



**Bath Gardening Club
Minutes for May 21, 2026
Loyalist Golf Club
1:30 pm**

Welcome: Members were invited to avail themselves of plant and gardening information from the Sharing Table.

A thank you card was received from St. John's Hall acknowledging our donation of \$200.

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2026 <https://bathgardeningclub.ca/minutes/?ppwp=1>

Motion to approve: Janice Firth

Seconded by Dawn Ford

All in favour.

Garden Questions/Information Sharing

Heather Campbell, one of our members, has helped several of us to renovate our gardens. This is her business and she is an excellent resource.

Marg Ray needs help digging up plants and dealing with the horizontal roots of her Yucca plants. 613 539 2253

Marg recommended a garden digger tool designed by Mark Cullen and available at Home Hardware

Sylvia Whalen shared an idea for a plant (herb) marker. The stone was painted with an outdoor acrylic paint that works well on rocks. She also shared visuals from the Food Gardening Network on companion planting and pest repellent plants.

In the summer newsletter Kim Bonner will provide the names of several great apps and websites that help identify plant names from photos.

Updates:

Co -Treasurer's Report:

We thank Marilyn Martin for stepping into the Treasurer's role at a difficult time for the Club. Marilyn has decided to step back now and Marjory Brunsdon will be covering the whole portfolio until a new co treasurer can be found. Sylvia Whalen will be the second signature for cheques.

As of April 30th, 2026, the bank balance was \$21,761.22. The GIC is around \$5400 and there is \$86.60 in the cashbox. Stamps were purchased and extra cash from fertilizer sales was added to the float.

The book balance was \$21,979.83

\$605.07 was paid to OHA for insurance

A final tally of Fertilizer Sales will follow after the completion of the event.

Allowing for e-transfers as a payment method would require a constitutional change. Members would need to vote on the motion probably at the AGM in October.

Grant/donations Recap - Marjory Brunsdon

We filed our OMAFRA application in December 2025 and on March 23, 2026 we deposited a cheque for \$,1000.00 from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture re the Grassroots Growth Program- Horticultural Societies.

On January 1, we applied for 2 OHA grants, the Pollinator Project worth \$200 and a Tree Grant worth \$300. We have received approval for both grants.

At the end of January we applied to Loyalist Township for \$7,607.03 in support of the Sunday Market in Bath. We recently received \$4,938.30 for music, event days and signage. The remainder is rent for the SMB and the Caroling in the Park event.

At the beginning of April, we reached out to Amrize for a donation of \$1,000 to be used for a replacement tree in the Memorial Garden. Their cheque has been received.

Membership Lead:

We currently have 83 members - 12 new

Sunday Market in Bath:

Opening day for 2026 was May 10 and there are now 2 successful markets under wraps. Many new vendors including one selling mushrooms.

Sunny Wang and Lynn McDonald will be assisting Linda with this year on Market days.

Table help is needed for October .

Fritz's Fertilizer:

A successful sale with additional material available to sell at the Market or via direct requests to Diane Nolting. Final numbers will be tabulated at the end of May.

Planting:

Tree Purchase

Members agreed on the purchase of a 7 foot tree to be installed in Centennial Park. Agreement on its placement has been reached with the Township. Thanks to Flourish Landscaping for passing on their purchase discount.

Planting Day

An email has been sent to volunteers with planting locations for Thursday, May 28 at 10 am. Val is setting up summer maintenance teams to weed, deadhead and tidy their designated areas.

Maintenance goes from June 8th to September 25. If the weather cooperates, we may go longer. The time commitment is 20 minutes once a month. She asks that volunteers remember to log their time.

Spring Clean Up Day: Pat Chown reports that 30 BGC members participated in the Bath Spring Clean Up Day which is sponsored by Free Flow/Fast Freddies. Manager, Chandra Brown provided food and beverages to the volunteers.

PG/MG/Bugtel

Our Geocache named *A Very Busy Bee*, has been installed to highlight the pollinator garden. It contains trackable tags with a hoped-for destination of the Monarch Butterfly breeding grounds in Mexico.

Plant material has been added to attract more pollinators to the garden. Dave and Adam will be watering the area.

As a Butterfly Ranger, Kim is interested in promoting the development of pollinator gardens across the country. She has handouts on how to do this. Snow seeding is recommended and cold stratification is needed. She has spoken to the local library who were very receptive to the **SEED LIBRARY** concept. Participants select/grow/harvest and return seeds for others to use.

The serviceberry tree developed fire blight and has been replaced. The two red buds will be planted shortly.

Canada Day Parade Preparation:

The final assembly of the sheep will take place at our June 18th meeting in St John's Hall. There will be seven sheep on the truck and two mounted in wagons to be pulled behind the vehicle. We still need another person to carry the banner and 2 to carry signs. Ask that participants dress up to evoke a farmer or little Bo Peep. Contact Laurie Monorgan or Diane Nolting to help out.

Kim and Janice have bluetooth speakers to lend.

Possible Summer Activities:

- High Tea at Loyalist Clubhouse
- Combine a garden tour with High tea
- Visit a native plant nursery
- Do a workshop making decorative concrete leaves

Janice will investigate options and report at the June meeting

GOING FORWARD

Leadership roles to be filled:

- President
- Vice President
- Co Treasurer replacement

- Membership lead
- Sunday Market in Bath Lead

Discussion:

A letter was sent to all members outlining the need for members to step into leadership roles.

The role of president is a key position. Our current president Sylvia, describes her time commitment as approximately 3 hours per week. She is also the link to the OHA which offers support, funding opportunities and access to event insurance.

Leads need to review roles and responsibilities for each position. These will be posted on the BGC website along with time commitment expectations.

Looking at why people join an organization like BGC, we know that social connection, a desire to learn and to share are important factors. Because many people go away during the winter months and are reluctant to drive at night, a suggestion was made to look at the model adopted by The Rideau Lakes Club. They shut down from the end of December to the end of March.

A number of suggestions were discussed including the option of making all positions co lead. The advantages being shared work load, team approach, coverage if one person is away, Sharing the position with a current incumbent also offers a way for succession planning. Several members indicate an interest in particular roles and this will be discussed with the individuals.

Next Meeting:

June 18, 2026

2 pm at St John's Hall