harvest Greenhouses (10% on cash, 7% for credit/debit)

Rideau Woodland Ramble

Potter's Nurseries

Kiwi Gardens

Neil's Flowers Ltd.

Burt's Garden Centre (walk-in only)

Although no response has been received from the Kingston and Napanee Cdn. Tire stores, they have allowed discounts for members' garden stock purchases in the past so members are encouraged ask anyway at the time of purchase for a discount. Members should remember to present their membership card prior to any purchase.

III. PROGRAM

TOPIC – Chelsea Garden Show 2020	Jane Ledingham introduced the discussion on the Chelsea Garden Show films. There was a lively discussion and it was apparent that this was really enjoyed by members. The name of the movie that Janice Firth mentioned that members were interested in was Green Fingers and it was based around the Hampton Court Garden Show. Here is the link: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0203540
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