

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

Monday June 20, 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 33 members and four guests in attendance today. The club welcomed new members and visitors.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Wendy O'Neill Second: Roxanna Beddington Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “Gardening requires lots of water – most of it in the form of perspiration.” – Lou Erickson
4. Approval of the Minutes – Monthly Meeting, March 21, 2022 A motion to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting of XXX, 2022 was put forward. Moved: Nancy Willis Second: Marnie Brough Motion carried.
5. Coffee/Tea Preparation Thank you today to Lynn McDonald and Laurie Minorgan for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Diana Wilkinson, Jeri Love, and Carol Cartier 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 \$8,728.17, and we have \$5,016.57 in GICs.
Bath Sunday Market Report – Jane Ledingham (not in attendance) Mike Janssens advised that the market is running smoothly. There has been an increase in the number of vendors, but a decrease in the number of visitors to the market. Janice Firth advised that Al Beatty has offered 20% discount to BGC members (with proof of membership) who buy products from him at the Market.

Village Planting – Dawn Ford (not in attendance)

Janice Firth advised that the vinca planted at Schell's Market is not doing well, and will be replaced with flowers from the Canada float, after the Canada Day Parade

Program Committee Update – Judy Hume (not in attendance) and Mary Drinkwater

A bus trip to Meadow View Gardens, which includes a garden tour and lunch (sandwiches and salads), is being considered for July. The bus will be driven by club member Melanie Myers. Following a show of hands it was decided that the date of the trip will be July 6, 2022. Outside guests are welcome, but must be fully vaccinated. Masks will be optional. The cost of the trip will be between \$30 and \$40 for club members, and somewhat higher for non-members. The budget for summer outings is \$300, but an additional \$450 for the bus was requested.

Moved: Sharon Boal

Second: Doris Power

All in favour. Motion carried.

Confirmation of the date of the outing will be sent to members

Three suggestions for another summer outing were presented to the members for consideration.

1. Oopsy Daisy, Tamworth. Garden tour, croquet, high tea for a cost of \$85
2. Oopsy Daisy, Tamworth. Garden tour and flower arranging workshop with light lunch/snack for \$50
3. Function at the home of Sue O'Connor in August. Potluck plus activities

The third option received the most votes at the meeting. The Program Committee will provide details in the coming weeks.

Canada Day Float Update – Wendy O'Neill

Preparations are well underway. The float will feature a large plant pot. Walkers and a banner carrier are needed to assist on the day of the parade.

III – New Business**Changes to Township Staff - Janice Firth**

Hilary Fennel has left the Township, and Dave Swinton will retire in the fall. Janice Firth has met with Hilary's replacement (Lindsay). BGC President/Executive will meet with the Township at the Fall meetings.

Sharon Boal suggested that a letter be sent to the township (Deputy Mayor, and other relevant Township staff) recognising Hilary and Dave, and thanking them for their positive work with the Club. Janice Firth will draft the letter.

Lafarge Memorial Grove and Pollinator Garden – Janice Firth

The official opening of the Bugtel and nearby Grove has been delayed due to the planting of seedlings by the Township. Access for watering of the Bugtel is being prepared. Additional volunteers are needed for watering at the Bugtel during July and August. Weeding of the Bugtel will be guided by photos supplied by Pat Chown.

David Suzuki Canoe – Melissa Willis (not in attendance) and Nancy Willis

Township has granted approval for a red David Suzuki Canoe, which houses a butterfly garden, to be located in east side of Centennial Park. Dave will be asked to provide watering for the canoe. A second canoe has been approved by Township for placement in the grounds of Fairfield-Gutzeit House, Loyalist Parkway. Additionally, plans are underway for a canoe to be placed in the grounds of Bath Public School.

The Willis family will meet with Township in the park on Wednesday June 22, 2022.

June 25 Loyalist Garage Sale – Janice firth

To sell fertilizer and seed bombs at the garage sale, at the house of Janice Firth will require volunteers. Few members present at the meeting were able to volunteer for this task. Carole Cartier may be able to take the 11:00 to 1:00 pm shift.

Executive Recruitment Status Update – Janice Firth

There is an Executive recruitment crisis - if volunteers are not found to fill the vacant positions (shown below) and help run the club, it is possible that the BGC will close

- * president or co-president
- * vice president
- * treasurer
- * recording secretary
- * membership secretary (Elly away for the winter)
- * board members

Jerri Love has volunteered to take over the Publicity Secretary role

Wendy O'Neill spoke to the members about the benefits of becoming members of the Club Executive/Board. She advised that BGC has been a strong voice in the Community, and that volunteering with the club is a huge contribution to the community.

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

E. Dilworth has sent a letter advising that she will retire from the Garden Club

Sadly, Reeny T on Abbey Dawn has passed away.

III Program

SPEAKER – Robin Tench

Gardening the Way Nature Intended