



**Bath Gardening Club
Executive Meeting
Jan 12, 2026
1 PM Loyalist Golf Club**

WELCOME

Present:

Sylvia Whalen, Sandra Lowman, Marilyn Martin, Jeri Love, Joanna Sperinck, Val Behm, Linda Cohen, Diane Nolting

Regrets: Kim Bonner, Janice Firth, Marjory Brunsdon

Approval of the Minutes from November 10, 2025
Motion made by Jeri Love, seconded by Linda Cohen
All in favour, motion approved

Critical Updates/Approval being requested:

The Committee reaffirmed that members would receive critical updates and items needed for approval at monthly meetings. Two business meetings are scheduled for April and June.

UPDATES

Treasurer:

Marilyn reports that she has replicated the Clubs spreadsheets from September to December. Has been unable to identify the source of two deposits in October: one for \$50 and one for \$105.

Copies of the budget, statement of financial position, monies received and paid out will be included in the **printed** minutes.

Membership: Joanna Sperinck

Total membership is 56 as of December 31, 2025

This includes 12 family members and 3 new members

Thirteen people from the current list have not renewed in spite of reminders.

The Committee decided to extend the cut off until the January 15th meeting to allow for last minute sign ups. Diane will send out a reminder to the current list.

PG/MG/Bugtel: Kim Bonner / Carol Cartier

- **World Bee Day** - Carol partnering with local libraries

- **OHA Adult Colouring Book** - images from the PG were submitted for consideration. Not sure when we'll hear back or when it will be published, more info forthcoming.
- **Communities in Bloom**- therapeutic gardening is the theme. Carol and I would love to attend. "The Garden that Listened" that I wrote and illustrated with help from ChatGPT could be a possible hand out - thoughts ?
- **OHA Grant Application for PG & MG** - Administered by Marjory, approved by Darrell at the township. Submitted and now waiting to hear back

From Feb - April Kim will be working on a Pollinator Stewardship Certification (PSC) with Pollinator Partnership Canada. Carol and Kim are both taking Wintergreen Studios online Pollinators Course (thanks Sandra for telling us about it!)

The Committee supports participation in World Bee Day and the Communities in Bloom event. Question about the cost of printing *The Garden That Listened* was raised

Planting: Val Behm

Val and Elaine will meet with Sun Harvest Nursery in February to order the plant material for the 2026 season.

Fewer barrels will be planted this season. The surplus barrels have been re-homed at an area school.

Also in February, Val will connect with Tristan to discuss watering schedules for 2026.

Market: Linda Cohen

Entertainment

Linda reports that there will be entertainment every Sunday through the 2026 market season. All suggestions/ recommendations for musicians are welcome.

Market Updates

Tarra Williamson has committed to being the Market manager for this season.

Tarra has asked for approval of the fee schedule for this year in order to secure commitments early.

Sylvia brought forward her concerns with the proposed fee schedule submitted by Tarra. Sylvia suggested implementing the KISS principle and ensuring fairness to all vendors. Fairness means having a rate for full time and part time vendors rather than different pricing based on the type of goods being sold.

2026 Market Dates: Sunday May 10 to October 25

VENDOR RATES

Full Season Vendors	# of dates	Early Bird Price	Regular Price
Farmers	25	\$ 195	\$250
Artisans	25	\$ 395	\$450
Food/Drink Vendor	25	\$350	\$400
	<i>Full season vendors</i>	<i>will be allocated the</i>	<i>prime locations</i>
*Occasional Vendors			
Farmer			\$20
Artisan			\$35
Food/Drink			\$35

****Occasional vendors will be charged regular market day rates. This may change for Special Event Dates***

It was agreed that Linda would check with Tarra to ensure these rates are the same as the Frontenac Market as we have several vendors who attend both.

Motion was made to approve the fee schedule as suggested by Tarra. Moved by Joanna Sperinck, seconded by Val Behm

All in favour. Motion passed.

A meeting with Tarra, Marjory, Linda and perhaps Sylvia will be set up to discuss details of banking procedures.

Programs:

Dates and locations of future meetings

Executive	General Meetings dates and locations
	February 19 St John's Hall
March 9 at Loyalist 1pm	March 26 change of date Workshop Sandra Lowman will assist Heather Campbell with her presentation. Loyalist Golf Club
	April 16 @St John's Hall

May 11 at 1pm Loyalist Golf Club	
	May 21 at Loyalist
	June 18 at St John's Hall

New Business:

December's OHA presentation on recruitment strategies:

Reviewed the presentation and found that we are already using many of the strategies. Sylvia indicated that the presentation is available on the Garden Ontario website under video resources for those who have not seen it.

The Committee agreed that it would be helpful to review alternative operational models, perhaps some with less of a top down approach. More discussion is needed to develop a formal plan.

Sylvia requested that executive members and team leads write up a description of their roles to assist volunteers moving into those positions in the future.

Volunteer Needs:

Trillium and Newsletter Lead

Vice President recruitment

Sunday Market in Bath needs 3 -4 members to share the workload over the summer.

Committee members suggested names of members who we should approach to fill these roles.

New Logo registration

A search has been done to try and determine if we have unintentionally appropriated some other organization's logo. Nothing was discovered to suggest that is the case.

The Committee decided that as there are no duplicated logos and that there is a cost to register that we would not pursue registration

Secretary's Requests

Sandra Lowman has volunteered to assist Heather Campbell at the March 26th workshop. She will take meeting notes that day as well.

Date of the next meeting:

March 9, 2026

1pm at Loyalist Golf Club