

Garden Inspection News

Plan for your flower bed in 2020

In June the inspection committee had a thorough look at the flower beds in all BARAGA plots. The current BARAGA Handbook (2015) rules say:

5.2 Cultivation of plots: plant the first two feet of the plot width nearest a main pathway with flowers to enhance the appearance of the site. If a plot is not on a main path, then either end may have the flower bed. If a plot is irregular, then the side closest to a main pathway or park land must have a flower bed two feet by twenty feet.

Beginning next year, all plots need to have a flower bed with only flowers in it. The Board decided it was reasonable to give everyone notice for next year to give gardeners time to divide and share perennials or plan for annual flowers to be planted in the spring.

In 2019 we sent letters only to those gardeners who had no flowers at all planted at either end of a plot after each month's inspection. So if you had flowers planted between your herbs or vegetables at one end of the plot, please note the change for 2020.

Fruit and vine pruning late fall

We will be walking through the garden in early November 2019 and noting those trees and vines that will need to be pruned over the winter. Trees and vines are to be no higher than 7 feet and . It's also a good idea for gardeners to inspect trees for disease and follow up by cutting out diseased branches and/or opening up the tree to improve next year's crop.

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The SEEDLING

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Newsletter of the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association

Special General Meeting of BARAGA

will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019
1:00 – 4:00 PM (registration starts at 12:30), at
Alan Emmott Centre, 6650 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby

The single order of business will be the Approval of the BARAGA's new Bylaws, Rules and Policies.

Background

The New Societies Act that came into effect November 28, 2016 included new requirements and gave BC societies until November 28, 2018 to complete the transition.

A full revised BARAGA Handbook was presented to members at the January 2018 Annual General Meeting, but defeated by the membership. At the June 16, 2018 Special General Meeting, Members approved the minimum temporary changes to our Bylaws. The Members also approved electronic notification to those members who have email. For those who don't have email, BARAGA will continue to provide information by regular mail.

The next SGM originally planned for September 2018 didn't take place, and the above temporary amendments were filed with the BC Registry in Victoria in November 2018.

Revised Bylaws, Rules and Policies

The Board and an Ad Hoc Committee of volunteers from the 2018 AGM have spent many hours on changes and \$7,500 from our Budget to date.

Members will vote on 3 sections at the November 2019 AGM:

1. Bylaws – meet the requirements of the Societies Act. Requires 3/4 majority vote of members at SGM or AGM to change.
2. Rules - Address most of the garden plot requirements which members are concerned about (for e.g. temporary structures, plot maintenance & inspections, plot vacancies & transfers). Requires majority vote of members at SGM or AGM to change
3. Policies – Address the day-to-day operations of BARAGA, such as how the Board approves temporary structures, governance and position responsibilities. Can be changed by a majority vote of members at SGM or AGM or by a majority vote of Board members.

A Notice of the SGM, including the Agenda and the new proposed Bylaws, Rules and Policies document, will be posted on Baraga's website 21 days prior to the meeting. Members will also receive the Notice via either email or regular mail 14 days prior to the meeting.

The document is based on many hours of reviews and discussions and it is presented after a thorough consideration.

The purpose of the SGM is to have this document approved by the membership as the new BARAGA's Bylaws, Rules and Policies.

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting.

BARAGA Annual Summer Picnic



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Today's Special Menu BARAGA Annual Picnic

- Bratwurst
- Penne with meat sauce
- Bean Salads
- Pickled Radishes
- Asian Noodles
- Organic Eggs
- Watermelon
- Sponge Cake
- Mango Lassi



Work Party

Saturday, October 12, 9am - 12pm

Last chance to complete your community service hours (CSH) at a work party this year. If you need to complete more than 3 hours, bring a partner, and double up on the work hours. You can also opt to pay the \$100 (\$50 for 1/2 plot) in lieu of the work hours.



Ryan's Rainbow Foodbank

Monday September 30 will be the last chance to donate to the foodbank this year.



Dear BARAGA Member,

Are you looking for a stellar Board of Directors role with a substantial and well-respected organization, to add to your resume/CV, or to gain invaluable experience, or even to give back to your community? Then look no further!

BARAGA is pleased to accept *nominees for the Executive Position of President for this up-coming 2020 year*. The President is also a Board role, and you will be able to add both of these titles to your resume/CV. You can nominate yourself!

The BARAGA President role is summed up as: "The President is the Chair of the Board and is responsible for managing the other Directors in the execution of their duties."

If you want to contribute, make a difference, or just have some fun with the other Directors, please contact our Director Recruitment Team by email at recruit@baraga.ca, or simply reach out to members of our team at the garden or via tel:

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We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,
Baraga Recruiting Committee

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