



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
October 21, 2024, AGM Meeting Minutes

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:45 pm

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

<https://bathgardeningclub.ca>

1. Welcome and Introductions were provided by Sylvia Whalen who also chaired the meeting.
2. Previous AGM Minutes (Oct. 16, 2003) were approved Moved by Marnie Brough and 2nd by Lyla Cho-kee
3. Minutes of the September 16th meeting were approved. Moved by Sue Nilsson and 2nd by Joanna Sperinck
4. Agenda- Sylvia made note of some names being misspelled and Past President and Program Lead needed to be added under installation of officers with Janice Firth's name beside them.
Reports
5. Diane Nolting provided the Membership Annual Report for 2023/24 <u>Number of paid memberships:</u> Individual - 60 Family - 13 Inactive membership i.e. did not sign up to volunteer - 11 • Wanted to support the Club • Utilized the membership card for discounts • Wanted to be kept up to date on the Club's activities • Not volunteering because of health issues, conflict with work and meeting times, family commitments Currently for the 2024/25 year: <u>2024 - 2025 paid Memberships to October 22</u> Individual-34 Family-10 Family memberships include one other person, except for one family of three. Total number of members- 55 <u>Attendance</u>



September -24

October - 25 including 4 guests

6. 2024 Website Report, submitted by Sandra Lowman

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The Home page includes our Meeting Schedule and a Notice Board that is intended to keep members informed of club news, meetings and events.

New to the Home page are links to the Ontario Horticultural Association's Media Consent and Indemnity Agreement, and the BGC Code of Conduct.

A new Donations page to direct people interested in making donations to the club has been added to the top menu on the Home screen.

The top menu bar also includes the FaceBook icon that links to our club's FaceBook page.

A link to the Sunday Market in Bath Facebook page was also posted during the market season.

On the Join Us page the online membership form was converted to a Google form so that a spreadsheet of membership information can be easily generated, similar to the Google form spreadsheets that help to manage fertilizer sale data and market vendor data.

7. Planting Annual Report: Val B. (Elaine N. unable to attend)

- Everything was last minute when it came to getting planters installed and filled this year but managed to get it done in time back in May.

- Found out plants couldn't be delivered as planned and had them delivered the day before planting. Ended up to be better as it gave us more time to get organized and it was no problem for township to keep them locked up in their storage facility. We'll continue to do so this going forward.

- The season went well. We had an issue with plants being dry even with all the rain. Will speak to Flourish to see if we can have the flowers watered more.

- Cleanup this fall was scheduled by the individual weeding group leaders. It went well. It was a lot easier to schedule a time with individual teams to get the teardown done on a nice day than to do it as one big group. Time taken to do this was very quick and the barrels were a lot easier to move for the township. We'll continue to do this going forward.

- Barrels were all picked up on October 7th. We have 2 small & 2 large available to give away. If you are interested speak to Elaine Nicholson or myself.



- The soil in the extra barrels was used to top up the metal planters. I was able to top up 10 of the 14 planters leaving 4 more to do in the spring. We will purchase about 6 bags of soil to finish it off. Doing this will save any extra costs from Flourish. Filling 9 planters was \$900.

- Schells flowerbed is turning into a perennial flowerbed. With a donation from Holly Adam Janice Firth and myself of perennials we will be able to cut down on the cost of annuals significantly. Annuals will be used for a pop of colour only amongst the perennials. Looking forward to seeing our vision come to fruition. It gives the area a nice updated look.

- Next on the agenda is putting in our flower order for next year in December with Sun Harvest where the planting cycle will start all over again.

8. Pollinator Garden & Memorial Grove Annual Report by Kim Bonner and Carol Cartier

- thanks was given to the many volunteers that helped with the weeding and watering of the garden throughout the summer.
- took a Pollinator Garden inventory in the spring, identified 10 plants that had disappeared, and restocked them from a local native plants nursery
- divided and thinned some plants to rejuvenate them, and relocated others to give them access to more air and/or sunlight.
- created a revised Pollinator Garden plan diagram with the plants's new locations, and pictures of some of the bugs that make it their home
- Because insects need water to drink, we added bee cups and a butterfly puddler
- welcomed about 50 people at the Bugtel during the June 1st Rec and Parks Kick-Off event.
- completed our fall clean-up last week, which included removing seed heads from the prolific self-seeders like the anise hyssop, but leaving the rest for the overwintering birds

Next steps

- continue our efforts to eradicate the invasive, non-native marsh woundwort from Pollinator garden
- plan and execute a renovation to the nesting and overwintering material in the bugtel structure
- create and install an outdoor photo op prop for the Garden area as per recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Event.

9.

Program Report 2023-2024

By: Janice Firth & Linda Jameson (unable to attend)

We started our 2023-24 year program with a game of garden trivia. Members got to know each other working in groups and learning a few new facts about plants and gardening.



October was our AGM where we approved a new budget, got updated on the clubs various committees such as Village planting, Sunday Market in Bath, membership, fertilizer, etc. Members participated in a discussion and show & tell about 'What Grew in Bath' this year.

November we had a very successful workshop where members and guests made garden bird feeders from partial logs.

December was a pot luck lunch held in the hall. Dave Bryant kindly treated us to his very tasty pulled pork & chicken.

January – Angela Cee from Limestone Succulents shared her wealth of knowledge about growing and caring for succulent plants.

February – the topic was the 'Wood Wide Web' and we watched short videos to learn about the underground communication that happens between plants & trees and how this contributes to soil health.

March – Melanie Saunders from Wise Owl Herbal Clinic talked to us about the healing properties of many common herbs and plants that grow right under our noses.

April – Natalie Lalonde from KFL&A public health came to give us an update about ticks and other vector born diseases.

May – Elsabe Falkson who is a Master Gardener in Training came to enlighten us about invasive species that may or may not be growing in our gardens.

June – A speaker came from Loving Spoonful to teach us what they are all about. They are a Kingston based organization which focuses on local food sustainability, education, diversity and inclusion along fresh food for all.

July – Our summer outing was a walking garden tour of 4 beautiful Loyalist Country Club Gardens. President Sylvia invited us to her home for a lovely lunch & swim.

10. Market Annual Report: Linda C.

- Entertainment - We enjoyed a variety of musical entertainment sponsored by the Bath Garden Club on 9 Sunday afternoons this past season. The music was presented by 6 very different and talented individuals or groups

Our entertainment budget was set at \$1200.00 for the season and will be the same for the 2025 season

- Loyalist Township took advantage of the Sunday Market and used Sunday, September 22nd to present activities and entertainment as part of their contribution to Ontario Culture Days. A huge success! I am hoping they will repeat it next season.

- Erin McClure, our market manager took early retirement from the position on September 1st. But until then she planned and facilitated 3 special Sunday activity days for families attending the market, Colours in the Park, a Scavenger Hunt and Photos in the park. All enjoyed by families and vendors alike.

- We had approximately 32 vendors registered to attend the market, a combination of full and part-time, with several new vendors coming on board toward the end of the season. There was an average of 17



vendors attending on a weekly basis. This sounds low because it is an average and is skewed by lower vendor attendance in the spring and a drop off in the fall. Overall we welcomed quite a few new vendors this season. In speaking with them they told me they had a positive experience and I expect they will return. Hopefully we will attract even more next season.

Submitted by: Linda Cohen

11. Treasurers Annual Reporting by Joanne Pearce and Laurie Minorgan

i) **Financial Report/ Balance Sheet was provided to all members in advance of the meeting. (see attached)**

Moved for acceptance by Janice Firth and 2nd by Linda Cohen

ii) **Budget Presentation for 2024/2025 (see attached)**

Moved by Janice Firth and 2nd by Linda Cohen

iii) **Appointment of Marnie Brough and Lyla Cho-Kee to Verify the Financial Reporting for the upcoming year.**

Moved by Sue Nilsson and 2nd by Diana Wilkinson

New Business

12. Random items:

November 18th Workshop Meeting: Note this is an evening meeting. Sign up is required as there is a cost ed.

Dec. 5th Merry Little Main St. - Members were invited to provide baking to be distributed at the event gain year. A sign up sheet was provided at the meeting or you can RSVP to Pat Pat Chown

13. District 3 Director, James Kimmerly provided us a few updates from OHA fundraising initiatives (refer to facebook) and new ONCA regulations. He then continued on to provide the Installation of Executive/Board for 2024/25 which will be as follows:

Executive:

President: Sylvia Whalen

Past President: Janice Firth

Vice President: **Vacant**

Treasurer: Joanne Pearce; Marjory Brunsdon

Recording Secretary: Diane Nolting

Correspondence Secretary: Joanna Sperinck

Membership Secretary: Diane Nolting

**Board- Members at Large:**

Jeri Love: **Publicity Lead**

Val Behm: **Planting Lead**

Linda Cohen: **Market Lead**

Sandra Lowman: **Webmaster**

Janice Firth: **ProgramLead**

Dawn Ford: **Hospitality**

Program**Guest Speaker: Christine from Baby Fresh Greens**

Christine provided us with helpful information about the difference between sprouts and micro greens and proceeded to outline how to grow these delicious and nutritious greens



**BGC Budget
2024-25.xls**