

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



## June 2011



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been quite a month! The weather has been challenging, yet cooperated when we really needed it. We had another successful plant sale and a great truss show. Our own NRS table did very well – thank you again for all of your contributions.

Bob and Jean Rhodes opened their beautiful garden to our club on Mother's Day. Many club members took advantage of the opportunity to visit their garden and Gabriola Island. Thank Bob and Jean!

We had our 11<sup>th</sup> annual bus tour, visiting a variety of gardens and nurseries. We never seem to get tired of visiting great gardens and buying "one more plant".

To top it all off, we had our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Nanaimo Garden Tour on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the hard work of many people, the tour was a smashing success. A special thank you to our tour co-ordinators, June Bouchard and Gayle McRae! We showcased the creativity and beauty of gardens right here in Nanaimo, promoted our club within our community, and raised funds to support the upcoming 2012 ARS Fall conference!

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### EXECUTIVE

President	John Deniseger	390-3605
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### COMMITTEES

Advertising	vacant	
Library	Ann Beamish	758-2574
Newsletter	Kathryn Grant	245-7879
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Social	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
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### NEXT MEETING

**SATURDAY JUNE 11     DICK and ANN BEAMISH'S HOUSE     5:00 pm**

**POTLUCK BARBEQUE**

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## **TWIGS and STEMs**



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### **17 ANNUAL COWICHAN VALLEY GARDEN TOUR**

*Sunday, June 5th, 2011*

*10 am to 5 pm*

*Tickets: \$18*

*Ticket locations: Please call 250 748-8281*

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### **MOUNT BRENTON GARDEN CLUB BLOOMS 'N ART GARDEN TOUR**

*Chemainus and Saltair*

*Sunday June 12*

*10am to 4 pm*

*Tickets: \$10*

*Available at Russell Farms, Ladysmith Share*

*Kare, Byron's Foods in Saltair*

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### **COMOX VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDENS IN BLOOM**

*Saturday June 25 and Sunday June 26*

*10 am to 4 pm*

*Tickets: \$15*

*Available at Courtenay Art Knapp*

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### **GABRIOLA HOME AND GARDEN TOUR**

*Sunday June 26*

*10 am to 5 pm*

*Tickets: \$20*

*Available at Buckerfield's, Dig This,*

*Wheelbarrow Nursery, Gabriola ArtWorks,*

*Wild Rose Garden Centre*

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successes of our club not only over the past month but throughout the year. I also want to thank our executive for their continuing commitment to the club. Every member of the club's executive has come back for another year but we are still looking for one more director. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to hear from you!

Some of you may have seen a recent article by Darrell Bellaart in the Nanaimo Daily News on Hailey Rhododendron Garden in Bowen Park. This has lead to a subsequent interview and visit to the garden with Darrell, Gerry and I. A follow up newspaper article is planned. We've also begun a conversation with City of Nanaimo Parks staff on the future of the garden and a potential long term, but realistic role for the NRS. Stay tuned...

Our year end BBQ/potluck will be on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at Ann and Dick Beamish's. Hope to see everyone there!

John

## **OUR JUNE MEETING**

The final meeting of the season is our annual BBQ and potluck social. It will be held AT the home of Ann and Dick Beamish, 3904 Hammond Bay Road (just watch for the profusion of rhodo blooms) on Saturday, June 11 starting at 5 PM.

Please bring an appy, salad or dessert and whatever meat you wish to cook.

\*\*\*We need the loan of a barbeque and a fold-up serving table. If you have either of the above mentioned please let Sandra (390-0136) or John (390-3605) know.

Don't forget to bring along a chair, plates, cutlery and your beverage of desire.

Think SUNSHINE!

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## **Our First Garden Tour**

The Nanaimo Rhododendron Society held our very first garden tour on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> as a fundraiser for the upcoming 2012 conference. Despite a cooler than usual spring which certainly, for many, was not conducive to touring gardens, it was a very successful event. The weather held and we stayed dry all day.

The final numbers are now in:

- Number of tickets sold: 188
- Gross income: \$2820.00
- Net income: \$2293.00
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It took the help of many volunteers to make it all happen. Thanks are due to many people.

First of all, thank you to our nine garden owners who not only opened their garden gate to all but who spent countless hours preparing their garden. A special thank you to all the garden sitters who checked tickets and welcomed visitors. Our vendors also deserve to be acknowledged for their support of our club: Art Knapp Plantland, Dig This, Diana's Garden Centre, Turley's Florist and Garden Centre, Buckerfield's and Wild Rose Garden Centre on Gabriola Island (thank you Mary Jane for that connection).

Thank you to John Denisegeer for ticket design, to Susan Lightburn for taking photos for us, to Gerry Moore and Allen McRae for looking after signage during the week leading up to the tour and an additional thank you to Gerry for tabulating all the numbers. And thanks to all of you who talked it up with your friends and other garden clubs.

Stay tuned for our second garden tour, possibly in spring 2013!!!  
Sincerely,

Gaylle McRae and June Bouchard



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## **NRS Meetings Minutes**

Date: Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30
2. Number of people present: approx. 45
3. President, John Deniseger, welcomed everyone, especially our many guests this evening!
4. Special thank you to this year's executive as well as thank you to the membership from the executive. It's the people that make a club like ours work!
5. **Correspondence:**
  - a. Rosina has just returned from Missouri and visited the Missouri Botanical Garden which is apparently outstanding.
  - b. She has brought back the guide in case anyone will be traveling to that part of the world over the summer.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Our recent plant sale was our 4<sup>th</sup> best sale in terms of gross income.
  - b. The NRS table sales was the 2<sup>nd</sup> best in the 9 years that we've had our own table – thank you everyone for providing plants and books for that table.
  - c. The raffle brought \$144.00 which went to the Conference account.
  - d. Our current balance for the NRS account is \$5720.23.
  - e. Our current balance for the ARS 2012 Conference account is \$929.68.
7. **Social / sunshine report:**
  - a. A card was sent to Janet Atkinson who recently lost her mother.
  - b. Volunteer needed to host our year end BBQ: thank you to Ann and Dick Beamish who have generously offered their place for our final event of the season. It will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – potluck style: Bring whatever you would like to BBQ plus either an appetizer, a salad or a dessert to share. Also bring your own plate and cutlery as well as a folding chair if you have one.
  - c. Our September meeting will have our usual finger food pot luck to start our new season.
  - d. Please let Sandra know if you hear of anyone who needs a little “cheering”.
8. **Program:**
  - a. The fall program is slowly taking shape.
  - b. Mike Stewart (former ARS president & ARS Silver Medal recipient) may be here in October, shared with other island clubs.
  - c. Garth Wedemire may be here for one of the fall meetings.
  - d. We also have two “part 2” presentations coming up: Dick Beamish's “Walk through my Garden – part 2” and Art and Susan Lightburn's “Travels through China – part 2”.
9. **Truss Show:**
  - a. Thank you to Doug Blenkarn for coordinating the event.
  - b. Ribbons have been distributed to various winners.
  - c. Trophies are in the process of getting engraved and will be awarded at the year end BBQ.
10. **Bus Tour on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:**
  - a. North Island destination this year.
  - b. Still some tickets left – come and bring a friend!
11. **Garden Tour:**
  - a. Time to spread the word – we need to sell more tickets!
  - b. Please let Gaylle or June know if you have a free standing umbrella that you can lend for the day.
  - c. Posters to advertise available tonight – please help yourselves.

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- d. You can also buy tickets here tonight.

## **12. Conference update:**

- a. Not much new to report as we haven't had a meeting since our April meeting.
- b. A great big thank you to Kathryn Grant and Pat Schulson who have agreed to look after table decorations.
- c. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> at Gayle and Allen McRae's house.

## **13. Election:**

- a. May was our Annual General Meeting – an opportunity for members to join the executive.
- b. **All current members of the executive are willing to continue on for another year, however one director position remains open.**
- c. **If you feel like you might like to become a director, please let John or another member of the executive know.**
- d. Thank you David Mitchell for presiding over the “electoral process”!

## **14. Raffle:**

- a. Thank you Ann and Val for continuing to take care of the raffle for us.
- b. Many happy winners tonight!

## **15. Any Other Business:**

- a. The Mother's Day visit to Jean and Bob Rhodes garden was a great event! Thank you Sandra for coordinating. And thank you Jean and Bob for so graciously opening your door!
- b. Allen McRae mentioned the great article by Al Campbell on Dr. Bob Rhodes in the latest issue of the ARS Journal. Make sure to read it.

## **16. Program for tonight:**

- a. A very informative presentation by Paul Wurz from Hidden Acres Nursery in Campbell River on the basics of growing rhododendrons.
- b. Check the following web page: <http://www.hiddenacresrhodos.com/>

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

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### PLANT SALE RAFFLE WINNERS

R. Girard's Crimson, won by Chris Southwick:  
donated by Rhodohaven

R. PJM, won by Earl Daneluk: donated by Haida  
Gold

R. Yaku Prince, won by Liz Higgins: donated by  
Perennial Ridge

Bacchanal (Bleeding Heart), won by B. Dressler:  
donated by Gardenlore

R. PJM Elite, won by Jan Moles: donated by  
Finley's

R. Robert Korn, won by C. Alyward: donated by  
Hidden Acres

Acer Pulmatum Tsuma Gaki, won by Joyce  
Mitchell: donated by Mayo Creek



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## TRUSS SHOW WINNERS 2011

Class	Prize	Plant	Winner
<b>Red hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Clayoquot Warrior	Doug Blenkarn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rosala Hall	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taurus	Craig Clark
<b>Blotch/flare hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Starbright Champagne	Art Lightburn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cosmopolitan	Sandra Dorman
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Furnival	Burkhard & Baerbell Dressler
<b>Lax truss</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Biskra	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oporto	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Royston Red	Chris Southwick
<b>Pink hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Pretty Babay	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noyo Brave	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whispering Rose	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
<b>White hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Teddy Bear	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Showboat	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cunningham's White	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Salmon/Orange</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	George's Delight	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lem's Best Orange	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coral Mist	Alan & Gaylle McRae
<b>Purple/blue</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blaney's Blue	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan	Art Lightburn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crater Lake	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Yellow</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alice Street	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marie Starks	Art Lightburn
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Horizon Dawn	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Best Scented</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fragrantissimum	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Faggetor's favorite	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elsie Fry	Chris Southwick
<b>Hammerhead</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Edith Boulter	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>rex</i>	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Alpine species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>glaucophyllum</i>	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>hanseanum</i>	Bill Hardy
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		



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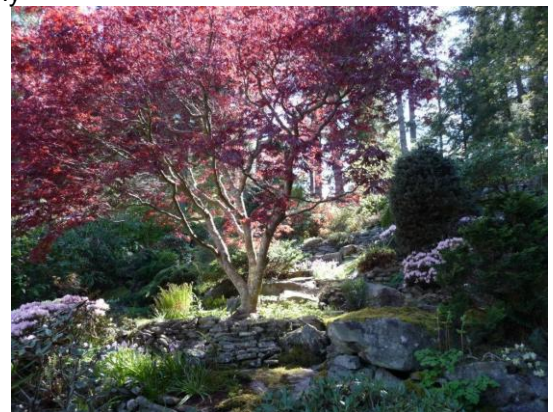
<b>Elepidote species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>haematodes</i>	Art Lightburn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Lepidote Species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>davidsonianum</i>	Art Lightburn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>yunnanense</i>	Lillian & Stan Peters
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>augustinii</i>	Lillian & Stan Peters
<b>Azalea Truss or Spray</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arneson Gem	Alan & Gaylle McRae
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quinquefolia	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Foliage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wanna Bee	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>diaprepes</i>	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>schlippenbachii</i>	Val Harvey
<b>Popular Choice Trophy</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fragrantissimum	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Viennese Waltz	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)	Arneson gem	Alan & Gaylle Mc Rae
	3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)	Iona Campanola	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Best Of Show Trophy</b>		Clayoquot Warrior	Doug Blenkarn
<b>Hammerhead Trophy</b>		Edith Boulter	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Best Scented Trophy</b>		Fragrantissimum	Chris Southwick
<b>Paul Trophy</b>		Cumulative Points	Ann & Dick Beamish

In spite of our cool spring weather, 15 members contributed with 122 trusses. Congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to the many who helped make the truss show happen.

## A VISIT TO THE RHODES'



On Mother's Day several members took the ferry over to Gabriola to visit our dear friends, Bob and Jean Rhodes. We were treated to a wonderful tour of their garden where, despite the delay of rhododendrons blossoming by approximately three weeks, as Jean suggested, several had bloomed cooperatively for the occasion. It was an absolute delight to follow the pathways and enjoy the beautiful colours and design of this masterfully created garden.



We want to thank Bob and Jean for all their preparations, their enthusiastic and gracious hospitality, and for sharing their glorious little piece of heaven with our group (sunshine and tea included!).

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## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUS TOUR MAY 14



Milner Garden and Woodland

With Paul Wurz at his garden and Hidden Acres  
Nursery



At Morningstar Farm