

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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MAY 17TH, 2021

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Via Zoom

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. 20 members were in attendance today.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Joanna Sperinck Second: Sue Nilsson Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it is our garden that is really nurturing us.”

II. BUSINESS

4. Approval of the Minutes – April 19, 2021 A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 19, 2021 was put forward. Moved: Roxanna Beddington Second: Laurie Minorgan Motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan In addition to the generous grants already received, a further grant from Loyalist Township in the amount of \$1000.00 has been received, and, as one of the OHA technology grant applicants withdrew their application, the grant was awarded to the Bath Gardening Club for \$226.00. The current bank balance is \$11,449.00
6. Fertilizer Sale – Laurie Minorgan Laurie reported that a total of 900 bags of fertilizer was mixed. Of that number, 618 bags were sold, and 30 bags were given to the planting committee. The total revenue received from the sale of the fertilizer was \$2424.25. Costs were \$1087.41. The net profit to date from the sale is \$1336.66. The profit from 2019 from the fertilizer sale was \$1019.00, so there has been a profit increase despite the restrictions due to the pandemic. There are still bags of fertilizer for sale. Laurie extended a huge “thank you” to all those who volunteered to assist in a variety of ways with the fertilizer sale this year.
7 Bugtel Update– Janice Firth

Jane Ledingham was very happy to report that LaFarge has donated \$2000.00 to the Club PLUS an additional \$2000.00 towards the planned memorial grove. Sylvia and Mike Whalen donated log cut offs to fix up the Bugtel, and it now has a new rustic frame roof and ground support. 4 yards of soil have been added to the garden around the Bugtel. Pat Haslett has been working with Janice and Joanna Sperinck in choosing appropriate plants for the Bugtel garden, and a selection of native plants and pollinators will be purchased. The planting is slated for late May or early June.

8. Bath Sunday Market – Janice Firth

The BGC executive met virtually to discuss the Bath Sunday Market. Club member Wendy O'Neill who has been looking after the market for the past year is stepping down from her role as coordinator of the Sunday market. With Wendy's departure, and the uncertainty and challenges this year due to the pandemic restrictions, the Executive has decided not to open the Sunday market this year.

It was suggested that the market should be run by a volunteer committee, and not just one person, as it involves a lot of work and time. This will definitely be implemented next year.

The following motion was put forward:

Motion: The Bath Gardening Club will not open the Bath Sunday Market for the 2021 season.

Moved: Janice Firth

Second: Roxanna Beddington

Motion carried unanimously.

9. "Undies" Challenge – Pat Chown

The "undies" challenge will proceed and in just 14 days on June 1 your undies" must go in the ground! The challenge notice has been advertised via the LCCRA, and has been posted in town on bulletin boards. 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 on June 1 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 was previously sent out. Janice Firth ordered several pairs of undies for the challenge and has them for sale at a cost of \$2.50 per pair. If you are interested, send Janice an email at janice_firth@yahoo.ca.

10. Other Business

Bridge Garden& Newsletter – Pat Chown – Pat extended her thanks to those who have donated plants to the bridge garden. She also thanked those members who prepare articles for the BGC Club newsletter and OHA Trillium publication.

Plants available – Gail Heywood has dahlia tubers and Four-o-Clocks which she generously offered to anyone interested. If you are interested, contact Gail directly at gaileheywood@gmail.com.

Help Needed – Several positions which will be vacant next year require volunteers to fill in. The positions are: Recording secretary, program planning committee members, and Board member. If you are willing to step up and help out, please contact Janice Firth.

III. PROGRAM

TOPIC – <i>Eastern Ontario’s Most Unwanted – Eradicating Weeds and Invasive Plants</i> <i>Astrid Muschalla</i>	Jane Ledingham introduced this evening’s speaker Master Gardener Astrid Muschalla from Rideau Lakes Master Gardeners. Astrid introduced us to a wide variety of noxious weeds and plants and provided advice on how to deal with and get rid of these, where possible. A link will be posted on the Club website for further information on this topic.
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