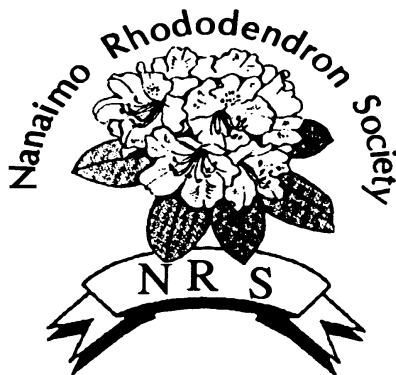




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President's Message

Let's all make a big effort this year with our Christmas get together and auction. Rhododendron's, plants, home made articles, things you think someone will like to purchase, bring them along. Maybe there is a large rhododendron that has outgrown the area it's in? Guests are welcome. Bring your neighbours, friends or relatives and let's auction them off too! For the pot luck dinner, bring along whatever type of finger food, spicy and sweet that you prefer, the beverages will be supplied. This is a fun night for all, so be prepared.

In the garden, I am getting ready to protect my less hardy plants. For the smaller ones, a bale of straw. Loosely place some straw around the stem then invert a pot or garbage can over all. I don't do this until I know that the temperature is going to drop below freezing for a week or more. Once the danger of extreme low temperatures is passed, then remove. For my larger more tender plants I try to plant them in protected areas adjacent to large trees or the house. Usually, if they have lasted to become large plants, they will make it through most winters. Remember to walk around your garden once a week to check your plants, you may find something that you have forgotten to do. See you all on the 12th. Richard.

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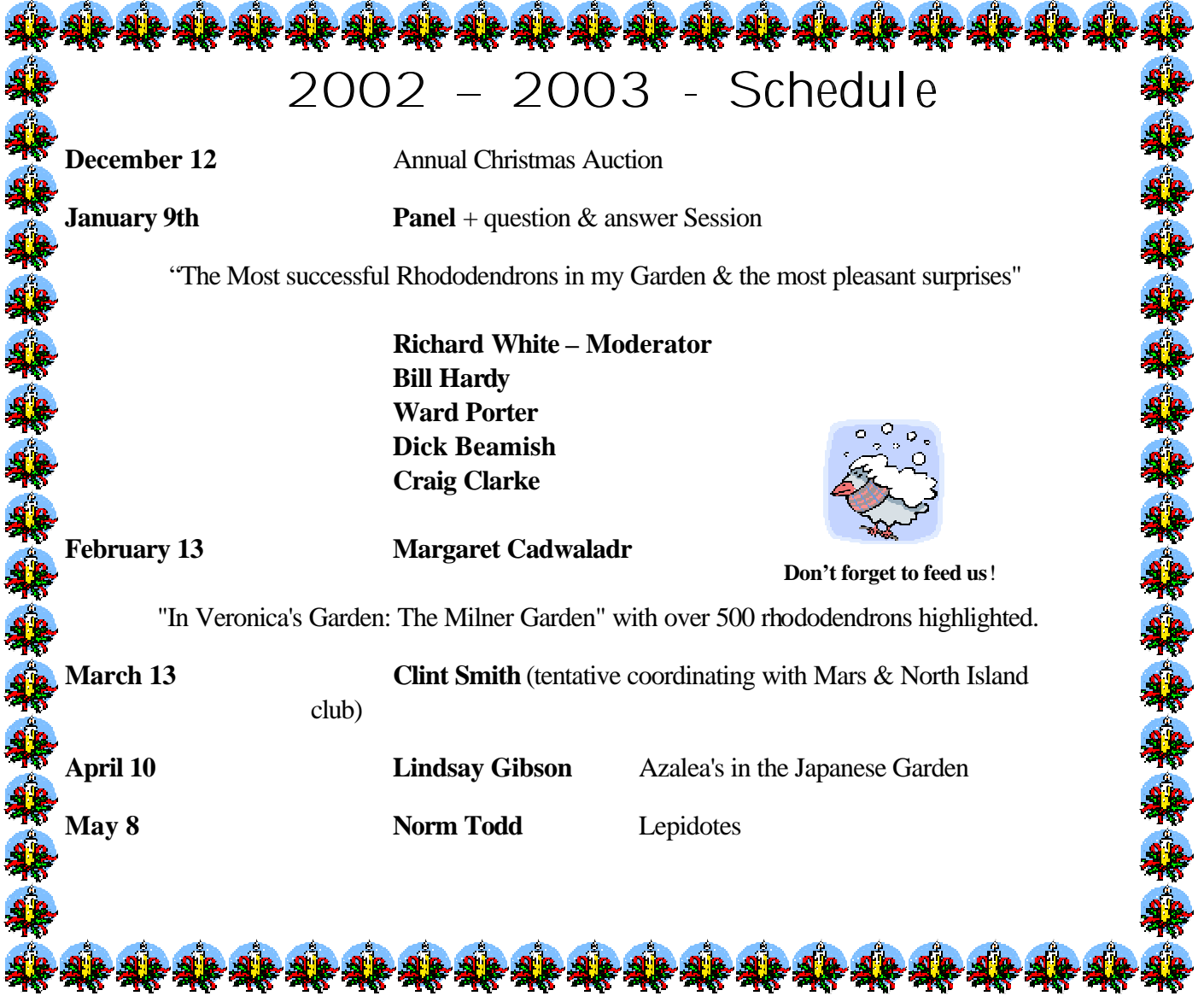
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2002 – 2003 - Schedule

December 12 Annual Christmas Auction

January 9th Panel + question & answer Session

“The Most successful Rhododendrons in my Garden & the most pleasant surprises”

Richard White – Moderator

Bill Hardy

Ward Porter

Dick Beamish

Craig Clarke



Don't forget to feed us!

February 13 Margaret Cadwaladr

"In Veronica's Garden: The Milner Garden" with over 500 rhododendrons highlighted.

March 13 **Clint Smith** (tentative coordinating with Mars & North Island club)

April 10 **Lindsay Gibson** Azalea's in the Japanese Garden

May 8 **Norm Todd** Lepidotes

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Nanaimo Rhododendron Society
Minutes of November 14th Regular Meeting 2002

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 7:37 p.m.

2. Richard welcomed members and guests.

3. Secretary's report. Correspondence received: Letters from Chris Stansfield thanking NRS for donating the bursary; from Sonja Nelson regarding show dates for posting in the ARS Journal and from Milner Gardens to Founding Donors. It was moved/seconded/carried that the minutes of the October 2002 meeting be adopted as printed in the newsletter.

4. Treasurer's report: The balance in the Bowen Park Legacy Fund is \$156.01
 The balance in the general account is \$3298.42
 The balance in the library fund is \$203.99

5. Committee Reports:

Library: The library will be open for a short time at the Xmas party; copies of *Greer's Guide to Available Rhododendrons* are for sale to members at \$22 and non-members for \$25.

Social: Ann Williamson reminded members to bring food items for the potluck party, plus a non-perishable item for the hamper and items for auction.

Newsletter: Send articles and notices to Paul Lawry (email: plawry@shaw.ca)

6. Old Business

Terry Richmond is waiting to hear from Ucluelet regarding donation of rhodos.

Still need a volunteer to coordinate the raffle.

The executive will discuss the ARS proposal for a dues increase in 2004.

7. New Business

Xmas auction. Richard asked Ward Porter to be auctioneer.

8. Next executive meeting will be hosted by Barb Coy on November 14th at 7pm

9. Door Prize winners: Maurice Mauch, Paul Lawry.

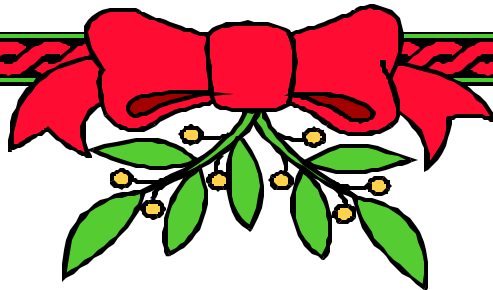
Raffle winners: Ann Davey, Jim Greig, Connie Thompson, Philip Paull.

Name Tag Draw: Craig Clarke

10. Speaker: John Deniseger and June Bouchard showed slides of their trip to fabulous Keukenhof Gardens in Holland.



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KEN GIBSON AWARDED QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL

Congratulations to club member Ken Gibson who was awarded the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The medal commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of her accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada and was presented to a select group of Canadians in recognition of their achievements. The awards ceremony was held at the Bayside Inn, Parksville on November 12th.

Ken was a long time district councilor in Tofino. He also discovered the location of Fort Defiance on Meares Island, where the Yankee trader Captain Robert Gray camped in the winter of 1791-1792. Fort Defiance is now a protected archeological site. Captain Gray named the Columbia River for his ship, the *Columbia*. The name British Columbia was officially proclaimed in 1858. Club members know Ken best for his service to the American Rhododendron Society for which he and his wife Dot were awarded the ARS Silver medal in 1997. An aerial photograph of their rhododendron garden in Tofino containing more than 2000 plants can be seen on the web page of the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society at: <http://rhodos.ca/MARS/>



NOTICES:

- 1) **RSF Catalogue** – the 2003 plant catalogue for the Rhododendron Species Foundation has arrived. Members are eligible to place an order through our club's associate membership in RSF. Craig will bring the catalogue to the December meeting for those who wish to look at it.

Ucluelet rhodos – the transport of donated rhodos to Ucluelet is postponed until spring.