



**Minutes of the Bath Gardening Club Meeting
March 26, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
Loyalist Country Club**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sylvia Whalen welcomed two new members, and two guests. 33 people in attendance.

2. Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2026

Motion proposed by Dawn Ford; seconded by Marnie Brough. Approved.

3. Agenda approved with three additions: Treasurer's Report, Garden Centre discounts, and a Lion's Club volunteer opportunity.

4. Garden Question – this was covered by the Q & A with our two guest speakers following their presentations.

5. Business Updates

- a) **Financial Report:** Marilyn Martin related a very funny story about trying to accomplish her errands in Bath, before reading her current monthly treasurer's report, as follows. "As at February 28, 2026, the bank balance was \$14,374.16. The GIC is \$5,394.48 and we still have \$85 in the cashbox. The book balance was \$14,204.21. One outstanding cheque for \$169.95 cashed in March. It looks as if winter time is a quiet season for revenues and expenses... we have received \$75 in fees paid by vendors for the 2026 Sunday Market. We have collected \$45 in membership dues. The Bugtel is emerging from its winter sleep as the expenses were \$394.68. A deposit of \$250 has been spent to fill those containers with flowers this summer. Someone's thoughts are turning to summer as \$145.85 has been spent on the Canada Day Parade. I wonder what sign I will get to carry this year?"
- b) **Fritz's Fertilizer** mixing and sale is on Saturday, May 9 in St. John's Hall. Pre-order by May 6. Mixing starts at 9:00; pick ups begin at 12:30. Order form: <https://bathgardeningclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/FertflyerBGC2026.pdf>
- c) **Program:** Janice Firth reported that Carson Arthur is our guest speaker for our April 16 meeting at 2:00 in St. John's Hall. Island Radio interviewed Carson on [CJAI 101.3 FM](#) and the station has the recording available. In addition, OHA District 3 garden clubs have been invited to this meeting. Signup sheet was circulated to provide refreshments.

6. New Business

- a) **Earth Day:** Pat Chown reported that the annual cleanup will take place on Sunday, April 19, beginning at 9:00 at Free Flow Petroleum/Fast Freddy's on Main Street. A signup sheet was circulated. Chandra Brown, the new manager at Fast Freddy's, is the main organizer of the community cleanup, along with Loyalist Township.
- b) **Pollinator Books:** Kim Bonner presented examples of the 15 books that she wrote, illustrated and published on the theme of pollinators, with a proposal to donate sets of the books to the Bath Public Library, Bath Public School and Stella Public School. The books are \$10.50 each, free shipping from printer, and are not subject to tax. The proposal is to order 4 sets of 15, for the 3 places mentioned above and 1 set for the club to have on hand for events, for a total of \$630. The motion to proceed was proposed by Carol Cartier and seconded by Janice Firth. Approved by majority.
- c) **Executive positions for 2026/2027:** Membership, Market, Vice President, President. Sylvia suggested that interested members contact her at sylwhalen@icloud.com, and also to consider partnering with another member to take on any of these positions.
- d) **Communities in Bloom** takes place April 11 in Napanee. Please contact Carol for more information. Kim and Carol plan to share their pollinator resources at our BGC table. Carol circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to take turns at our table. For more information: <https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca>
- e) **Bath and District Lions Club** asked if two of our members would help at their Sunday breakfast on April 19 or May 17. As the April date conflicted with the community clean up, we settled on May 17th. This gives us a chance to sport our BGC aprons and distribute our postcards. Please contact Sylvia if you can help. Val Behm volunteered for May 17. Thank you, Val.
- f) **Sunday Market in Bath:** Linda Cohen asked for volunteers to help on one Sunday a month from May to October. Two volunteers would be needed for each Sunday, once a month, when family activities are planned by our Market Manager. Duties include setting up our BGC table and help with the activity from 9:30 to 2:00. Linda circulated a signup sheet for volunteers, or you can contact Linda at cohenlinda52@gmail.com
- g) **Village Planting:** Val Behm reported that Sun Harvest Nursery has our order for plants, and the planting date is set for Thursday, May 28. Val and Elaine Nicholson will contact the members who indicated on their membership form their interest in planting. The Township moves the barrels into position and provides water. Flourish Landscaping has agreed to, once again, take on the watering of the plants and planters.
- h) **Bugtel and Pollinator Garden:** Carol Cartier circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to help weed and water the garden from June to the end of September.
- i) **Membership and member discounts:** Joanna Sperinck indicated that the list of nurseries that provide a discount to BGC members is updated on our website at <https://bathgardeningclub.ca/membership-benefits/> .

Remember to present your membership card at time of purchase. If you have lost your card please see Joanna at our next monthly meeting.

- 7. Program: Heather Campbell**, landscape gardener and BGC member, presented information on garden design principles with examples from her extensive projects, and answered questions.

Tristan Nagler, founder of Flourish Landscaping, and a resident of Bath, presented tips on installing a garden and establishing new plants, and answered many questions from the audience. He referred to his connection with Connon's Nursery in Trenton, Ontario, and offered his discount to anyone purchasing through him. (He will purchase and deliver to Bath).

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2026 at St. John's Hall, Church Street
Start time is 2:00. Guest speaker: Carson Arthur on food insecurity and community solutions.

***** Please note, we would like a large turnout for Carson's presentation, so feel free to extend an invitation to anyone you feel may be interested in the topic of food (in)security.**