



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Date and Time: April 24, 2023 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 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 today. There were 40 members in attendance, including 5 new members
2. **Approval of Agenda** – A written agenda was not presented
3. **Garden Question** – What should, and what should not, be composted?
4. **Approval of minutes** –
5. **Coffee/Tea Preparation – Social Time**
Coffee/tea and treats are provided at our monthly meetings. Thank you today to Joanna Sperinck, Laurie Minorgan, Linda Cohen and Anita Burrows for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Janice Firth, Dawn Ford, Pat Chown and Sylvia Whalen for bringing treats.

II. BUSINESS

1. Reports

Treasurer's Report – Janice Firth

- Grants have been received from LaFarge, Ontario Power Generation, and Loyalist Township to support the purchase of 5 new iron planters for the village

Sunday Market Report - Jane Ledingham

- The Market will run from May 7th to mid-October
- Market hours will be 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 50 Vendors have been contacted
- 28 of those contacted advised that they would be attending this year's Market
- 16 vendors have completed the required forms
- Volunteers are needed to collect money from vendors each week

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

- Thank you to all who volunteered on Bath Clean-Up Day. Of 40 volunteers, 27 were from BGC
- Barrel, garden, and planter watering for the season will be contracted. Residents/business owners have agreed to supply extra water to the barrel/planter placed in front of their home/business
- We thank the following people for their generous contributions:
 - Tristan Nagler (Flourish Garden Care and Design) for cleaning both the North & South bridge areas
 - Henry Levy (Schell's Market) who will refurbish the front garden at Schell's
 - Ted Custance (Sutton Group-Masters Realty) for supplying signage for gardens, planters, & barrels
 - Dawn Ford, Jane Ledingham, Janice Firth and Marnie Brough (BGC members) for their hard work in securing grants in support of the purchase of 5 new iron planters



Program Committee Update – Mary Drinkwater

- Speakers for 2023

Month	Speaker	Topic
May	KFL&A – Natalie LaLonde	Ticks & Lyme Disease
June	Paul Oliver – Urban Nature	Bringing birds to our backyard
July	Outing	Prince Edward County
Aug	Members Social	Venue TBA

III. New Business

Annual Fertilizer Sale – Laurie Minorgan

- 420 bags of fertilizer have been pre-ordered (pickup date is May 5, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Hall, Bath). 45 bags were sold at Communities in Bloom

Canada Day Float – Wendy O'Neill

- Volunteers are needed – separate email to be sent to members



Retailer Discounts – Val Behm

- The following merchants have agreed to offer discounts to BGC members

Retailer	Discount	Conditions of Discount
Marshall's on Princess	10%	None
Canadian Tire Napanee	10%	None
Lowes - Kingston	5%	when you sign up for VIP store program
Rona - Kingston	5%	when you sign up for VIP store program
Connon Nurseries -Trenton		Grower Direct card is \$25 instead of \$50

- Sending email to Canadian Tire – Gardiners Road
- By being a member of BGC we are also members of the Ontario Horticultural Society
- For vendors not on the list, check with cashier to see if you can get discount from the garden centre where you are shopping.

LaFarge Grand Opening - Janice Firth

- Volunteers are needed for this event which will take place in June 2023



IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

V. Presentation

Presentation – Carson Arthur

Carson Arthur, a landscape designer and television personality, provided a very interesting, informative and entertaining talk on “Going Green Outdoors”. This presentation was enjoyed by all who attended

Carson's Garden + Market
1317 Wilson Rd, Hillier, ON K0K 2J0
Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every day in the summer



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Attachment 1. Planting Committee Report: Bath Gardening Club Meeting April 24, 2023

Great Bath Clean-up Day: Close to 40 people participated in the April 22 Bath Earth Day clean-up. This event was hosted by Roberta Young of Fast Freddy's. Thank you, Roberta! The participants included residents, business owners and more than 27 Gardening Club members. Roberta provided lunch for all and the Loyalist Township supplied garbage bags, gloves, and reflector vests. This was an opportunity to meet new people, to work at improving curb appeal after the winter and to have fun.

Village Watering: Although we have not finalized the barrel, garden, and planter watering contract for the season, we have asked interested residents and business owners if they would be able to help us supply extra water to a barrel if one was placed in front of their residence or business. All residents and business owners who were approached, welcomed the idea whole heartedly.

Preparation for planting:

We have begun working on the bridge areas. We thank Tristan Nagler of Flourish Garden Care and Design for volunteering to clean both North and South bridge areas. Thank you to Henry Levy of Schell's Market who is gathering materials to refurbish the front garden in the Schell's location. Ted Custance of Sutton Group-Masters Realty Inc Brokerage has graciously supplied new and improved signage to accompany our gardens, planters, and barrels. The involvement of these gentlemen and all our business partners is providing a tremendous boost to the Club and to Bath.

The North bridge and Schell's will have a new look this year. We are presently working at the bridge area and will soon be readying all barrels, planters, and gardens for our planting. By May 8th, planting teams will be contacted. An update will follow at the May meeting.

New planters:

Janice Firth reported that because of grants received from the Loyalist Township and Lafarge Holcim Bath Cement Plant, 5 new iron planters will be ordered shortly. This project has come to fruition because of the work done by Dawn Ford, Jane Ledingham, Janice Firth and Marnie Brough. Congratulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Chown