



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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

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I. OPENING REMARKS (<i>Janice Firth - President</i>)
1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us today.
2. Approval of Agenda – Short agenda – not approved
3. Garden Question – Not presented
4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – Moved: Sylvia Whalen; Seconded: Mike Nicholson
5. Coffee/Tea Preparation – Thank you Laurie Minorgan for preparing the coffee/tea, and to Joanna Sperinck, Anna Salmon, Sandra Lowman, and Pat Chown for bringing treats

II. BUSINESS
1. Reports
Treasurer's Report –Laurie Minorgan - Operating account balance is \$11,477.99.00 - Investment account holding our GIC is \$5,000.00 plus \$189.23 interest. The GIC earns 2.75% and matures May 5, 2024. - Village planting has been fabulous. Ted Custance has complemented BGC on the barrels and gardens” Thank you to Pat Chown and her team for all their hardwork - Flourish has been very responsive with watering; Tristan has waived his fees for this service
Sunday Market Report Not presented
Memorial Grove – Janice Firth - The Memorial Grove includes the BugTel and 4 trees - Thank you to LaFarge for their support and donation of the 4 trees - Thank you Adam and Dave Bryant for maintaining this area
Canada Day Float – Janice Firth The Float was a huge success – thank you to Wendy O'Neill and her team for the great work
Membership - Diane Nolting - Thank you to Sandra Lowman for creating and maintaining the online membership forms and e-transfer forms - New Membership Cards are being developed and will be issued once the payment has been received and the form completed
Village Planting Report – Pat Chown, Val Behm - A walk-around of the gardens has been conducted to determine what worked, and what didn't, in plantings this summer - Val Behm has recently joined the Village Planting Committee. She has worked many years at the Home Depot Garden Centre. She brings great knowledge, and we are lucky to have her on the Planting Committee - Thank you to all who planted and weeded the barrels – all are looking good



- As noted above, Tristan provided a very generous gift to the BGC by waiving his fees for watering the barrels and gardens
- Clean-Up Day is October 13th – details to come
- The 5 new planters each (each 24" in diameter and about 3" tall) will be placed in the spring
- Thank you to La Farge and the Township for grants that supported the purchase of the new planters
- In response to an email from the BGC, that included photos of the barrels on Main Street, the Township removed the weeds growing along the verge on Main Street
- Henry from Schell's hired someone to clean up around the store

III. New Business

District 3 AGM – Janice Firth

- BGC will be hosting this year's District 3 AGM
- The AGM will be held at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church
- The Executive will organize the set-up for the meeting
- Volunteers are needed to provide baking for this event

Volunteer Hours – Sandra Lowman

- Volunteer hours for the period Sept 1 2022 to August 31 2023, are to be submitted
- It is important that all volunteer hours are recorded as they are provided to the OHA in the Annual Report. These hours are used by the OHA to determine the amount of funding BGC will receive from OHA
- The **Form** for submitting volunteer hours can be found at <https://forms.gle/GNZGtYrGZwABaDDq5> (Please copy and paste into your browser)
- A detailed **Guide** for recording volunteer hours can be found on the Notice Board of the BGC website here [VHG.pdf \(bathgardeningclub.ca\)](https://bathgardeningclub.ca/VHG.pdf)

District 3 AGM – Jim Kimberley

- Jim Kimberley, the new District 3 representative, attended the September meeting
- Jim aims to make District 3 "rock", so that everyone has fun
- He is planning a variety of activities and encouraged everyone to get involved in the Executive of the BGC
- A new "colour" for planting is coming on Nov 4th
- It is important that all volunteer hours are recorded as they are provided to the OHA. There were 2.3 million volunteer hours in Ontario Societies last year, which equates to \$4.6 million
- Thank you to Sandra for designing and maintaining the process for submitting volunteer hours

Executive - Janice Firth

- Members are needed for the following Executive positions:
- Vice President, a Program Chair, a Recording Secretary (shared position)

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

V. Programme