

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



June 2008  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am taking this opportunity to thank the “old executive” for their hard work and support over the last year, you did a great job and it has been appreciated. The membership came through for the annual Rhodo Show & Plant Sale. Your hard work allowed us to have another good and profitable show. A special thanks to John and Kathryn, show chairs, thanks to Pat McLeod and to Gaylle McRae for the hours she spent at the Raffle Table freezing while selling tickets and promoting the NRS.

On June 7, we will have the last meeting of this Rhodo Year at Bowen Park which will be a Potluck Picnic/BBQ in the Pavilion by the River. The time of the event will be 4:30 pm and we will be able to see the Rhodos at Hailey Garden.

Our September meeting will be at the usual location and time but will be a “potluck dinner” in order to allow the members the time to socialize and renew acquaintances. We will be having a speaker, Garth Wedemire, who is very active in the ARS and runs the District 1 Website.

I hope to see you all at Bowen Park on Saturday.

Paul

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## NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 BOWEN PARK 4:30 pm

END OF YEAR POTLUCK  
AND WALK THROUGH HAILEY GARDEN

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## **TWIGS AND STEMS**



### **JUNE POTLUCK PICNIC SATURDAY JUNE 7, 4:30 pm BOWEN PARK LOWER PICNIC SHELTER**

Please bring a potluck dish to share, your own plates and utensils, and a beverage. The club will not be providing beverages this year.



### **10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GABRIOLA ISLAND HOME & GARDEN TOUR**

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 10 am to 5 pm  
Self-guided tour of unique island homes and gardens.

Tickets \$20 Visa and Mastercard accepted  
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### **MILL BAY GARDEN CLUB 61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW**

SATURDAY JUNE 14 10 am to 3 pm  
Cobble Hill Hall  
2550 Watson Ave

Flower Show, outdoor marketplace, speakers,  
Master Gardener booth, Mill Bay Garden club  
plant sale, silent auction, Strawberry Tea.

## **THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

Thanks to everyone who helped with our club's Truss show and Plant Sale. To those hardy souls who helped set up tables on Friday night, to those who set up the show, to Gayle McRae for organizing and running the raffle, to the intrepid clean-up crew, to Sandra Dorman for providing coffee and goodies to sustain us, to Les Clay and Don Bridgen for judging the show and to everyone who brought trusses in to show and who bought plants, a big THANK YOU! The club made \$1,135.50 profit from the plant sale. Wasn't it fun?!



John Deniseger and Kathryn Grant  
Co-chairs

## **THE RAFFLE WINNERS WERE...**

Neil McCormick  
Chris Southwick  
Mary Jane Derkson  
Arlette Golbing  
Irene Rocher  
Pat Parkin  
Sherry Mauro  
Angkana Hechler

The raffle made \$212.00.

Winner of the People's Choice draw was Linda Hanson.

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## **TRUSS SHOW WINNERS 2008**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Red hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Martian King	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rubicon	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taurus	Paul and Linda Lawry
<b>Blotch/flare hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cathy Jo	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paprika Spiced	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unknown	Al McRae
<b>Lax truss</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bow Bells	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Biskra	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wee Bee	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>Pink hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pretty Baby	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grand Slam	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noyo Brave	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>White hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Yaku Incense	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sausalito	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alena	Paul and Linda Lawry
<b>Salmon/Orange</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lem's Best Orange	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Milton	Bill Hardy
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unknown	Anne Tennant
<b>Purple/blue</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Colonel Cohen	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blaney's Blue	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elsie Watson	Al McRae
<b>Yellow</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Seaview Sunset	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hotei	Paul and Linda Lawry
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Evans	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
<b>Scented</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Loderi King George	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Unknown	Al McRae
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Van Ness Sensation	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>Hammerhead</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naomi Pink Beauty	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elsie Watson	Al McRae
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Alpine species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Campylogynum	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cephalanthum	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diversipilosum	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>Elepidote species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Morii	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bureavii	Bob Bisonnette
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Macrophyllum	Bob Bisonnette
<b>Lepidote Species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Burmanicum	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scabrifolium	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Augustinii (electra)	Al McRae

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<b>Azalea</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Girard's Red	Paul and Linda Lawry
Truss or spray	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Karumi	Al McRae
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Foliage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Proteiodes	Dick and Ann Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harry Carter	Dick and Ann Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teddy Bear	Paul and Linda Lawry

## Trophies and Rosettes

<b>Popular Choice</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lem's Best Orange	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>Best Scented</b>	1st	Loderi King George	Dick and Ann Beamish
<b>Best of Show</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Lem's Best Orange</b>	<b>Dick and Ann Beamish</b>
<b>Paul Trophy</b>	1st		Dick and Ann Beamish

**Total entries: 154**

**Total participants: 14**

## BUS TOUR

On Saturday May 17th, we had another successful bus tour. The weather was beautiful and sunny, reaching near 30 degrees late in the day. Special thanks to those who opened their gardens: Lorne Hepting, Anne Gutche, Paul and Lynn Wurz, Brian Zimmerman at Kitty Coleman Woodland Garden, Bob Argall, Bob Smith, and Harry Wright. As always, each garden was beautiful and each was unique, offering something very special. By the end of the day, we were all tired but truly inspired. I suspect that most of us spent much of the next day in our own gardens, planting our new treasures. Further thanks to Paul and Linda for keeping us entertained on the bus with lots of games and prizes. Next year, we're off towards Port Alberni and Tofino...





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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. President Paul Lawry welcomed guests, Wendy and David Sellars.

Paul gave a brief report on recent garden visits.

Correspondence: Annual Report due for Society Act.

Annual Financial Report presented (attached). Bank balance at April 30, 2008: \$3,838.32

Bus tour 2008 will be on May 17. There are 5 seats still available. We will be heading North toward Campbell River. Meet at Chapters at 7:15 am.

The library has been re-catalogued. Books are available tonight to keep over the summer.

Social: a sympathy card has been sent to Dorothy Hutchinson to acknowledge the loss of her husband Ralph. A card will be sent to Ann Williamson in sympathy for her husband's illness.

Program: Glenda Barr will be taking over as Program chair. September speaker will be Garth Wedemire.

Truss Show and Plant Sale May 10. Volunteers still needed for set-up Friday night.

Election:

The following Board of Directors was elected by acclamation:

President:	Paul Lawry
Vice-President	John Deniseger
Secretary	June Bouchard
Treasurer	Chris Southwick
Directors	Glenda Barr
	Rosina Schmidt
	Linda Lawry
	Sandra Dorman
	Barb Coy

Next Meeting: June 7, 4:30 pm. Potluck at lower picnic shelter at Bowen Park. David Sellars gave a talk and slide show on building a rock garden.

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## BUGGING BUGS THE NATURAL WAY

**By Brian Lin, with files from Jennifer Honeybourn**

UBC Entomology and Toxicology Prof. Murray Isman has helped develop a new line of organic pesticides set to hit the shelves at Wal-Mart across the U.S. this spring.

Marketed under the brand EcoSMART® by a Nashville, Tennessee-based botanicals company of the same name, the line of consumer home and garden products features a specific blend of plant oils that bugs pests but are harmless to humans.

"EcoSMART had come up with a product that killed insects but they didn't understand how or why it was working," says Isman, who was approached by the company to assist with its basic research and product development.

Isman, who is also Dean of UBC's Faculty of Land and Food Systems, found that the patented concoction of common essential oils such as rosemary, clove, thyme and peppermint targets a key receptor for a neurotransmitter called octopamine, which is found in all invertebrates, including insects, but not in mammals.

Octopamine regulates an insect's heart rate, movement and metabolism and interrupting its function can produce a total breakdown of the insect's nervous system. "Basically it has a calming effect on the insect, like its own supply of Valium. Blocking octopamine causes hyperactivity and quickly leads to death of the insect," says Isman.

The product effectively kills ants, cockroaches, dust mites, flies, wasps, hornets and other common pests including pets fleas. Isman's lab has also found it effective against a wide range of agricultural pests.

Natural pesticides are gaining popularity in the marketplace with the increase of awareness surrounding toxic chemicals in consumer products. Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the world, recently announced that it's phasing out products containing any of 20 toxic chemicals over the next two years.

"For consumers, these natural ingredients have a long history of safety based on their use as flavourings in foods and beverages and as fragrances in cosmetics," says Isman. "We also suggested the company market the product for agricultural purposes since they're non-toxic to fish -- they breakdown naturally within 24 hours in water -- and therefore can be used around waterways."

In the U.S., certain natural pesticides can bypass costly and lengthy Environmental Protection Agency registration and approval procedures because the ingredients are exempt. In Canada, all pest-control products, including those made of natural ingredients, must be approved by Health Canada. Isman is conducting further tests, which he hopes will support the product's registration in Canada to be used on greenhouse vegetables.

EcoSMART has also been licensed to Sergeant's, a leading pet care company based in Omaha, Nebraska.

"It's rewarding to see my research produce something people can and actually want to use," says Isman.