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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well done and many thanks to all the members who assisted in another successful Truss Show and Plant Sale. The Truss Show looked great with a record number of entries; thanks to those who entered and to the Judges Sandra & Trevor Evelyn and the clerk Yvonne Harding. We will be adding new categories for next year, lepidotes, elepidotes and foliage only. Craig Clarke is going to donate a trophy for the best fragrant rhododendron in the show, thanks Craig. The Plant Sale was very successful; special thanks to the growers and the cash register attendants. All went well with the set up, truss show, snack bar, raffle & information table, plant sales and the clean up. (I have this picture in my mind of Linda Lawry scooting around with the vacuum cleaner and her hair flowing behind).

Thanks to Mike, Maurice and Norma for contacting members to stand for the executive. New executive members are Paul Lawry as VP & Mike Miller, Chris Southwick and Mary Taylor will be directors, and a special thank you to David Ball, Yvonne Harding and Josie Robinson for all their hard work this past year. We need members to step up to the plate and assist with our committees, please let your executive know where your interest lies..

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President's Message (continued)

In the garden, it is time for another application of fertilizer for your rhododendrons. I am using 18 - 12 - 14 with micro nutrients and a dose of Epsom salts will help green up the leaves, Some of our rhododendrons may need a shot of dolomite lime to free up the nutrients in the soil. I have started watering where required and its time to get those perennials and annuals into the ground. Don't forget to plant those special rhododendrons which you bought at the plant sale. (Get them into the ground quick before your spouse finds them hiding behind the shed or compost bin.) When I do my planting, I mix compost, canola meal and bone meal into the soil – the rhododendrons love this concoction.


Our last meeting of the season will be on Saturday June 7, the wind-up BBQ, at the home of Joyce and Craig Clarke. 6866 Dumont Road., 5 - 5.30 pm start. Don't forget your lawn chairs - see you there.

NB. The first executive meeting of the new season will be on August 21, 7 pm, at the home of Richard and Linda White. 391 Quatna Road. Qualicum Beach. All new executive please attend.

Plant Raffle at the Truss Show and Plant Sale

Was a success with a net profit of \$138.00. Many of the growers selling plants at the Sale helped us out by donating items for the raffle. **Donations from: Mr. and Mrs. Badminton (Rhodo Ranch); Les Clay and his wife; Norm Todd (Firwood); Paul Wurz (Hidden Acres); Linda Easton (Oyster Bay Plant Works); Cusheon Creek Nursery and Holland Acres.**

Winners of the raffle were; Gary Anaka (R. Noyo Brave); Anna Rulls (R. luteum); Greg Workman (Les Clay's cross Joan Walter x Trude Webster); Janet Cowling (R. Thor); Sherry Mauro (R. Carmen x Ken Janeck); Mary Taylor (R. kiusianum); Brad Beath (wigelia); Cindy Graf (golden euonymous); Annika Kerkoerle (thalictrum).



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11th annual Truss Show - Results

by Craig Clarke

Despite the cold weather in April this year, we had our largest truss show ever with more entrants and 192 trusses entered. Thanks to Sandra & Trevor Evelyn for judging the show. The table summarizes the prizes awarded. Congratulations to Jim & Jean Greig who were awarded Best in Show and to Ann & Dick Beamish who won the Popular Choice award.

CLASS	AWARD	PLANT NAME	WINNER
	Best in Show	Solidarity	Jim & Jean Greig
	Popular Choice	Viennese Waltz	Dick & Ann Beamish
Red hybrid	1st	Markeeta's Flame	Jim & Jean Greig
	2nd	Noyo Chief	Jim & Jean Greig
	3rd	Rubicon	Jim & Jean Greig
Blotch/flare	1st	Elsie Watson	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	Mrs Charles E. Pearson & Tweetie Bird (tie)	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	Pink Jeans	Jim & Jean Greig
Pink hybrid	1st	Solidarity	Jim & Jean Greig
	2nd	Sugar Pink	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	Viennese Waltz	Dick & Ann Beamish
White hybrid	1st	Showboat	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	Helene Schiffner	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	Yaku Incense	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Salmon/Orange	1st	Trewhiten Orange	Paul & Linda Lawry
	2nd	Naselle	Jim & Jean Greig
	3rd	Unique Marmalade	Bob Bissonnette
Purple/blue	1st	Susan	Chris Southwick
	2nd	Crater Lake	John & June Deniseger
	3rd	Crater Lake	Paul & Linda Lawry
Yellow hybrid	1st	Vinecrest	Philip Paull
	2nd	Horizon Monarch	Philip Paull
	3rd	Horizon Monarch	Jim & Jean Greig
Scented	1st	Van Ness Sensation	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	Ilam Cream	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	fortunei Lu Shan	Bob Bissonnette
Larger Species	1st	augustinii	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	2nd	wardii / cinnabarinum (tie)	Richard White
	3rd	bureavii Greig form	Richard White
Azalea	1st	Hino Crimson	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Truss or spray	2nd	occidentale hybrid	Bob Bissonnette
Hammerhead	1st	Wannabee	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2nd	Winsome	Chris Southwick
	3rd	Nancy Evans	Bob Bissonnette

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Nanaimo Rhododendron Society - Minutes of May 8th 2003 Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 7:39pm.
2. Richard welcomed new members and guests, 42 in attendance.
- 3. President's report:** Richard White gave a brief summary of the ARS convention in Olympia and read the citation for Norman Todd's Silver Medal award. There is a full slate of growers attending our plant sale on May 11th, request for volunteers to help set up.
- 4. Secretary's report:** M/S/C that the minutes of the April 10th meeting be adopted as printed in the newsletter. Correspondence received: Forevergreen Greenhouses advertising, Malaspina University-College Foundation regarding our annual bursary awarded to a student in the horticulture program; the Downtown Nanaimo Partnership requesting a donation for the hanging basket program; from the Ministry of Finance with forms for the annual report under the Societies Act.
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Bowen Park Legacy Fund is \$156.06; General Account is \$2581.16
Library Fund is \$286.31 M/S/C Treasurer's report be accepted.
- 6. Committee Reports:** Social: Members are reminded to bring a plate, utensils, a glass, meat for the BBQ, and a salad or dessert for the potluck table at the wind-up party on June 7th to be hosted by Joyce & Craig Clarke.
- 7. Old business:** Truss show and plant sale on May 10th; need volunteers to help with the sale & setting up the truss show. Members are reminded to bring their trusses before 9 am.
West Coast Garden Tour: Please bring a highlighter, pen, & pencil for the games on the bus.
Open Gardens: Doug Blenkarn reminded members of the open gardens.
- 8. New Business:** M/S/C that the society donate \$75 for the downtown hanging basket program.
- 9. Executive meeting** will be hosted by Yvonne Harding on May 15th at 7pm.
- 10. Elections:** Michael Miller conducted the elections. Elected by acclimation: President: Richard White, Vice President, Paul Lawry, Treasurer: Barb Coy, Secretary: Craig Clarke, Directors: Allen McRae, Michael Miller, Helmut Neuman, Chris Southwick, Mary Taylor and Ann Williamson.
- 12. Name tag draw winner:** Craig Clarke. **Raffle winners:** Ray Lauzier, Barb Little, Doug Blenkarn, Linda Lawry, Ann Davey, Chris Southwick. **Door Prize Winners:** Ann Davey, Mary Hardy, Philip Paull, Mike Miller, David Scobie.
- 13. Program:** Norm Todd gave a comprehensive presentation on the many commendable lepidote rhododendrons

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RHODO PLANT & TRUSS SHOW REVENUES

INCOME:

Plants sold.. \$ 8945.00
 Raffle..... 128.00

Total Income \$9073.00

EXPENSES:

Growers fees.. ... \$ 7151.00
 Table cloth rental. . 17.18

Mailing expenses [Growers checks]..... 16.55

Total Expense \$ 7184.73

NET \$ 1888.27



To all our new members who have joined during the past Rhodo year. We hope that you enjoy the Society meetings and activities

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The ARS Annual Convention in Olympia, Washington by Craig Clarke

Joyce & I drove down to the convention April 30- May 4th, stopping on the way at Whitney's Nursery in Brinnon, Washington. There were two prominent international speakers Graham Smith on Pukeiti and Holger Hachmann on hybridizing, who, together with Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Foundation and local garden personalities including Cisco Morris, & Marianne Binetti gave informative & entertaining presentations.

Norman Todd of the Victoria Chapter was presented with the ARS Silver Medal. Milner Gardens was awarded \$3500 US from the ARS Endowment Fund to defray the cost of publishing a booklet on the rhododendron collection at Milner Gardens and Woodland. This continues the work started with a grant received last year from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust for the identification, labelling, and interpretation of the Greig Rhododendron Collection.

Richard White entered the truss show and won a 2nd place with '**Exquisetum**'. Sandy Campbell won a beautiful rhododendron quilt in the raffle.

The plant sale had a number of new hybrids propagated by Briggs Nursery along with an assortment of species from the Rhododendron Species Foundation. The sale organizers paid for the phytosanitary certificates, making it easy for Canadians to bring home their treasures.

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