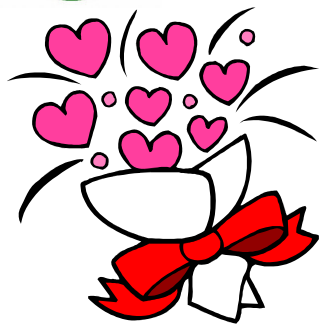




# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



## FEBRUARY 2005

## EDITOR NEEDED

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### MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Allen is away on vacation and will not be here for the February meeting.

The recent snow caused quite a bit of damage in many of our yards. As soon as possible check your plants and remove branches, etc. which may have fallen and are "hurting" your Rhodos.

Our large willow snapped in five places with the limbs landing on our Rhodos and fencing - fortunately, causing minor damage.

This will be our last edition. Linda and I will no longer be publishing the Newsletter. Therefore, please volunteer to do this interesting and satisfying job.

We have enjoyed being the editors for the past years. We started out distributing the newsletter for Craig Clarke (editor) in 1997 and became the editors in, I believe, 1998.

It has been a great experience for both of us and one we will gladly return to in later years.

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### NEXT MEETING

**FEBRUARY 10, 2005**

**BEBAN PARK – 7:30 PM**

**DR. ROY TAYLOR, Ph.D.**

"The development of a Mediterranean style  
Garden in Lantzville"  
(see page 4)



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## VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

RAFFLE	JUNE & JOHN
\$ TABLE	YVONNE
SNACKS	MARY HARDY DARLEEN BUD LINDA WHITE

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

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**AND**

**MOST OF ALL**

**PROVIDE A GREAT SERVICE**

**FOR THE**

**NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**

Linda and I wish to thank all of you who have sent in articles and shown support over the past years. A special thanks to **Jennifer Moore in Ontario** for providing several interesting and informative articles and to **Craig Clarke** who has submitted articles/info for every issue.



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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON ROY L. TAYLOR – February 2005

Roy Taylor was born in Olds, Alberta and grew up on a mixed farm east of town. He began his professional career as a one-room school teacher in Alberta followed by teaching at a Calgary Junior High School. He obtained a B.Sc in 1957 from Sir George Williams College in Montreal and attended McGill University botany programs. During his Montreal studies and his later Ph.D. in Botany studies at the University of California at Berkeley, California, he worked as a summer student with Agriculture Canada collecting plants on western floristic survey. He completed a PhD thesis consisting of a monograph of the genus *Lithophragma*, a small herbaceous genus of the family Saxifragaceae found throughout the western portion of North America.

In 1962 Dr. Taylor began full time work at the Plant Research Institute of Canada Agriculture in Ottawa, publishing the two volume Flora of Queen Charlotte Islands and publishing a number of technical papers. In 1968 he joined UBC and initiated a new botanical garden program. The new garden programs included development of a nursery, 55 acres of gardens, including the E.H. Lohbrunner Alpine Garden and the Asian Garden. A novel plant introduction program was initiated with cooperation of the BC Nursery Trades Association that has released many new plants to the horticultural palette for this region. He co-authored an annotated checklist of the Flora of BC and initiated the journal *Davidsonia*, dedicated to BC plants.

In 1985, he moved to Glencoe, IL to become the President of the Chicago Horticultural Society and Director of the Chicago Botanic Garden. During his tenure 10 new gardens were developed and the plant introduction program, Chicagoland Grows, Inc., was established in collaboration with the Morton Arboretum and the Ornamental Growers Association of Northern Illinois. This introduction program has been active in the development and release of new woody shrubs, trees and ground covers to the public through organized nursery associations in the Midwest.

During the period of 1962 to 1994, he was actively involved in a number of national as well as international organizations. He helped found the Canadian Botanical Association. He served on the American Association of Museums accreditation commission for 11 years, six as chair and served as the founding chair for the Ethics commission. He was elected a Fellow of the Linnaean Society of London *honoris causa* in 1978.

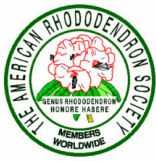
In 1994, Roy moved to Claremont, California to be Executive Director of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and Chair of the Botany Program for the Claremont Graduate University. He retired from RSABG in November 1999.

He and his wife Janet built a new home in Lantzville, BC and are engaged in building a northern Mediterranean garden on 2.5 acres of well-drained mixed woodland with abundant *Arbutus menziesii*.

He continues to be active in a number of not-for-profit botanical organizations. He is currently Chairman of the Milner Gardens and Woodland Society in Qualicum Beach and a volunteer in the plant accession program at Milner. He serves as a trustee and chair of The Arbor Fund that manages The Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, Washington and is also a trustee of Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden and Trust in Seattle – a program that has initiated Great Plant Picks, a plant recognition program for Cascadia (that area west of the Coast and Cascade Mtns from Vancouver Island to southern Oregon). He is a founding trustee of the Botanical Gardens Conservation International program housed at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England. He is the current Associate Editor of *Pacific Horticulture* magazine published in San Francisco.

The University of British Columbia awarded him an honorary doctorate of science in 1997 for his contribution to Canadian, North American and International plant programs.

Dr. Taylor's talk will cover some basic information about Mediterranean plants and then discuss the development of their garden, illustrated by photos of the development and progress since the first plantings were made in 2001. He will provide a list of the plants shown during the lecture.



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## How To Plan A Garden Right - David Kurshel, [webmaster@biogardening.com](mailto:webmaster@biogardening.com)

Gardening is a hobby that brings joy, entertainment, and a better quality of life. It is a creative activity, the result of which is a more aesthetically appealing home.

Thoughtful planning of a garden starts with the type of garden you would like to have. Deciding on a type of garden is essential before choosing which design elements to include. Will your garden be just a place to plant a bunch of flowers, which will blossom only during the growing season? Or would you rather have a thoughtfully-chosen herb garden? Or maybe just a vegetable plot?

Another issue to consider is the climate in your location. It can be surprising how little we know about the facts, figures and statistics of the weather where we live. You may want to consult an on-line map to get statistical data regarding climate elements like rainfall per month or average temperatures.

The next step, after having decided about the type of garden and after investigating the local climate, is to figure out the plants that you would like to grow in your garden. Think of plants that are suitable for the duration of the growing season in your location and that will survive the changes in temperature, typical for your location.

The thoughtful planning of a garden involves one more factor to consider - how much shade is necessary for each of the plants. You need to make sure that there is enough light all over the places you plan to plant your garden.

When you have finished with planning in theory, it is time to start planning the plots in your garden. Again, think for a good plan - one that brings joy, is easy to keep and at the same time efficiently uses the available space.

Think about where to place plants that require a lot of sunlight. The best place for such plants is away from buildings and taller trees because these block the light at daytime.

Deciding which plants to grow near the house, and which should be in the open also requires some thought. If you prefer the sunshine streaming through your windows, then you are best not to have bulky trees or bushes near the house, where they will block the sunlight.

If you have decided that you will be growing herbs and vegetables, the best place for them is near the house. When they are near the house, it is more likely that you will be using them for cooking. Besides convenience, you should also think about the location of vegetables as far as their needs for sunlight are concerned. This is especially true if yours is mainly a vegetable garden.

Last, but not least, take into account your personal preferences, when designing a garden. If there are particular extras you would like to have, for instance winding pathways or gazebos, include them in the initial design of the garden. Your outdoor garden is constrained only by the limits of your creativity and the growing season in your location.





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## NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Allen McRae. There were 30 members and guests present.

M/S/C to adopt minutes of November general meeting. Correspondence from The Land Conservancy; various club newsletters.

Treasurer's report: Balance in general account is \$3664.70, Bowen Park Legacy fund \$156.27, library \$261.05.

Proceeds from Christmas auction: auction 907.00, raffle 126.00, expenses 45.56. Net \$985.44. \$98.50 donated to the Salvation Army. (Net proceeds from 2003 auction was \$736.00).

Program: Feb 10 – Dr. Roy Taylor will speak about the development of his Mediterranean garden in Lantzville

March 10 – Bernie Guyader will speak on dwarf rhodos in the rock garden

Apr – no speaker identified yet

May – Carmen Varcoe on companion plants in the rhododendron setting

Membership: Glenda Barr noted that NRS member Delores Mason passed away last month.

The question was raised, where will our field trip be to this year? Planning will begin at the next executive meeting.

Names tag draw was won by Barb Coy. Door prizes: Yvonne Harding, Ted Little. Raffle: Chris Southwick, Kathryn Grant.

Richard White gave a short talk on how to protect your plants from cold weather and snow.

Michael Miller gave a fascinating talk and slide show on his trip to Nepal.

Hello, My name is Julie Cumming  
I am interested in taking the horticulture Technician Program next year in January and am interested in getting a little more experience under my belt. I have been doing gardening and yard work since I was little with my parents and for other people. I am interested in doing some volunteer or paid work.  
I can be reached at (250) 751-2743 for further information, or by email at [juliecumming80@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecumming80@yahoo.com).  
Thanks for your time

### MILNER GARDENS - FUNDRAISER

Tickets are out and starting to sell for our special fund-raising event "Love is On the Air", a Vintage Radio Revue at the QB Civic Centre on Friday, February 25th. This is guaranteed to be a fun-filled, very entertaining evening, starring Bard to Broadway and Starlight Reverie along with celebrity radio broadcaster Patrick Nicholson.

As we would like our members and volunteers to have first chance at reserved seating tickets, we are sending the link to our web-site.

Please be sure to have a look.

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