



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

January 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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

www.bathgardeningclub.ca

I. OPENING REMARKS (*Sylvia Whalen - President*)

1. Welcome

Sylvia welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed any new or returning members.

2. Approval of Agenda / Additions

Agenda accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Moved: Sue Nillson. 2nd: Dawn Ford

4. Garden Question(s) from the members

Gladiolus bulb storage? Take out, store in cool place (keep from freezing) suggestions cold storage, garage, basement. Can use styrofoam coolers to maintain temp above freezing.

When should spring bulbs be started, to force them? It takes 6 to 8 weeks before desired blooming. Any other questions can be brought to future meetings.

Sylvia also asked the question, "What kind of gardens do members have?", so programs can be geared to members' interests. Members in attendance indicated having perennial and vegetable gardens, with fewer growing fruit and annuals.

II. BUSINESS

1. Reports

➤ **Treasurer's Report:** Laurie Minorgan

Bank balance is \$10,875.32 and GIC \$5235.16.

Donation letters are to be sent out in February. Grant applications must be submitted by the end of January. Talks with Tristan (Flourish) have begun with the planting committee and treasurers.

➤ **Planting Committee:** Val Behm

Pat, Marnie and Val did a walk about to see how the season went. Observations: portulaca and sweet potatoe vine performed poorly. There was also an infestation of snails near the bridge. Ants were also a problem. Met with Allison Shannon at Sunharvest in the beginning of December Total number of plants ordered is 405. Some of which are red canna with red leaves, white geraniums lemon coloured sedum and orange marigolds in keeping with OHA colour of the year. A total of 9 iron planters will be in place in time for planting. Three of them will have plaques showing sponsorship from Lafarge.

We will be amending the soil this year with coconut coir, fertilizer and some snail deterrent.



All planter and weeder volunteers will be instructed about the needs of the plants and deadheading.

➤ **Hospitality:** Joanna Sperinck:

Let Joanna know if you can volunteer by baking or clean-up. She also asked if members could bring our own mugs to meetings to reduce clean- up.

➤ **Membership:** Diane Nolting

Since September 1, 2023

59 individual memberships and 11 family memberships have been received.

The total number of members is 80 as of January 15th 2024.

This number is lower than last year. A canvass of 16 non returners yielded 4 responses.

- Three declined to renew because of health issues,
- One opted to join a club closer to Kingston where she lives.

There are 9 new members this year.

We have a number of members who have paid their fees, but who have not indicated any volunteer interests.

New members are always welcome. Please encourage neighbours and /or new residents to attend a meeting as a guest.

Attendance at meetings is as follows: September - 25 members, 2 guests

October AGM - 37 members, 1 guest

November Workshop - 29 members, 9 guests

December Potluck - 20 members

January 2024 - 29 members, 1 guest

➤ **Executive Positions:**

Linda Jameson and Janice Firth were introduced as the new program coordinators.

We are still looking to fill the position of vice president, co-recording secretary and

Sunday Market coordinator. No one at the meeting volunteered for these positions.

2. November Workshop:

We had a good turnout; 29 members and 9 guests. Some of the members reported that the feeders were especially well liked by woodpeckers and nuthatches. Thank you to Mike Whalen for the providing some of the logs or pieces of wood. Thank you to Linda Dishy and her husband for preparing the wood, gathering supplies along with Janice Firth and providing instructions for assembly. Thank you to all who helped to pull things together. The recipe for the seed mixture was sent out afterward to all.

3. December Pot Luck:

We had 20 people attend the potluck. Sylvia was disappointed in the turnout but said it was an enjoyable outing. Of all the dishes brought, there was only one dessert. She wondered if we need to have a sign-up sheet to insure a more balanced menu. Thank you to Dave and Adam for the pulled pork and chicken.

III. New Business



Meeting with the Township: Sylvia

Team leaders of planting and market committees had a good meeting with Township staff and felt that a good relationship between BGC and Staff is forming. They looked at what worked last season and what didn't. There was a Memorandum of Understanding proposed, where the contributions made by BGC in the community are tabulated and the township would look at compensation in kind or by a grant. Kari Lambe asked that representatives from the BGC be at the meeting when this MOU is tabled at council.

February Meeting - February 19th

There was a poll taken, of who would attend the meeting if it was held on February 19th, Family Day. There were enough people who would attend that it was left as is.

Volunteer hours: Sandra Lowman asked if people would log on to the website, to record their volunteer hours. The club does benefit from this, so we should take full advantage of it.

Welcome Kits: Sandra Lowman offered to design a postcard size handout to promote the club. will send draft to next executive meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Time: 3:15

Moved: Diane Nolting

Seconded: Linda Jameson

V. Programme

Angela Cen- Limestone Succulents:

Angela did a comprehensive presentation on succulents. It was very interesting and educational. She has kindly offered to answer questions **by text at 613 888 2382**, if you indicate that you are a Garden Club member. She also has an online shop. **limestonesucculents.com** Thank you Angela.