

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings all:

We have completed another successful Rhodo year. Our final meeting will be on June 13, 2009 at Paul and Linda's home: 7056 Aulds Road, Lantzville. It will be a "potluck" BBQ, a dish to share and your own meat, etc. to BBQ as you desire. Chairs are in short supply so bring one with you. Paper plates, plastic utensils and cups will be provided along with coffee and tea.

In our never ending search for funds we are requesting that members look through their libraries and if you have any extra books on plants, gardening etc. that you no longer need please bring them to our September meeting. We hope to sell enough books to be able to finally purchase a much needed projector. The books will be either auctioned off at Xmas or sold at our Annual Truss Show & Plant Sale. Our dollar table will also be open at all meetings – the money from this table is used to purchase books for our library.

We held our elections in May and have a full board a couple of new member and many returning members.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the year "potluck" BBQ. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me at 250-390-2370.

Cheers,

Paul

EXECUTIVE

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	Helene Sullivan	758-7023
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Program	Glenda Barr	390-2822
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Social	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

PAUL & LINDA LAWRY'S HOUSE

5:00 pm

POTLUCK BARBEQUE

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A Successful Year for the NRS

TWIGS AND STEMS



It's Transition Time at Island Specialty Nursery

We are transitioning to smaller plants over the next few months. This means Don is releasing much of his stock collection of Japanese Maples and Dogwoods and many other fine, grafted trees. The Maples are splendid right now as they leaf out in greens, reds and pink variegated leaves. Dogwoods are all coming into flower. There are lots and lots of species perennials in bloom: iris, fritillaria, epimedium, cyclamen and many, many more.

Spring has sprung at Island Specialty Nursery!

Hours: Thursday through Monday, including holidays, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
8797 Chemainus Road, 3 km south of the town of Chemainus

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Cowichan Valley Garden Club Annual Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale

Saturday June 6, 2009 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall
5800 Church Road (off Maple Bay Road)
Duncan, BC.

Admission: Adults/Seniors: \$2, Children: \$1
Admission to Afternoon Tea: Adults/Seniors: \$2,
Children: \$2

Flower Show Entries from the public welcome.
Please email Maureen Deptuck at
moeanddon@shaw.ca to enter

Recently, we spent a few minutes looking back at the past year. It seemed to me that the Club was re-energized and full of enthusiasm. Attendance at meetings has been consistently good and gradually increasing throughout the year. The quality of our speakers and the range of topics that we cover under the "umbrella" of Rhododendrons has never been better. Our Christmas Auction was simply one of the best ever. The Club's information table at Art Knapp's was such a success that we've been invited to return for a second time this spring. The Club's spring sale and show faced some significant challenges this year: a) the economy; b) changing the location not once but twice; c) cold wet late spring; d) growers having to cancel due to issues beyond their control. Despite these challenges, the sale and show was one of the best we've had in some time. This year's bus tour once again generated lots of interest and enthusiasm. The Club's success and growth has been due to having everyone take part, contributing to meetings, committees, and volunteering at events wherever possible. It is the membership which ultimately is the strength of the NRS.

On behalf of the Club's executive, thank you for making this 2008/09 one of our best years ever!

John Deniseger
Vice President

Plant Sale Raffle winners

Joanna Mellor	Ingeborg Woodsworth
Beth Young	Art Lightburn
Robert Leblond	C. Gray
<u>Peoples's Choice:</u> Ruth Porter	

Thanks again to our donors Paul Wurz, Les Clay, Karin Kosick, Ingeborg Woodsworth, Gardenlore and Linda Lawry. You helped us to earn \$190.00 for the club.

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NRS Meetings Minutes

Date: May 14th, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35.
2. Number of people present: 25
3. President, Paul Lawry, welcomed guests.
4. **President's report:**
 - Our annual show and sale went very well; 126 trusses were entered; approximately \$6600.00 gross, our share being \$1600.00; the raffle raised about \$200.00 and our table raised \$213.00. A great big thank you to all volunteers who helped make it an easier task; thanks also to the people who donated plants for the NRS table.
 - Concern about membership throughout the ARS; some clubs are no longer including business items at monthly meetings; business items tend to be discussed at the executive meetings; this option may be discussed at a future meeting.
 - Everyone is invited to our annual potluck BBQ to be held at Paul and Linda Lawry's place on Saturday, June 13th. Bring whatever you want to barbecue plus either an appetizer, a salad or a dessert. Bring your own dishes and a chair as well please.
5. **Secretary's Report:** M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter.
6. **Correspondence:** none
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds on hand as of March 31st, 2009: \$1744.64
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - Program: Next September, Garth Wedemire; will be an informal pot luck setting.
 - Membership: no report
 - Social: no report
 - Dollar Table: lots of great plants for sale.
 - Raffle/Door Prize: don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and sign in the door prize book.
 - Library: no report
 - Other:
 - John Deniseger, vice president, reminded us to take some pride in the club's successes over the past year. Our annual bus tour still has a few spaces left. The NRS will have once again an information booth at Art Knapp on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 to 3:00. Sign up sheet circulating.
 - Auction to raise funds for our digital projector:
 - Sir Charles Lemon: \$40.00 to Earl Daneluk
 - Dr. Rhodes Pink: \$25.00 to Mary Jane Dirkson
 - Dr. Rhodes unnamed seedling: \$10.00 to Sandra Dorman
 - Pontiyak: \$15.00 to Ray Lauzier
9. **Old Business:**
10. **New business: AGM – annual election.** Thank you Craig Clarke for conducting the election. **The executive for the coming year will be:**
 - ***President: Paul Lawry***
 - ***Past-President: Craig Clarke***
 - ***Vice-President: John Deniseger***
 - ***Secretary: June Bouchard***
 - ***Treasurer: Gerry Moore***

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- **Directors:**
 - o *Glenda Allard Barr*
 - o *Sandra Dorman*
 - o *Debbie Gaboury*
 - o *Reinhold Gorgosilich*
 - o *Linda Lawry*
 - o *Chris Southwick*

11. Raffle/Door prizes winners:

- Door prize: Craig Clarke
- Name tag draw: Mary Jane Dirkson
- Raffle draw: Janet Atkinson, Ann Tennant, Rosina Schmidt, Michael Miller, Earl Daneluk, Joyce Clarke.

12. Program for tonight: A very stimulating presentation by our own member Gary Anaka: **How rhododendrons grow your brain.**

Here are the 12 “Secrets for Longevity” to insure your brain remains active:

- Exercise
- Oxygen
- Water
- Feed your brain: Omega 3 (avocado, fish, sardines), hemp hearts, nuts, one egg/day, apples, bananas.
- Problem solving
- Humour
- Novelty – grows the best brain: adapt and challenge.
- Balance e.g. stand on one foot with your eyes closed.
- Use your hands.
- Spend time in nature.
- Beauty.
- Keep learning.

You will find that gardening with rhododendrons involves many of these “secrets”!

Thank you Gary for sharing this information with us!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!!! ☺

Doug and Rosina at Art Knapp
information table on April 25



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BUS TOUR 2009

Ken and Dot Gibson's garden in Tofino



One of Ken's beauties

At the Chase and Warren winery



All tuckered out!

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Photo by Art and Susan Lightburn

At this spring's annual American Rhododendron Society convention in Everett, Washington, our District Director Ron Knight (right) accompanied Harry Wright to the platform as he received the ARS Silver Medal for outstanding service in District 1 (British Columbia). The framed citation which they are holding reads:

For over two decades, you have been an ambassador for the genus rhododendron and an avid promoter of membership and participation in the American Rhododendron Society. As founding member of the North Island Rhododendron Society, you have worked tirelessly as President and Director throughout the Chapter's history. You have been instrumental in the development of both your own "Haida Gold Gardens" and the public "Comox Valley Rhododendron Garden", providing enjoyment to countless citizens and visitors. As a speaker, teacher, writer, propagator and hybridizer, you have ensured that rhododendrons maintain a high profile. As Director of District 1, your support of individual Chapters and encouragement of interactive sharing has emphasized both education and fellowship. You are an inspiration to all members of the American Rhododendron Society.

R. 'Loderi Venus' in my garden
-editor



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Truss Show Winners 2009-Nanaimo Rhododendron Society

Class	Prize	Plant	Winner
Red hybrid	1st	‘Martian King’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘Royston Red’	Chris Southwick
	3rd	Unknown	Allen & Gaylle McRae
Blotch/flare hybrid	1st	‘Cathy Jo’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘Elsie Watson’	Allen & Gayle McRae
	3rd	‘Paprika Spiced’	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Lax truss	1st	‘Pink Porcelain’	Ann Davey
	2nd	‘Biskra’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	‘Medusa’	Bill & Mary Hardy
Pink hybrid	1st	‘Rosalie Hall’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘Faggetter’s Favourite’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	‘Hallelujah’	Dick & Ann Beamish
White hybrid	1st	Unknown	Chris Southwick
	2nd	‘Yaku Incense’	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	3rd	‘Loders White’	Dick & Ann Beamish
Salmon/Orange	1st	‘Lem’s Best Orange’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘George’s Delight’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	‘George’s Delight’	Craig & Joyce Clarke
Purple/blue	1st	‘Blaney’s Blue’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘Crater Lake’	Paul & Linda Lawry
	3rd	‘Crater Lake’	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Yellow	1st	‘Sunspray’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	‘Berg’s Yellow’	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	‘Horizon Monarch’	Dick & Ann Beamish
Best Scented	1st	<i>R. edgeworthii</i>	Chris Southwick
	2nd	<i>R. edgeworthii</i>	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	‘Loderi Game Chick’	Allen & Gaylle McRae
Hammerhead	1st	Unknown	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd		
	3rd		
Alpine species	1st	<i>R. campylogynum</i>	Sandra Dorman
	2nd	<i>R. zaleucum</i> *	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd	<i>R. russatum</i>	Michael Miller
Elepidote species	1st	<i>R. rex</i>	Craig & Joyce Clarke
	2nd	<i>R. fortunei</i>	Paul & Linda Lawry
	3rd	<i>Na</i>	
Lepidote Species	1st	<i>R. calostrotum</i> var. ‘Gigha’	Chris Southwick
	2nd	<i>R. augustinii</i> var. ‘Electra’	Val Harvey
	3rd	<i>R. oreotrephes</i>	?

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Azalea	1st	Unknown	Allen & Gaylle Mcrae
Truss or spray	2nd	R. macrosepalum linearifolium	Allen & Gaylle Mcrae
	3rd	Unknown	Mary Parker
Foliage	1st	<i>R. proteoides</i>	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	'Sir Charles Lemon'	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	3rd	'Harry Carter'	Dick & Ann Beamish

Popular Choice	1st	Lem's Best Orange	Dick & Ann Beamish
	2nd	Sunspray	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd (tie)	Viennese Waltz	Dick & Ann Beamish
	3rd (tie)	Paprika Spiced	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	3rd (tie)	Blue Boy	Dick & Ann Beamish
Best of Show		Rosalie Hall	Dick & Ann Beamish
Paull Trophy		Cumulative points	Dick & Ann Beamish

*misclassified

Despite the cool spring, we had 126 entries submitted by 13 participants. In addition there were a number of trusses brought in for display. Congratulations to Dick & Ann Beamish for winning **Best of Show**, **Popular Choice** and the **Paull trophy** for cumulative points awarded. Ribbons were awarded to 13 entrants in all.



Have you seen this amazing Rhododendron in Ladysmith?