



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

September 16th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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

<https://bathgardeningclub.ca>

1. Welcome – Sylvia
2. Approval of Previous Minutes (June)– read on the website – under members (password: vinca) Moved: Roxanna Beddington 2nd: Janice Firth
3. Agenda- any additions? Membership Report, Merry Little Main Street and Garden Club Newsletter added.
Reports &/or Updates
4. Treasurer's Report: Laurie Balance of chequing account: \$8,599.27 GIC: \$5,080.55 (20 weeks x \$150 = \$3000)
5. Planting Update: Val B. Val thanked all volunteers for the hard work they provided. She felt the plantings really looked good. Elaine Nicholson and Val made notes regarding what worked and what could be improved upon. We received more rain this year which helped in keeping beds and planters well watered. Takedown will be done by the teams that already exist by area. If you want to help and are not on a weeding team you can sign the sheet (or contact Val or Elaine) and you will be added to a team. The township will move the barrels and will store them behind Schells.
6. Market Update: Linda Cohen It has been a busy market season with Henderson and Hemmerling and Gerald McGrath as new acts, and Pierre Laframboise returning. One more final performance on the 29th of September by Mary Kennedy and Friends closing out the 2024 season. Culture Days, a Government of Ontario and Loyalist initiative will take place September 22nd. The grassy area of the park will be filled with activities for all ages. Erin McClure has stepped down as market manager as of September 1st. Thank you to Joane, Jeri, Sylvia, Janice, and Laurie for helping carry out the duties that Linda took on. Thanksgiving weekend will be the last market and will be a free day for the vendors. This has been done in previous years as a thank you to the vendors. It was noted that attendance usually drops off in October.
7. Program Update: Janice Firth September, Garden Trivia game October, AGM and Microgreens presentation November, Angela - Succulents Workshop at a cost of \$28.00 + \$10 for the pot. This will be held in the evening. December, Lunch Outing TBD, Although local suggestions were made, space limited the options. O'Connors Tea House was selected by members attending the meeting. Future topics include Naturalizing, Garden Art for Cheapskates, Urban Foraging, Self watering planters and Drought tolerant gardening.
8. Canada Day Parade: Sylvia



We did not participate this year and the garden club float was missed. There were volunteers in place but no one expressed interest in taking this on at the meeting. Getting ideas and starting early were 2 ways suggested to get things going.

New Business

9. Merry Little Main Street: Sylvia

This event will take place on December 5th. There will be a carol sing as in previous years. Pat Chown will be looking for volunteers to help out at this fun event.

10. Newsletter: Pat Chown

At present the newsletter is published 4 times a year. Is it still relevant, and does it meet the needs of club members ? Pat circulated a questionnaire with 4 questions. This will be used to gather information and help make decisions about the direction to take in the future.

11. Membership: Diane

Thanks to Sandra Lowman who redesigned the Membership form so the information is recorded automatically as a spreadsheet making it easier to access for executive members and team leads.

The membership year goes from September to August. Once the membership information form and dues have been received, a membership card is issued. This card can be used for discounts at participating garden centers (see member benefits on website). The membership form can be filled online or on a printed copy and submitted. Instructions are on the "Join Us" page of the website. Payment can be done by e-transfer, cheque (to BGC) or cash.

Notes of sympathy or get well are sent to the members. It is the membership responsibility to contact Diane if you know of someone that is hospitalized or has lost a loved one.

We also want to know if a member or their partners are celebrating a milestone in their lives.

12. Volunteer hours: Sandra Lowman

This is the time of year to enter your number of volunteer hours on the form on the BGC website. This is important because these hours are considered by the OHA when evaluating grant applications. Go to our website's main page or the Notice Board on the main page and open the guide to filling in the Google form.

13. Annual General Meeting - Monday October 21st

Executive Positions to be filled are:

Vice President:

Co-Treasurer:

Recording Secretary:

Program

Gardening Experience Sharing and Trivia

Members present were divided into 4 teams and filled out a skill testing questionnaire.

The winners received a prize for their superior knowledge!

A good time was had by all.