



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

April 28, 2025, Meeting

Time: 2:00 pm Venue: Loyalist Golf Club

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AGENDA

1. Welcome: Introduction of new Members and guests

We welcomed Tarra Williamson, the Sunday Market in Bath Manager, Rose Gingras, Ann Johnston, Melissa Willis, Kathy Pringle and a new member, Mary Cuthbert

2. Approval of the minutes for February and March available on the BGC website

Moved by Jeri Love

Seconded by Sue Nilsson

Approved

3. Additions to the Agenda

Next meeting date

4. Garden Question/Sharing amongst Members

Linda Cohen has a neighbour who would like to find a home for her trumpet vine. Any one interested contact Linda

Reports &/or Updates

5. Treasurer's Report: Joanne Pearce Update

Bank account balance is high - \$19400+ due to Sunday Market in Bath vendor prepayments, prepaid Fritz fertilize orders for upcoming Fritz fertilizer Sale and receipt of grant monies. Pending grant \$\$ from Lafarge. Follow-up email has been sent.

Budgeted expenses total \$17,390 for 2025, which to date approx. \$5650 has been incurred. Note: SMB budget was increased in an effort to increase income for BGC and improve foot traffic for vendors. Total SMB vendor payments (full time & part time) made to date is approx \$6,700. Phenomenal job done by Tarra Williamson, Market Manager and Linda Cohen, BGC Market Lead.

BGC 5k GIC matures on May 17th. Proceeds of investment to be deposited into BGC bank account. **Recommend increasing GIC locked-in investment to \$7,500 1 YR term.**

6. Sunday Market: Linda Cohen

Tarra Williamson stated that our 2025 goal is to develop the Sunday Market in Bath so that it will meet the official requirements as a Farmers Market in 2026.

Members were asked to be ambassadors for the Market: to share the post cards with friends, encourage/take people to the Market, spread awareness of music and special events.



7. Fritz's Fertilizer: Diane Nolting

573 orders have been received. We will also mix 14 bags to reimburse those who gave up bags to sell at Communities in Bloom. Mixing will continue until the first ingredient runs out. The extras will be made available at the Sunday Market and to latecomers.

8. Planting: Val Behm

Planting Day is Thursday, May 22 nd. We will confirm with Sun Harvest re flower delivery on Tuesday or Wednesday. Loyalist Township will place the barrels on the 25th

The round iron planter on the south side by the playground was slightly damaged over the winter. The Township is aware of this.

An email was sent out to prospective volunteers for the planting. More details will be shared with volunteers in about 2 weeks. After the planting is done, teams will be organized for summer maintenance.

9. Community Engagement Committee: Laurie Minorgan

Sylvia and Janice have worked hard to elevate community awareness of the Bath Gardening Club.

For the past few years, we have had a table at the Napanee Communities in Bloom Garden Expo. It is a great opportunity for networking and promoting the Club. Postcards were handed out and 14 bags of Fritz's Fertilizer were sold.

This year we will be hosting a workshop in conjunction with Loyalist Exploration Days at the Bath Museum.

Kim, Sue and Carol have developed several interactive activities and displays focusing on butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

The Sunday Market in Bath opens on Mothers Day and each month BGC will host a table promoting the Club and our involvement in community activities.

Earth Day and the Christmas Carolling in Centennial Park are two such events. The executive is looking for volunteers to assume the organizing of these events. Interested members can speak to Laurie for more details.

This year 32 members volunteered for Earth Day.

Speakers

Kim Bonner and Carol Cartier on Pollinator Garden Research and Action

This was an extremely informative and exciting look at creating opportunities to foster pollinator health. Members are advised to view the presentation at

<https://bathgardeningclub.ca/pollinator-garden-and-memorial-grove>

Next Meeting: May 26, at St John's Hall 2:30 pm

