



## BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### January 20, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Time: 7 pm to 9:00 pm

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

<http://bathgardeningclub.ca>

#### Welcome – Introductions

#### Agenda – see New Business item 2

**Corrections:** Marjory Brunsdon is now the co – treasurer

**Dr Brent Helmstaedt is the program presenter for January 20 2025**

#### Reports &/or Updates

##### **Treasurer's Report: Joanne Pearce**

Welcome to 2025...Hurray! Boy, are we flying! Lots of things on the go already!

1. Bank account balance as at Jan.20 is: \$7,262.93
2. 3 outstanding cheques totalling \$641.55 (491.55 + 50.00 +100) still t/b processed.
3. Once cheques have cleared, bank balance will be: \$6,621.38
4. We have a \$5000.00 GIC @4.9% int rate maturing on May 17, 2025. It's good to have an investment as a cushion.
5. Principal + interest (anticipated \$5,245) to be deposited to bank account a 1=year GIC is currently around 3%
6. Will determine if GIC s/b reinvested (review rates /bank acct balance, etc.)
7. 2025 budget is posted on BGC website
8. Celebrate our successes! Special note for Pat Chown. Not sure how she did it, but the new carolling sheets cost \$56.83. I had looked at Staples online and had thought we were going to have a large invoice: around \$600. Give a hand for Pat.

Reminder that expenses exceeding \$300.00 over the budget need to be taken to the membership.

Pls email [treasurer@bathgardeningclub.ca](mailto:treasurer@bathgardeningclub.ca) or call 613-881-0419 for any treasurer queries or concerns. and success stories involving money saved.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Dawn Ford and seconded by Laurie Minorgan. All in favour.**

##### **Planting Update: Val Behm**

Elaine Nicholson and Val Behm met with Allison Shannon of Sun Harvest to discuss the plant order for 2025.



Colours and plants are similar for this coming year as they did so well in 2024. Coleus will be added to the large planters in place of the coral sedum and the small barrels will have marigolds and fountain grass. Moving to the use of more perennials this year. Colours in barrels may be switched for 2026

Allison submitted a quote for \$1311.05 not including taxes and delivery. This represents a savings of \$246.90 over last due to purchasing fewer plants (365 last year, 299 this year). Most of the savings is due to using all perennials at Schell's and taking out 4 barrels.

A cheque for \$250 has been sent to secure the order. According to James Kimmerly of District 3 OHA there will be a theme rather than a colour for 2025. We await notification.

#### **Market Update: Linda Cohen**

Linda Cohen, Janice Firth and Joanne Pearce met with Tarra Williamson, Market Manager of Frontenac Farmers Market in Harrowsmith to discuss her potential role as market manager for the Sunday Market in Bath.

A proposal has been received from Tarra and a meeting will be held with her and executive members shortly to clarify questions and concerns. Results and recommendations will be brought to the February meeting.

Entertainment bookings for 9 Sundays in 2025 have been finalized.

#### **Program Update: Janice Firth**

Linda Jameson is unable to continue with program planning and Janice would appreciate a volunteer to help with the programming going forward.

##### **Bookings**

February: Derek Fullerton will be talking about growing mushrooms. A signup sheet for those interested in ordering mushroom growing kits will be available. Approximate cost \$30

March – no speaker booked

April: Kim Bonner and Carol Cartier will do a presentation about the BUGTEL

May is open

June - outing?

#### **Memorial Plaques: Janice**

The cost for a Memorial Plaque is \$25 - \$30

Proposed that members would have the cost covered. Non members would be asked for a donation to cover the cost.

Motion: Presented by Michelle Smythe

Seconded by Jeri Love

Motion passed

#### **Canada Day Float: Laurie/Diane**

10 members have offered to work on a parade entry for the Canada Day Parade 2025

Laurie will call a meeting early in February to collect ideas and create an action plan.



Diane will contact Lyndsey Tee to see if there is a 2025 Parade theme and James Kimmerly to find out if the OHA has selected their 2025 theme.

### **Volunteer Hours**

Sandra Lowman reminded members to submit their tally of volunteer hours and encouraged members to read the Guide to Recording your Volunteer Hours that is posted on the BGC website at :

<https://bathgardeningclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/BGCvolhoursguide-1.pdf>

The Guide provides the link to the Google form that members use for entering the number of hours they contributed to the Club.

<https://forms.gle/GNZGtYrGZwABaDDq5>

Our annual report to the Ontario Horticultural Association at the end of January includes reference to the total number of hours of voluntary services provided by our membership to the Club.

### **New Business**

#### **Membership Update and action plan proposal**

Diane reported on ideas suggested in the January Executive Meeting and invited members to add to the list.

She invited interested volunteers to a meeting at her home early in February to flesh out the list, determine costs and prioritize actions. An email will go out to members the week of January 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Executive Positions required:**

##### **Vice President:**

#### **Township Request**

A letter has been received asking if there might be some interest in presenting a gardening workshop to children during March Break. Specific date/time/location not available.

### **Program**

#### **Dr Brian Helmstaedt “ Getting Your Body Ready for Gardening”**

This very practical and interactive presentation discussed the importance of balance and posture to prevent injury while gardening.

Motion to adjourn:

Presenter: Laurie Minorgan Seconded: Sylvia Whalen