



BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

May 26, 2025 Meeting

Time: 2:30 pm Venue: St. John's Hall

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Minutes

1. Welcome: Introduction of new members and guests
2. Approval of the minutes April 28 Motion to approve: Sue Nelson Seconded by Marilyn Martin Carried
3. Additions to the Agenda Future discussion re location of monthly meetings postponed
4. Garden Question/Sharing amongst Members Request from Diane Haydon for sharing memories of gardens with peonies dianehaydon@gmail.com in aid of an article she is writing for Profile magazine Food composters discussion of pros and cons. Loyalist Township uses Food Cycler. See Foodcyclescience.com Controlling Milkweed. Suggestions included: trimming it to fit in, removing seed pods, just enjoying it and the monarchs that will come to visit.
Reports &/or Updates
5. Treasurer's Report: Joanne Pearce Bank account balance is \$18,368.03.. Activity Income \$5k GIC matured May 17th (\$5k principal + \$245 interest) GIC proceeds deposited into the BGC account May 21, 2025. New GIC processed May 21, 2025 for \$5,245, 1 year term, locked in GIC @ 2.9%= approx \$152.11 interest to be earned.:Maturity date = May 21, 2026 Pending grant \$\$ from Lafarge. Lafarge advised that they are going through a corporate restructuring-Canada + US are splitting from the global co.& will become a new company called Amrize. It'll be slow but Cody states that the grant \$\$\$ (\$3000.00) is still coming. Fritz fertilizer expenses have been paid, after May 3rd, sales have continued.



SMB Opening Day was a success: even though we lost 2 potential vendors, **2 part time vendors (Evelyn White, Grains and Goods) paid \$718, and switched to full time vendors**

Mark Youmans (Salmon River Sugar Bush) **paid balance of \$210.00 for full vendor status**

Plus part time vendor income for May to date = \$190. As anticipated

Full time & part time vendor stall rental income 2025 to date equals \$7661.60

\$500 cheque for staffing expenses was paid to Tarra Williamson for her diligent efforts to build Sunday Market in Bath through marketing & sign-up of full time vendors . This is the bulk of her work.

44 gift certificates have been used in the **month of May** (3 markets) **~picking up spent gift certificates June 1st market.**

Remainder of staffing budget to be paid at end-of-season

Cheque for **\$1,316.27. was paid to Sun Harvest** for village planting expenses; cheque was processed May 22, 2025

The motion is to increase the budget of Sunday Market in Bath from \$6215 to \$7653, which is an increase of \$1438. The bulk of the increase is for \$10 gift certificates to help promote Sunday Market in Bath and for sales to vendors.

Motion to approve: Janice Firth

Seconded by Joanna Sperinck Motion carried

6. Sunday Market: Linda Cohen

Folding table has been purchased and will be stored in the Shed. Two folding chairs and a box with materials for the table will also be available.
Joanne can provide float money for sales of remaining fertilizer and garden gloves

Volunteers are needed for

August 3 1

September 7 2

October 5 2

Contact Linda Cohen to volunteer at **cohenlinda52@gmail.com**

**Format for volunteers when staffing the BGC table at the SMB**

Two shifts 9:30 to noon, Noon to 2:30

Joanna will send a reminder to volunteers ahead of the Sunday

Parking Complaints have been received from a neighbour regarding congestion and lack of parking in the Village on Market Day. Two others expressed concerns about the parking of cars along the north side of Main Street. Loyalist Township has closed their lot and Vendors park in the Park. Future complainers will be referred to Loyalist Township.

New Vendor Kawiha Mostafa, owner of *A Taste of Hama* will be offering Syrian Food.

7. PG/MG and Bugtel Update: Kim Bonner and Carol Cartier

Our PG, MG and Bugtel area received a Wildlife-Friendly Habitat Certification from the Canadian Wildlife Federation for providing food, water, and shelter to various types of wildlife. The certificate can be seen at the east end of the Bugtel structure. What a nice recognition for our club's efforts and a great way to raise awareness. Did you know that home gardens too can be certified? See

<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/gardening-for-wildlife/action/get-certified/> for more details.

Bugtel Refresh – thanks to everyone who provided materials for the refresh and/or who spent hours drilling holes of various sizes in the wood to provide nesting spaces for solitary bees. The refresh should be completed by the end of this week, Mother Nature permitting. A big shout out to Ross and Betty Elliot, Janice Firth, Sylvia Whelan, Sandra Lowman, and Dave and Adam Bryant.

Memorial Grove – On May 27th a team of 5 of us will be digging out new garden beds at either end of the bench. The MG is already a lovely place to sit, relax, and enjoy the view of the PG and Bugtel but soon it'll be a colourful and fragrant spot as well.

Please join us for The Bioblitz Event from June 16-22nd. It's an annual event during Pollinator Week in support of pollinator health, but our first year



participating. We'll be photographing and inventorying pollinators for our own use and for scientists across North America. Who knows, maybe you'll see a bumblebee catching a nap in a flower, a hoverfly flying upside down, or a butterfly using its taste buds to find plants for her baby caterpillars to feed on?

Volunteers are still needed to tend to the PG over the summer. Contact Caol Cartier if you can help carolcartier333@gmail.com

June 7th Parks and Recreation Showcase

Carol described the resources and activities that participants will see and do at this event. Sylvia, Carol and Sue will each staff a table with a different focus related to the pollinators.

Repair to the entrance. Sylvia is arranging a meeting with A representative from the Limestone School Board, Loyalist Township and Dave Bryant to discuss this.

8. Planting: Val Behm Planting

Prior to planting day the soil was amended with coconut coir to support water retention and Fritz's Fertilizer added. Iron planters were topped up with soil.

The amount of plant material ordered was appropriate for needs.

Thanks were extended to all those who turned out to plant in horrible rainy weather. Special thanks to Mike Nicholason for delivery of plants to destinations and to Don Taylor for his marvelous photos.

The barrels are now in place

A market vendor was happy to take the pots and thus saved them from going into landfill.

Summer Maintenance

Volunteers are needed from June 8 through September 27. Teams of 4 will weed and deadhead flowers in an assigned area.

Watering

Tristan will water Monday/Wednesday/Fridays. Waiting for the key from Loyalist Township to access the water.



Val reminded volunteers to log their hours.

9. Reports from OHA District 3 meeting and June 7th event update: Sylvia Whalen

OHA District 3 Meeting

Sylvia attended the OHA District 3 meeting on May 4th. A new executive elected but they still need a secretary.

Highlight of the meeting was the sharing of information from each group around their programs and activities. Sylvia encouraged members to attend the Fall meeting. Date to be decided.

A funding opportunity from OHA through Garden Ontario will be discussed at the June Executive Meeting

10. Fritz's Fertilizer and Canada Day Float: Diane Nolting and Laurie Minorgan

Fertilizer Sale

All but 10 of the 675 bags of fertilizer that were mixed have been sold.

Expenses: \$1,147.13 for materials

Profit To date: \$1,480.69 plus potential of an additional \$40 from unsold bags

Canada Day Float

Volunteers: A total of 8 needed for the parade plus help to set up at the staging area.

Fun Time

Painting decorations for the Canada Day Float: Kim Bonner

Materials supplied

Next Meeting: June 16 at St John's Hall 2:30 pm