



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

March 2023 Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

Date and Time: March 20, 2023 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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

www.bathgardeningclub.com

I. OPENING REMARKS (*J. Firth, President*)

1. **Welcome** - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. There were 32 members and 10 guests in attendance today

2. **Approval of Agenda** – A written agenda was not presented

3. **Garden Question** – What is the difference between butterfly & moth?

4. **Approval of minutes** - February 2023 meeting. There were no changes to the minutes.
Moved: Jane Ledingham Seconded: Anita Burrows. Motion carried.

5. **Coffee/Tea Preparation – Social Time**

There will be coffee/tea and treats at our monthly meetings. Thank you today to Joanna Sperinck for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Diane Wilkinson, Mary Arthur, Joanna Sperinck and Heather Bennett, for bringing treats.

II. BUSINESS

1. **Reports**

Treasurer's Report – Not presented

Sunday Market Report - Jane Ledingham

- The Market will be managed by BGC in totality – this notification will be posted on FB
- The Market will have a new look this year, as we move towards developing a Farmers Market
- Finding new vendors – >50% of vendors are required to be farmers selling their produce or goods
- Entertainment will be organized
- The Market will run from May 7th to mid-October. Market hours will be 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Volunteers are needed

Village Planting Report – Pat Chown - Overview (please see the full report in Attachment 1.)

- Planting and arrangement of barrels and planters will take place in the last week of May. Some of the Village business owners have asked if barrels could be placed in front of their facilities. We have agreed to try to accommodate them, and have requested that they provide supplemental watering when needed.
- Discussions continue with the Township to identify areas of partnership including access to water, moving the barrels, storage of hanging and removing the wreaths before and after the holiday season. The watering vehicle is now stored in the municipal garage over the winter.
- On April 22 the Great Bath Clean-up is taking place in conjunction with Earth Day. This event is spear-headed by Roberta Young of Fast Freddie's. Fast Freddie's will provide food from their store (e.g., sandwich, coffee) free to those participating in the Clean-up. The Township will



provide volunteers with reflective vests, garbage bags etc. Volunteers are needed for this event.

- New entrepreneurs in the village have approached BGC about an event they would like to organize during a weekend in May called “Bath in Bloom”. We have suggested that they become involved with the April 22 clean-up first. Pat Chown will be in touch with Cassandra at the Lodge to get the school involved as well.

III. New Business

- Bath Gardening Club & Horticultural Society Annual Fertilizer Sale – **Diane Nolting** (Please see Attachment 2)
- Communities in Bloom April 1-23 – **Janice Firth** (Please see Attachment 3)
Volunteers are needed for this event.
- Volunteer Hours – **Sandra Lowman**
Volunteer hours can now be submitted using an online form. Instructions have been sent to members via email and are also available on the website <https://bathgardeningclub.ca/>
Questions? Contact sandralwmn@gmail.com

IV. Adjournment

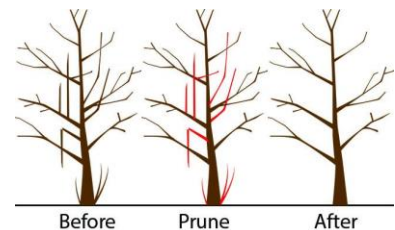
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00

V. Program

Presentation - Joyce Hostyn

Joyce is an avid designer and gardener who dreams of wild yards, green streets, and wild parks. She is co-founder of Little Forests Kingston, a member of 1000 Islands Master Gardeners and an adjunct professor at Queen’s University in the Master of Earth and Energy Resources Leadership Program. She believes we can transform our cities one garden, one neighbourhood, one Little Forest at a time.

Many of us have trees and shrubs in our gardens that are growing out of control. Do you cut or snip just hoping you are doing the right thing? If this sounds familiar, please join us to learn the ‘how to’ and importance of pruning shrubs and trees.





Attachment 1. Planting Committee Report: Bath Gardening Club Meeting March 20, 2023

April 22 Great Bath Clean-up taking place in conjunction with Earth Day.

Background: Earth Day was first celebrated 52 years ago and since then 193 countries and 1 billion people have been involved in working at the local/national level to pause and remind ourselves that we need to take care of our earth. This year's theme is "Invest in our Planet".

In Bath, for many years, the focus has been to clean up the community. This has been spear-headed by Roberta Young of Fast Freddie's. The Lions Club was also involved in providing a BBQ lunch for those who worked on the event. During COVID, this activity was put on hold but last year, Roberta restarted the initiative. Unfortunately, only a few people responded. **We hope that this year, dozens of people will respond.**

The Gardening Club has as one of its objectives, "to help beautify the village of Bath". We do a lot, as we all know, to beautify the village throughout all 4 seasons. We also know that more can be done. We were approached by the new entrepreneurs of the village (who meet regularly) about an event they would like to organize during a weekend in May called "**Bath in Bloom**". We have suggested that they become involved with the April 22 clean-up first.

We also have begun meetings with the Township to see if there are more areas of common ground where the Gardening Club and the Township can partner. They already provide us access to water, move the barrels, hang, and remove the wreaths before and after the holiday season.

We meet again with the Township on Friday and will keep you updated on how our meetings are going.

Two new things happened immediately after our first Township meeting.

Upon request from us, Leslie Neasmith, Township Horticulturalist, provided us with a list of plants that she has had success with in the area. She shares our concern to find drought resistant plants and also providing the best growing medium to help us manage the results of climate change. The second immediate action was on our request to have Dave Bryant's watering vehicle stored in the municipal garage over the winter. Dave met with Daryl Reynolds from the Township and Dave's vehicle was stored there.

We know that the Township will be helping with the April 22nd clean-up event by providing reflective vests, garbage bags etc. We will be speaking in greater detail with the Township.

We see that the future is very bright in Bath. Groups are reaching out to other groups to see how we all together can work on projects for the betterment of Bath.

The April 22 clean-up event is a focus for all groups... and we hope that many GC members will be able to help out on the 22nd for a maximum of three hours. If you want lunch, Fast Freddie's is providing food from their store (sandwich, coffee for example) free gratis for those participating.

Our planting and arrangement of barrels and planters will take place last week of May. Some of the entrepreneurs have asked if barrels could be placed in front of their facilities. We have agreed to try to accommodate providing that the businesses keep a check on their plants, watering if needed, in addition to the water provided by Adam and Dave.

Sign-up sheet available.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Chown



Attachment 2: BGC Annual Fertilizer Sale

Bath Gardening Club & Horticultural Society Annual Fertilizer Sale

It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for the *Spring Planting Season!* Our Special Blend of **ALL NATURAL, HAND-MIXED FERTILIZER** or "Fritz Mix" will be available to help "Jump start your Garden".

Ingredients: Bone Meal, Blood Meal, Alfalfa Meal, Wood Ash, Soy Bean Meal, Epsom Salts.

"It was specifically created for use on roses, Rose of Sharon, hibiscus and hydrangea, but can be used almost universally on all plants in your garden. Acidic vegetable plants such as tomatoes, will love this fertilizer. Because you know what it contains, there is no need to worry about harsh chemicals."

The cost for each 3 lb. bag of fertilizer is **\$3.75 (members)** \$4.00 for non-members

Please send your order by **April 30, 2023** using the online form, or by sending an email. Details below. Order pickup date is **May 5, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** at St. John's Hall, Bath.

- Fill out and submit the online order form:
[h#ps://forms.gle/7dycNlimq8G2SCzG7](https://forms.gle/7dycNlimq8G2SCzG7)
- Or send e-mail to **treasurer@bathgardeningclub.ca** with the following information:

Your Name:

Email address:

Phone: (optional)

of BAGS:

Total cost of order:

Payment Methods:

- E-transfer to **treasurer@bathgardeningclub.ca** (include your NAME and # BAGS ORDERED in message line – we are set up for auto-deposit)
- Cheque payable to Bath Gardening Club mailed to P.O. Box 3, Bath, ON K0H 1G0.
- Cash in sealed envelope bearing your name and amount enclosed, and delivered to:
 - Diane Nolting, 39 Country Club Drive, Bath, or
 - Jane Ledingham, 297 Main Street, Bath, or
 - Laurie Minorgan, 45 Country Club Drive, Bath
- Payment also accepted by cheque or cash on the **pickup date:** May 5, St. John's Hall, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for your support! Looking Ahead to a Great Year of Gardening!



Attachment 3: Communities in Bloom April 1-23

Greater Napanee Garden Expo

April 1, 2023 | 10am to 3pm
SPC Arena-16 McPherson Drive-Napanee



Garden Show & Sale with Garden-Themed Exhibitors

Connect with Area Garden/Nature Themed Community Groups

Free Presentations by Area Experts & Organizations & Businesses:

Fruit Tree Pruning * *Janssens Orchard, Mike Janssens*
The ABCs of NPK * *L & A Horticultural Society, Brad King*
Monarch Butterflies * *Tracey Kerkhoven*
PEC Barn Quilt Trail * *Pat Dubyk*

Network with local gardening, landscape, nature and environment experts & enthusiasts!

Admission @ \$2 - Includes Free Entry into Prize Draws!

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