

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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St. John's Hall, Church St., Bath, ON

March 21, 2022

2:30 – 4:00 pm

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. There were 36 members in attendance today. Welcome to previous and new members!
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Pat Chown Second: Sharon Boal Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “For the Garden of Your Daily Living Plant three rows of peas 1. Peace of mind 2. Peace of heart 3. Peace of soul Plant four rows of squash 1. Squash gossip 2. Squash indifference 3. Squash grumbling 4. Squash selfishness Plant four rows of lettuce 1. Lettuce be faithful 2. Lettuce be kind 3. Lettuce be patient 4. Lettuce really love one another No garden is complete without turnips. 1. Turnip for meetings 2. Turnip for service 3. Turnip to help one another To conclude our garden we must have thyme. 1. Thyme for each other 2. Thyme for family 3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.”

4. Approval of the Minutes – Monthly Meeting, February 21, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting of February 21, 2022 was put forward.

Moved: Hildegard Dorosh

Second: Joanne Pearce

Motion carried.

5. Coffee/Tea Preparation

As some pandemic health mandates have been discontinued, the kitchen at the hall is now available for use. There will be coffee/tea at our monthly meetings, and treats. There are volunteer sign-up sheets on the side table for coffee/tea preparation and for bringing treats to the meetings. Please volunteer!

II. BUSINESS

5. REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report – Jane Ledingham/Laurie Minorgan

The current bank balance is \$10,111.56. We are still waiting on a response from Loyalist Township’s Vibrancy Fund for our grant application. The Club has received word from Ted Custance of Village Lifestyle Real Estate that he will be making a very generous \$500 donation.

The Club is still looking into investing a portion of the bank account and will provide details to the membership once we know what the status is of the funding request.

Bath Sunday Market Report – Jane Ledingham

Melanie Myers and Jane Ledingham are leading the market committee. They have prepared an application package for market vendors which includes a Code of Conduct. Jane and Melanie will be meeting with Market Manager Bob Moran to review vendor applications. Club volunteers are needed to assist with the market. This would involve approximately 1 hour on a Sunday to check which vendors are at the market and to collect the weekly vendor fee from Bob. A brief description of volunteer duties is being prepared. A market volunteer sign-up sheet will be on the side table.

Fertilizer Mixing Report– Laurie Minorgan

Fertilizer mixing day is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. at St. John’s Hall. Weather permitting, mixing will take place outside. Thank you to all members who have volunteered for this committee. Emails will be going out this week to members, sister gardening clubs, and the community so we can begin taking orders.

BGC Seed Library Update – Sue Nilsson

A seed library is a little library box, similar to the pop up book libraries in the community. The library contains packets of donated seeds. Instead of buying commercially packaged seeds, people could take a package of seeds from the library and have the opportunity to try and grow them. The expectation would be that seeds from the plants grown would be harvested and some would be returned to the library. Sue advised that she had met with Kate Wilson, Program Co-ordinating and Outreach Coordinator for Library Services in Lennox and Addington, and she is very enthusiastic about the idea. This would be done in partnership with the local library, where the seed library would be maintained. Kate would be willing to host two educational seminars, and maintain a card catalogue with photos and notes of what worked well and what didn’t, etc. Only seeds pertaining to the area would be used.

Sue advised that her husband Brian has volunteered to build a storage unit for cost, or an attractive used cabinet could be purchased and repurposed to house the library.

If the Club takes this project on, volunteers would be needed.

Sue suggested that if Club members are interested, a workshop at the library could be held to provide instruction on how to properly prepare, store and package seeds.

The target date to open the seed library would be this autumn. The library would be open to all community residents.

April Program Update – Janice Firth for Judy Hume/Mary Drinkwater

The April meeting will be a workshop to create flower seed bombs which will be available for sale as a fundraiser. Janice has around 25-30 tea cups and saucers which will be filled with the seed bombs and wrapped for presentation as a gift – e.g. Mother’s Day. Other bombs will be packaged in groups of 5. The plan is to sell these at the Bath Sunday market. If anyone has any spare flower seeds they can donate, please bring them to the workshop, or contact Judy Hume.

Please note that the date of the workshop will be Monday, April 25th at St. John’s Hall.

Executive Recruitment Update – Janice Firth

Volunteers for the following executive positions are still required:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Publicity Secretary

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. All current executive members would be available to provide guidance.

Thanks to Linda Cohen for volunteering to join the Board.

We are also looking for a member to take over as lead on the fertilizer committee. Laurie Minorgan would provide assistance to any volunteer lead.

III – New Business

Canada Day Float

As the Bath Canada Day celebrations will go ahead this year, the Club will be entering a float in the parade. Wendy O’Neill will lead the float committee. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the side table.

Motion: to approve the expenditure of \$500 towards the Bath Canada Day Float

Moved: Jane Ledingham

Second: Wendy O’Neill

Motion carried unanimously.

Sale of Bulbs as a Potential Fundraiser

As a fall fundraiser, the Club will package and sell a variety of spring bulbs. The bulbs will be purchased wholesale from DeVroomen. Janice asked for a volunteer to help her select some bulbs from the DeVroomen collection. Volunteers will be needed to repackage the bulbs, and sell them at the Bath

Sunday market. It was suggested that we should try to get advance orders in order to determine the appropriate quantities to order.
Linda Cohen volunteered to assist with the selection of bulbs.

III Program

**SPEAKER – Larry Branscombe , EnviroMasters
Lawn Care, Kingston, ON**

It's All About Your Soil

Larry gave a very informative and interesting presentation on the importance of soil and caring for your lawn. A handout was provided.