

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
FORGET ME NOT FAMILY SOCIETY 2026 AGM
April 11th, 2026

Good morning everyone and welcome to the Forget Me Not Family Society's 2026 Annual General Meeting! Thank you for taking time on your Saturday to join us!

Since our last AGM on June 7th of 2025 we have been busy getting jobs done that have been talked about but not quite worked on. We have a new website Guru, Simon Bogdanov who is a student at the University of the Fraser Valley. Simon responded to a request made by our VP Audrey Harrington, to the UFV to be our volunteer website administrator. He Audrey and Alison have been busy updating the website. We also went full speed ahead on our 2026 Workshop which will be held in Abbotsford May 2-3, 2026.

Our AGM last year saw most of the Executive and Board returning in their same positions. We did however have one great addition, Judy Lanyon as a Director. Amy Newman after many years on the Board had decided that she just had too much on her plate to return. Audrey has taken on the Vice President's role once again, Gail Davies remains our Treasurer, and Kimberley-Ann Jandl agreed to become our Secretary. Steve Ell and Alison Csanyi have remained as Directors and once again I returned as President.

We are still holding one Zoom meeting a month, which is the first Wednesday of each month. The second Zoom meeting wound up for it's final meeting in February of 2026. In 2025 we had discussed the possibility of this meeting coming to an end due to low attendance. Audrey Harrington and Diane Herbert are still holding the in person Dinner/Support group meeting in Abbotsford the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We still have new people finding us either through our website, phone or in the free ad that Audrey had placed in the local Abbotsford paper.

Now to my favourite part of my report...thanking the Executive and Board for all of their hard work and support they give to the Forget Me Not Family Society.

Audrey, thank you for all the hard work that you have done this past year. Getting someone to look after our website is huge and Simon has been a pleasure for all of us to work with. Also you looked into getting an ad in local papers, and even though only one paper was able to do so it did bring in a new person who was struggling with his adoption story. Also big thanks for all the work that you have put into making the workshop possible.

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Kimberley-Ann...huge thanks to you for taking on the role of Secretary. I know how much Gail has appreciated your willingness to do so and it has been a huge weight lifted from her shoulders. You get the minutes out in a timely fashion and the notices for the workshop have been done according to the schedule that we had decided on and with a nice new warm touch. Well done!

Steve and Alison thank you for always being available for anything that needs doing. Whether it be helping out on the website or returning a call to someone struggling with their adoption journey. You are so appreciated!

Judy, thank you for your willingness to join the Board and for sharing your thoughts at the Board meetings. I think the more ideas and thoughts that we hear help us do better and be better.

Ha ha! And then there's Gail. It's kinda like I save the best for last. Gail has become my friend and my personal support person over the years that I have had the pleasure of being on the Board with her. Gail ALWAYS gets the work done that not one of us thinks about. Gail has been doing this for 30+ years and I know that we all appreciate how Gail handles the financials for the Society in her quiet unassuming way. I say we all appreciate her but to be honest...(this is all about me) I appreciate her the most and value her friendship.

And so my dear friends of the Forget Me Not Family Society...our members who have become friends over the years, I want you to know how appreciated you are for support that you have given the Society over the years. You show up and support new people as they find us and what you share with all of us is so valuable. Thank you for being vulnerable and real and helping those that have come after us.

Marnie Tetz, President FMNFS