

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be my last message as president. I am indebted to Paul Lawry for volunteering as our president for next year.

Thanks to Glenda Barr, Ann Beamish, Val Harvey and Kathryn Grant who are leaving the executive this year for their hard work on behalf of our society over the last few years. Welcome to Sandra Dorman who is joining the executive.

A special thank you to Paul & Linda Lawry for organizing our truss show and sale again this year; it went very smoothly with all of the club members who helped to bring it off. Thanks too to all the members who brought trusses for the show and for display – it was our largest show yet and made a very impressive display. I am gratified by our accomplishments in spreading awareness of rhododendrons.

Remember to get all those new plants into the ground so that they can get established before the heat of summer!

I look forward to seeing you all at our wind-up party on June 9.

Craig

## EXECUTIVE

President	Paul Lawry	390-2370
Vice President	Chris Southwick	758-0993
Past President	Craig Clarke	390-4090
Secretary	vacant	
Treasurer	Michael Miller	758-2879
Directors	Debbie Gaboury	758-1204
	Linda Lawry	390-2370
	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
	John Deniseger	390-3605
	Allen McRae	758-7589

## COMMITTEES

Advertising	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
Library	Ann Beamish	758-2574
	Helene Sullivan	758-7023
Newsletter	Kathryn Grant	245-7879
Program	Chris Southwick	758-0993
Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey	
Social	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
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## NEXT MEETING

**JUNE 9      BOWEN PARK PICNIC SHELTER      4:00 pm**

**"END OF YEAR POTLUCK PICNIC"**

**bring potluck food to share, your own plates and cutlery and a chair**

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## TWIGS AND STEMS



GABRIOLA HOME AND GARDEN TOUR  
SUNDAY JUNE 24  
10 am to 5 pm

Tickets \$20  
Available at Buckerfields, Carpe Diem, Dig This,  
Falconer Books, Qualicum Beach Garden Centre  
or [lynch@discovergabriola.com](mailto:lynch@discovergabriola.com) or 247-9935  
<http://gabriolatour.islandbrowser.com>

### INTERESTED IN SPECIES STUDY DAYS?

The Vancouver Rhododendron Society is collecting names of those interested in attending a Species Study Day workshop in Vancouver or Victoria. Please contact Joanne Ronsley at [jronsley@telus.net](mailto:jronsley@telus.net) or 604 921-0444

### SECRETARY NEEDED!

The position of Secretary has not yet been filled for next year's Board of Directors. It's not really a difficult job – you record the minutes of the general meetings and the board meetings and distribute them, collect the mail and conduct any correspondence needed. It only takes a couple of hours a month. Please consider helping out with this important job – your club needs you!

### JUST ANNOUNCED ARS 2007 WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

September 21 – 23  
Newport, Oregon  
For details see the ARS website at  
[www.rhododendron.org](http://www.rhododendron.org)



Here is a photo of the giant 'Cynthia' rhododendron in Ladysmith, taken by Pat McLeod when it was in full bloom last month. Pat spoke with the current owner, who told her that the beauty is over 100 years old.

### IT'S PARTY TIME!

Our end of year potluck picnic will be held on Saturday, June 9, at the upper picnic shelter at Bowen park, next to the pool, beginning at 4 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish to share, your own plates and cutlery, beverage and a chair. The club will provide coffee. There will be no barbeques, so bring food that is ready to eat.



Enter the park off Bowen Road and park near the outdoor pool. There may still be some rhodos in bloom in Hailey Grove.

See you there!

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## NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35, chaired by President Craig Clarke.

Secretary's report: adopted minutes of April meeting. Correspondence received from Malaspina University College requesting annual bursary. Various newsletters received.

Treasurer's report: balance in general account \$1,261.47.

ARS convention: last meeting we passed a motion to host the ARS Regional Convention in the fall of 2011. We have been asked if we would like to host the National Convention in the spring of 2011 instead. No decision made.

May plant sale and truss show: John and Chris gave a short talk on showing trusses. Set up will be at 6 pm Friday night; bring trusses between 7 – 8 Friday night or before 8 am Saturday. Volunteers are needed.

Elections: Elected by acclamation:

President – Paul Lawry

Vice President – vacant

Secretary – vacant

Treasurer – Michael Miller

Directors – John Deniseger, Sandra Dorman, Debbie Gaboury, Allen McRae, Chris Southwick, Linda Lawry.

Past President – Craig Clarke

Welcome to the Board, Sandra!

Doorprizes were won by Anne Williamson, Bob Rhodes.

Raffle winners: Milt and Tracy, Craig Evans, Charles Hardy, Ralph Hutchinson, Jane Campbell.

Open gardens May 18 6 – 8 pm: John and June Deniseger and Paul and Linda Lawry.

End of year party Saturday June 9. Craig asked for someone to host.

Bernie Guyader spoke on the Paradise Meadows.



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## NRS 2007 TRUSS SHOW

And the winners are...

Class	Prize	Plant	Winner
<b>Red hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rubicon	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amity	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trilby	Dick & Ann Beamish
<b>Blotch/flare hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phyllis Korn	Doug Blenkarn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Horizon Lakeside	Charlie Hardy
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cathy Jo	Dick & Ann Beamish
<b>Lax truss</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day	Kathryn Grant
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canada	Paul & Linda Lawry
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unknown	Bill & Mary Hardy
<b>Pink hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hallelujah	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sugar Pink	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canadian Beauty	Dick & Ann Beamish
<b>White hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hoppy	Bob Bissonette
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yaku Incense	June Bouchard & John Deniseger
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Loders White	Bob Bissonette
<b>Salmon/Orange</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lem's Best Orange	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Apricot Fantasy	Doug Blenkarn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paprika Spiced	June Bouchard & John Deniseger
<b>Purple/blue</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue Boy	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elsie Watson	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colonel Cohen	Dick & Ann Beamish
<b>Yellow</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Golden Genie	June Bouchard & John Deniseger
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hotei	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wings of Gold	Dick & Ann Beamish
<b>Scented</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>decorum</i>	June Bouchard & John Deniseger
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Faggetter's Favourite	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cotton Candy	Rosina Schmidt
<b>Hammerhead</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arctic Tern	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noyo Chief	Reinhold Gorgosilich
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elsie Watson	Allen & Gaylle McRae
<b>Alpine species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>cephalanthum</i>	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>calostrotum</i> 'Gigha'	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>campylogynum</i>	Chris Southwick
<b>Elepidote species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>fictolacteum</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>yak</i> 'Ken Janeck'	Doug Blenkarn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>yak</i> 'Mist Maiden'	Chris Southwick
<b>Lepidote Species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>bureavii</i> Greig form ( <i>misclassified</i> )	Bob Bissonette
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>augustinii</i> 'Electra'	Val Harvey
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>yunnanense</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke

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<b>Azalea</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerard's Fuschia	Chris Southwick
Truss or spray	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kurume	Allen & Gaylle McRae
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unknown	June Bouchard & John Deniseger
<b>Foliage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>bureavii</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>calophytum</i>	Paul & Linda Lawry
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teddy Bear	Paul & Linda Lawry
<b>Popular Choice</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)	Lem's Best Orange	Dick & Ann Beamish
	1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)	Cathy Jo	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)	Horizon Lakeside	Charlie Hardy
	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)	Pineapple Delight	Doug Blenkarn
	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)	Sunspray	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)	Yukon Gold	Bill Hardy
<b>Best of Show</b>		<b>Hallelujah</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Ann Beamish</b>
<b>Paull Trophy</b>		<b>Cumulative Points</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Ann Beamish</b>

This was our largest show to date with 210 entries submitted by 20 participants. In addition there were a number of trusses brought in for display. By comparison, last year there were 18 participants and 180 trusses entered. Congratulations to Dick & Ann Beamish for winning **Best of Show**, **Popular Choice** and the new **Paull trophy** for cumulative points awarded. Ribbons were awarded to 15 entrants in all.

Image of Rhododendron 'Hallelujah'



Photo by Eleanor Philp

Image colors are approximate as they are influenced by many variables. See text description for a more accurate color description.



## Companion Plants



D is for *Doronicum*  
of the Leopard's Bane family  
Family: Asteraceae

The Leopard's Bane (though far be it for me to imagine such an effect on any feline!) is a curious sight in the spring garden, mainly because of the shock value. I tend to think of yellow daisies as a summer and fall staple, so these early bloomers seem rather out of place among *Bergenia*, *Aquilegia*, and late tulips. That being so, they are still a welcome and cheerful sight when spring days are dull and rainy.

They are not fussy as to soil, just moisture-retentive but well draining - a nice mix of sand and humus suits them fine. Even though they mostly go dormant during the summer, they should not be allowed to dry out, and in light dappled shade, that should not be a problem. They will naturalize in a woodland garden, and several of the named varieties do come true from seed, or the rhizomes can be divided in early fall to share or replant; in fact they improve if divided every four years or so. The blooms also last well when cut for the table.

Flowers come as single or double daisy forms, but only in shades of yellow. Dwarf forms, such as 'Gold Dwarf' at only 10 inches tall, tend to bloom earlier, in April. Blossoming then progresses through the doubles such as 'Spring Beauty' and 'Gerhard', to some of the large-flowered ones like 'Miss Mason' and 'Harpur Crewe', which bloom into June, and grow up to 2 feet tall. The heart-shaped basal leaves are a nice shade of soft green that contrasts well with the dark rhododendron leaves, and if planted among *Hostas*, *Astilbes*, or *Campanulas*, their foliage will fill in spaces for the summer months.

Aren't we lucky to have so many choices of undemanding plants that can fill our gardens with colour and beauty, and we hardly have to lift a finger to make them thrive?

Happy Planting!

*Colleen Forster*



*Doronicum* 'Goldcut'  
a double flowered type



*Doronicum caucasicum*