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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last report as your club President. Your new President **Alan McRae** will do an excellent job. Welcome to new executive members **Debbie Gaboury, Catherine Grant** and **Glenda Barr**. Thanks a bunch to departing **Chris Southwick** for all her hard work and direction. Thanks to our nominating committee. Your Rhododendron Truss Show & Plant Sale was, I think, our best ever. The Trusses were of excellent quality and the judges, **Maria and Al Bieberstein**, did a great job, even though we started late. Next year all trusses to be judged will have to be in place by 8.30 am, and any after this time will be placed for display only. The plant sale went exceptionally smooth. Thank you all for your help and great work, and a special thanks to **Alan Campbell** from Cowichan who came up at the crack of dawn. Your rhododendrons, at home, need water with this warm weather. Another application of nutrients will be required for new growth. As the summer progresses your plants will appreciate a daily misting. Dead heading to remove your old blooms and prevent seed formation can be done throughout the summer – I find a little each time **Linda** is in the garden works well.

See you at the wind up BBQ. Richard.

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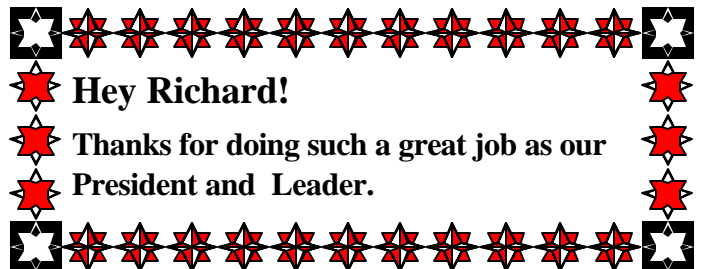
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WIND UP GATHERING

JUNE 5, 2004

From 4:30 – till finished

(directions on page 2)



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WIND-UP GATHERING – JUNE 5

Paul & Linda's home
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- ◆ Turn towards the Mountains off of the Parkway onto to Aulds Road.
- ◆ You will be travelling across the RR tracks and continue to ARBUTUS CRESCENT.
- ◆ Pass Arbutus Crescent (first one) and continue to the (second) intersection of Arbutus and Aulds Rd.
- ◆ Our home is on this corner – has a chain link fence – is grey with green trim.
- ◆ You may park across the street or turn right onto Arbutus and park anywhere along the side of our property. We have a side entrance gate or you can park at the back and use the back driveway entrance.
- ◆ We would like all cars to park on the outside – in case of rainy weather – We can then set up the BBQs on the driveway and use the covered porch for the social event.
- ◆ Please **bring chairs**/plate/utensils/cups
- ◆ **NO NEED TO BRING A BBQ – WE WILL HAVE A LARGE GRILL TYPE AND AN OLD STYLE WEBER .**

Order of BC recipient for 2004

VICTORIA - The province's highest award for outstanding achievement, the Order of British Columbia, will be presented to **Richard James Beamish** of Nanaimo, the Pacific Biological Station's senior scientist. Congratulations Dick!

AKA "BEANIE BABY KING"

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Growers of Specialty Rhododendrons

2004 Truss Show - 12th annual

This year we had a large truss show with 16 entrants and 181 trusses, just below the 192 entries last year. Marilyn Kennedy won **R. 'Fantastica'** in the Popular Choice draw. Thanks to Maria & Al Bieberstein from the MARS chapter for agreeing to judge the trusses. The table summarizes the awards; empty or missing classes were not awarded a prize.

Class	Prize	Plant	Winner
Best in Show		Midnight	Chris Southwick
Red hybrid	1 st	Rubicon	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 nd	Lem's Stormcloud	Phillip & Joy Paull
	3 rd	Black Magic	Dick & Ann Beamish
Blotch/flare	1 st	Midnight	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	Edwin O Weber	Phillip & Joy Paull
	3 rd	Blue Ensign	Phillip & Joy Paull
Lax truss	1 st	Thor	Kathryn Grant
	2 nd	Thor	Bob Bissonnette
	3 rd	R dichroanthum ssp scyphocalyx	Bob Bissonnette
Pink hybrid	1 st	Van Nes Sensation	Maurice Mauch & Norma Ginther
	2 nd	Dreamland	Phillip & Joy Paull
	3 rd	Lem's Monarch	Dick & Ann Beamish
White hybrid	1 st	Hoppy	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 nd	Pauline Bralit	Bob Bissonnette
	3 rd	Hoppy	Bill & Mary Hardy
Salmon/Orange	1 st	Naselle	Doug Blenkarn
	2 nd	Percy Wiseman	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 rd	Naselle	June Bouchard/John Deniseger
Purple/blue	1 st	unknown	Paul & Linda Lawry
	2 nd	D W Evans	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 rd	Elsie Watson	June Bouchard/John Deniseger
Yellow	1 st	Nancy Evans	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	Hotei	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	Karen Triplet	Dick & Ann Beamish
Scented	1 st	Mother of Pearl	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 nd	R. 'Snow Queen	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	3 rd	<i>R. fortunei</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke
Hammerhead	1 st	Pink Walloper	Richard & Linda White
Alpine species	1 st	<i>R. cephalanthum</i>	Michael Miller
Elepidote species	1 st	<i>R bureavii</i>	Richard & Linda White
Lepidote Species	1 st	Not awarded	
Foliage	1 st	<i>R. lutescens</i>	Richard & Linda White
	2 nd	<i>R bureavii</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	3 rd	R. Sir Charles Lemon	June Bouchard/John Deniseger
Azalea (Truss or spray)	1 st	Unknown	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	Kurume	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	3 rd	Unknown exbury hybrid	Bob Bissonnette
Popular Choice	1 st	Captain Bob	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Midnight	Chris Southwick

Are you aware that the Victoria Rhododendron Society in Victoria, BC Canada is hosting the ARS convention next year? As it is our 25th anniversary it will be a great way to celebrate. The convention will be held from April 27 to May 1. The web site is up and running in an elementary way at:

<http://victoria.tc.ca/Recreation/Ars2005> and will be updated as more arrangements are finalized.

We'd appreciate it if you would notify your members, either with a link from your web site if you have one or otherwise a newsletter or meeting announcement repeated occasionally, so they can check in to the site regularly for the updates.

Many thanks,

Trusses Are Nice But..

Austin C. Kennell

If I were a rhododendron, don't believe I'd be much impressed with folks who make such a big fuss over my flowers but practically ignore my many other interesting and, in most cases, more important, attributes. I'd probably be quite disappointed that none of these other good points were given much attention. I find it hard to understand why my beauty is seemingly judged by something I do only a few weeks out of each year, particularly when that judgement is made in an artificially created setting rather than in context with the rest of me. And, along with most of my fellow "rhodos" who don't have a big perfectly formed truss with magnificently hued flowers, I'd undoubtedly lead a vociferous protest for equal time!

But since I'm not a rhododendron, I guess I can't speak for them. I can, however, speak as an individual who loves rhododendrons for their multifaceted and year-round appeal. Flowers are an important part of the composite attractiveness of a rhododendron, but they are not the most significant component to me. Nice big perfect trusses and gorgeously coloured flowers are certainly nice but do not in themselves make outstanding rhododendrons.

I hope no one gets the idea that I'm against flowers, I like them. I'm also not against Truss Shows, I enjoy them! What I don't particularly like is a tendency to focus so much attention on trusses that the other desirable and attractive characteristics of my beloved rhododendrons sort of get shunted into the background.

I don't advocate the abolishment of Truss Shows, but I would like to also see some other shows that focus attention on the other interesting and beautiful rhododendron features. Some possibilities are Foliage Shows, Fragrance Shows, New Growth Shows, Fall Coloration Shows, Plant Habit Shows, Stem Shows, and Indumentum Shows. Such shows would add new dimensions to the fascinating subject of a rhododendron's appeal.

There are many rhododendrons I'd love even if they never bloomed. There are many rhododendrons I cherish even though they do not have perfect trusses. But I've never seen even one rhododendron I would want if it had nothing but flowers.

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[Austin Kennell was President of the American Rhododendron Society from 1989-1991. He now resides in Afton, Virginia. A popular president, one of his most remembered legacies is the completion of an agreement between the American Rhododendron Society and the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia to archive materials for the Society. BWS]

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society - Minutes of May 13th 2004 Annual General Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 7:35 p.m..
2. Richard welcomed new members Joe & Irene Hudak, guests Mary, David & Carol Wagerman.
3. **Secretary's report:** M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Correspondence received: Letter from Greg Bromley announcing his business selling beneficial insects & nematodes www.goodbugs.ca from Surrey Parks inviting us to open garden at Darts Hill Garden Park on May 15th, newsletter from Vancouver chapter.
4. **Treasurer's report:** The balance in the Bowen Park Legacy Account is \$156.19; the general account is \$3763.09; library fund is \$188.47; gross income from the plant sale on May 8 was \$2,203.45. Last year's financial report was presented to members. M/S/C to accept the report.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - Library:** Members will be allowed to take books out over the summer.
 - Social:** The wind-up BBQ on June 5 is a pot luck; bring own plate, cutlery, a chair and meat for the BBQ.
 - Program:** November 2 – Steve Hootman will speak on his expedition to India.
January 13 Michael Miller on his trek in Nepal
6. **Old business:**

Spring Bus Trip – Thanks to June Bouchard, John Deniseger, Chris Southwick, Paul & Linda Lawry for all their hard work. It was learned that John Trelawney suffered a stroke; Craig will send a card.
Truss show & Sale thanks to all the volunteers who made it such a success.
7. **New Business:**

Milner Rhododendron Festival – there will be a presentation to presidents of the island chapters on the completion of the project to identify and catalogue the rhododendron collection at Milner Gardens.
8. **Elections** – thanks to Darlene Budd, Norma Ginther & Barbara Little for telephoning members to find candidates for election to the club executive. The following members were declared elected by acclamation: President: Allen McRae, Vice-President: Paul Lawry, Treasurer: Barb Coy; Secretary: Kathryn Grant; Directors Glenda Barr, Craig Clarke, Michael Miller, Mary Taylor, Ann Williamson, Debbie Gaboury. Richard White will be past president.
9. **Executive meeting** will be hosted by Paul & Linda Lawry on May 27 at 7 p.m.. This will be a joint meeting of the new and old executive.
10. **Door prize winners** – Glenda Barr, Irene Hudak, Allen McRae
Name Tag Draw – Phillip Paull
Raffle Draw – Kathryn Grant, Richard White, Michael Miller, Joyce Clarke, Reinhart Gorgosilich.
10. **Program:** Michael Miller gave a short introduction to his trip to Thailand & Nepal.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



The Mid Island Rose Society's 'Celebration of The Rose'

at the Lantzville Heritage Church on June 26 between 10:00 am and 2:00 p.m.. Parlour entries to be in between 8:00 - 9:30 am - for members and nonmembers. Rose parlour show, rose garden tours, and many door prizes. Tickets \$10.00 at the door or at The Bookworm in Lantzville. Contact Jami at 390-1212 or Darlene at

The Lily Family - Jennifer Moore

The lily family in Latin is called "liliaceae". One member of the liliaceae family is the daylily. Daylilies are the most commonly seen lily, even the wild orange variety growing along the sides of road embankments. These lilies are perennials that bloom in the summer and prefer full sun or part shade. They are a vigorous grower spreading by underground rhizome and tolerate many types of soil. Clumps of long leaves form graceful fountain shapes, with the flower stems rising above. There are many colours to choose from; pale shades to the most vibrant, in single colours or two tones, and blossoms are single- or semi-double petalled. As their name indicates, blooms only last one day, appearing in mid-afternoon lasting throughout the evening. Daylilies are very easy to grow and multiply, even a novice gardener can achieve beauty with these plants.

Hybrid Lilies are commonly grown in gardens everywhere, seen blooming in the summer. They are less vigorous than the daylily, but are certainly worth a place in the garden. Bulbs create these lilies, from which a single stem emerges to produce many flowers on top. There are many varieties available that are hardy in our climatic zone, and some even colder. Diversity of colours are seen, suiting every colour scheme possible, and generally with brown spots in the center of the blossom. Their leaves are dark green, thin and strap-like that travels up the stem of the flower, not clustering at the base of the plant.

These lilies look best when planted in odd numbers with other flowers, in a flowing pattern, rather than soldiers in a line. They can be grown in partial shade to full sun, requiring moist and rich soil. Different varieties acquire various heights; the shortest being approximately 30 inches and the tallest is eight feet.

Their bulbs multiply slowly; one bulb will divide itself each year, therefore doubling the amount of flowers given. They are best divided in the fall, generally every 3-4 years, as this will enable the plants ample space needed to produce flower stalks and keep healthy. Some varieties in this grouping include Turk's Cap Lily, Asiatic Lily, Tiger Lily and Canadian Lily.

Another grown, yet less commonly seen in gardens is the Regal Lily that was introduced approximately one hundred years ago. It resembles the Easter Lily, producing a flower stalk from a bulb in colours of white or yellow, that bloom in the summer. It is suitable for zones 3-8 and grows in a variety of soil conditions, requiring full sun. Each bulb can produce as many as twenty beautiful, large trumpet-shaped blossoms on a single stem. They are best planted in the fall at the back of the border, as they grow four feet in height.

When planting lilies, plant in well-drained soil to avoid rotting the bulb. Daylilies can be planted virtually anywhere, just below the soil level. The bulb types are planted three times their height, in a suitable location away from strong winds, as this will ensure their stems will not break. Add bone- or blood meal in the planting hole, as well as sprinkling some on the very top of the soil. This will discourage skunks, raccoons and squirrels from digging up the newly planted bulbs, as well as feed the bulbs in their growing season. The bulb varieties are a source of food for rodents, yet daylilies don't seem to be affected as much.

After the lilies have bloomed, do not cut away their flower stalk or leaves because it is the nourishment received through them this year that produces flowers for the following year.

Every property could have one spot for lilies; along the roadside, beside the house foundation and even in deep pots for the apartment dweller. Why not try some!