

Grimsby Garden Club Annual General Meeting,

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Livingston Activity Centre, 18 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby ON L3M 1K7

- Roberta Blackie, MC for the AGM, called the Grimsby Garden Club AGM for 2023 to order.
- Minutes of the 2022 AGM, distributed to the membership by the Club Newsletter, were taken as read. Move to accept the Minutes, by Deena Errampalli, was seconded by Lynn Riding. Motion was accepted by the membership.
- Joe Fisher, Club Treasurer, read the Auditor's cover letter of the Club's 2023 Audit, fiscal year ending September 30, by John A. Edwards. Total Club assets amounted to \$31,439.14. Treasurer's Report followed and was moved for acceptance by Lil Haworth and seconded by Diane Love. Motion was accepted by the membership.
- Sue Lusted, District 9 Designate, read the nominations for the 2024 Board of Director which were President-Stephen Hargrave; Secretary-Denise Carter; Treasurer-Joe Fisher; Director-Karen Gough; Director-Roberta Blackie; Director-Jay DuBoisson. Sue Lusted then asked if there were any further nominations. There were none. Sue Lusted then installed the nominees.
- Stephen Hargrave read the President's Report, which had previously been distributed to the membership by the Club Newsletter. Mary McLaren moved to accept the President's Report which was seconded by Lynn Riding. Motion was accepted by the membership.
- Sue Lusted then asked for approval of the actions of the Board of Directors in the past year. Mary McLaren so moved which was seconded by Lynn Riding. Motion was accepted by the membership. Sue Lusted asked for approval of the actions of the Board of Directors. Mary McLaren so moved and was seconded by Lynn Riding. Motion was accepted by the membership.
- Roberta Blackie thanked all in attendance and concluded the 2023 AGM of the Grimsby Garden Club.

President's Report

Grimsby Garden Club – Year in Review 2023

The Grimsby Garden Club experienced an excellent year in 2023. Thanks to the unflagging volunteer help offered by our members, old and new, and continued participation of our community partners, the Garden Club enjoyed a highly successful season and lays the foundation for an outstanding year in 2024.

Speakers Series

Our monthly meetings, an essential component of the Garden Club's activities, provided our members an excellent array of presentations. Through the Speakers Series, featuring a wide variety of topics and demonstrations, we were informed and entertained by talented speakers. For next year's series, I would like to request that members forward me the names and contact information of possible speakers they would like to hear from. This is an opportunity to expand our horticultural horizons by providing an untapped reservoir of talented presenters.

Annual Plant Sale

Once again, the Annual Plant Sale was a great success due to the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Many thanks to all of you who provided your time and expertise to help us achieve our goals. And a special thanks to our community partners and the numerous nurseries for their donations of an outstanding selection of plants. This yearly

event enables us to further our Club commitment to the beautification of the Town of Grimsby.

Trillium Awards Program

The annual Trillium awards Program, in conjunction with the Town of Grimsby, enjoyed another year of recognizing the beautiful gardens of Grimsby. A special thank you to the many participating gardeners whose ceaseless care and attention provided us an abundant array of horticultural delights. Many thanks to this year's Trillium Chair, Jay DuBoisson, for all her efforts and the inauguration of the 'Best Garden in Grimsby' concept and to all the Trillium Judges who evaluated these garden wonders during the selection process.

Civic Improvements

Many thanks to our Civic Directors, Karen Gough and Denise Carter and Club volunteers, for their dedication to the beautification of Grimsby through the selection and maintenance of the downtown hanging baskets and planters. Also, for the outstanding, ongoing transformation of the Elm Street Beds by Denise and the volunteer team.

Volunteer Recognition

I would like to express to all of our volunteers a deep appreciation and thank you for your continued commitment to the Club's many programs and activities. Because of your generous support the Grimsby Garden Club can look back on a highly successful year and forward to a brighter new year.

Let me close with a special thank you to our indispensable Membership Chair, Mary McLaren; our indefatigable Treasurer, Joe Fisher; our providers of all things good and wholesome, the Kitchen Chairs, Donna Saunders and Mary Korporaal; our engaging MC, Roberta Blackie; our retired Secretary Johanna Cornelissen; our new Newsletter editor, Sandra Koch; and Marilyn Cornwell for everything she does for us.

Thank you Everyone and see you all next year!

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