

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

May 16, 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 25 members in attendance today. The club welcomed new members Lynn McDonald and Diana Wilkinson.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Dawn Ford Second: Susan O'Connor Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.” Gertrude Jekyll
4. Approval of the Minutes – Monthly Meeting, March 21, 2022 A motion to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting of March 21, 2022 was put forward. Moved: Wendy O'Neill Second: Sharon Boal Motion carried.
5. Coffee/Tea Preparation There will be coffee/tea at our monthly meetings, and treats. Thank you today to Jane Ledingham and Judi Gould for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Wendy O'Neill, Sylvia Whalen, and Dawn Ford for bringing treats for the social time. 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 – Laurie Minorgan The current bank balance is \$7,216.07. The Club has invested \$5003.01 into a 2-year non-redeemable GIC at RBC at 2.75% rate of interest.
Bath Sunday Market Report – Jane Ledingham The Bath Sunday Market officially opened on Mother's Day, May 8 and was very well attended. There is a good variety of vendors, with new products such as dumplings, succulent plants, and anti-tick/flea dog

bracelets. The Club is paying the township park rental fees for the first and last 2 Sundays of the season at a rate of \$15 per hour. The vendor fees collected will cover this amount. Note that the market hours have changed to 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fertilizer Mixing Report– Laurie Minorgan

Fertilizer mixing day on Thursday, May 5th was a success, with 600 bags mixed. To date, 605 bags of the fertilizer have been sold for a total of \$2234. Material costs were in the amount of \$794.25. Net profit from the sale is \$1439.75. There is still fertilizer available for sale.

Many thanks to all volunteers, and a special thank you to Dave and Adam Bryant , Wendy O'Neill ,and to Don Taylor for taking pictures for the website.

Village Planting – Dawn Ford

The plants ordered from Sun Harvest will arrive on Wednesday, May 25th and all planting will be done that day. Start time is 10:00 a.m. Dawn will have a schedule prepared for volunteers. Although masks are not required outside, please bring one. Also, please bring gardening gloves, a trowel. If you will be working on barrels, please bring a watering can as there is a water source behind Schell's.

If a volunteer is unable to attend on that day, please let Dawn know, or if you have any questions, please contact Dawn.

Program Committee Update – Judy Hume and Mary Drinkwater

The two-day workshop making seed bombs was a great success. 15 people attended Day 1, and about 100 bombs were made. On Day 2, volunteers wrapped and labelled the bombs into the tea cup gifts for Mother's Day. The tea cup bombs are being sold for \$8 each, or \$12 for those mounted to the Lee Valley stakes.

Upcoming events – our guest speaker to day is Astrid Muschalla speaking on bokoshi composting. June's guest speaker is Robin Pinch from the City of Toronto speaking on eco and ethical gardening. A workshop will be held in July, and a field trip in August which will be combined with a lunch.

Carson Arthur who is in great demand as a speaker, will be the guest speaker at the meeting in April 2023.

Bulb Sale – Janice Firth

The bulb sale has been put on hold for this season, but will be organized next year as a fundraiser.

Canada Day Float Update – Wendy O'Neill

Wendy has made arrangements for a trailer, truck, and driver for the Canada Day float. The plan is to construct a giant plant pot as the centrepiece for the float. The plants will be mainly red and white. Building of the float will take place in Mary Drinkwater's garage.

III – New Business

Executive Recruitment Status Update – Janice Firth

Volunteers are still needed for the following executive positions:

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. All current executive members would be available to provide guidance. If you are willing to help out, please let one of the executive members know.

Vaccine Status – Janice Firth

The policy of the Club regarding the requirement for all members attending in-person meetings and volunteer activities to be fully vaccinated will remain in effect until August 2022.

Lafarge Memorial Grove and Pollinator Garden – Janice Firth

A very generous donation was received from Lafarge for the memorial garden. In recognition, the Club would like to plan an official opening ceremony sometime this summer of the memorial grove and pollinator garden. The trees purchased for the memorial garden have been planted.

Volunteers are needed to clean up the Bugtel.

Barb Bradford volunteered to lead the committee organizing the official opening event.

III Program

SPEAKER – Astrid Muschalla

Bokashi Composting