

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



June 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone!

It's been another busy spring for the NRS. Our great speakers, including our own Earl Daneluk, Dick Beamish and Art and Susan Lightburn, were terrific. Our annual bus tour, plant sale and truss show all contributed to a successful spring, full of colour and new ideas. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events a success. Special thanks to our departing members of the executive: Gerry Moore, Chris Southwick and June Bouchard. We also welcome new members to the executive: Art Lightburn as our new president, Ann Beamish as our new secretary, Susan Lightburn as a new director and the return of Paul Lawry as a director (and assistant to the secretary).

Our conference committee continues to work hard on the myriad of logistical details which need to be taken care in advance of the big event. They will continue to meet throughout the summer to ensure that it all runs smoothly. We do need more volunteer help during the conference – please contact Chris or Gaylle if you can help out. If you're planning on attending, you may wish to register soon to avoid disappointment later.

Our year end BBQ and picnic will be on Saturday June 9th, at Allen and Gaylle McRae's, starting at 4pm.

Hope to see everyone there!

John

EXECUTIVE

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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY JUNE 9 ALLEN & GAYLLE McCRAE'S

4:00 pm

END OF YEAR BARBEQUE

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TWIGS and STEMs



GOODIES FOR JUNE MEETING

Bring your own!

WANTED

R• Polar Bear

*Any size or age. Please contact Jur Bekker
and Rina Bekker-Vigneault at
250 726-7341 or
bekkervigneault@gmail.com*

COWICHAN VALLEY GARDEN TOUR

Sunday June 3

10 am to 5 pm

Tickets \$18

*Available at Long Lake Nursery, Russell
Farms, Marigold Nursery and Duncan
Buckerfields*

www.Cowichanfamilylife.org

GABRIOLA HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Sunday June 24

10 am to 5 pm

Tickets \$20

*Available at Buckerfield's, Dig This, Blue
Poppy Garden Gallery*

www.phc-gabriola.org

Our final get together will be the annual barbeque to be held on Saturday, June 9, any time after 4 pm. Gayle and Allen McRae have kindly offered to host the party at their home at 3570 Oakridge Drive.

Please remember to bring your own plate, cup, utensils, etc. and a lawn chair. Also bring along your beverage of choice a potluck dish and anything you would like to barbeque.

This event is always a lot of fun, and offers an opportunity to our members to become better acquainted with each other. We hope to see you there!

New Members Plants

If you have just joined the NRS, you are eligible to get a new member plant thanks to our own Reinhold's generosity. Those small rhododendrons have been propagated by Reinhold from cuttings, a technique he has been very successful with.

If you are new to the club, make sure you ask for your new plant. Selection is limited to Reinhold's collection. Thank you so much Reinhold for donating these plants to our club!



Reinhold demonstrating at his propagation workshop

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Rhodo in memory of Karen Charlton

Some of you will remember Karen Charlton, one of the founding members of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. She passed away a number of years ago and a bench in her memory was placed in Hailey Rhodo Grove in Bowen Park at the time. Recently, her daughter Chrissy and husband Colin contacted us with the idea to plant a rhododendron dedicated to Karen near the bench. On April 2nd, Chrissy and Colin planted PJM about 10 meters down the path from Karen's bench. Look for it next time you're in Rhodo Grove.



During our bus tour on April 28th we enjoyed Lois and Roy Blackmore's warm hospitality including coffee with delicious breakfast cookies. Here's the recipe generously provided by Lois. Enjoy!

Trail Mix Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine (I use half and half)
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
3 cups trail mix of raisins, mixed nuts, chopped dried fruit
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup sliced almonds or walnuts
1 1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
1 1/2 cups of granola mix

Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Mix butter, margarine sugars until creamy
Add vanilla and eggs
Mix flour and soda and baking powder, then add to mixture
Stir in trail mix, raisins, oats and granola

Shape into ball and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake for 15 minutes. ENJOY!

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2012 TRUSS SHOW WINNERS

Fifteen participants submitted a record 188 entries! I want to thank all who helped and particularly Anne Davey, Valerie Harvey, Sandra Dorman and Yvonne Harding.

	Prize	Plant	Winner
Red hybrid	1 st	Ruby Hart	Art Lightburn
	2 nd	Crimson Pippen	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	Rubicon	Ann & Dick Beamish
Blotch/flare hybrid	1 st	Black Widow	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Horizon Lakeside	Charles Hardy
	3 rd	Cathy Jo	Ann & Dick Beamish
Lax truss	1 st	Thor	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Yellow Hammer	Ann Davey
	3 rd	Morganrot	Valerie Harvey
Pink hybrid	1 st	Hallelujah	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	Sugar Pink	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	Meadowvale	Ann & Dick Beamish
White hybrid	1 st	Yaku Incense	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2 nd	Ken Janek	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	White Gold	Valerie Harvey
Salmon/Orange	1 st	Lem's Best Orange	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Apricot Fantasy	Doug Blenkarn
	3 rd	George's Delight	Anne Davey
Purple/blue	1 st	Blue Boy	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd		
	3 rd		
Yellow	1 st	Karen Triplett	Valerie Harvey
	2 nd	Hotei	Art Lightburn
	3 rd	Horizon Monarch	Ann Davey
Best Scented	1 st	<i>edgworthii</i>	Valerie Harvey
	2 nd	Ilam Cream	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	<i>lye</i>	Chris Southwick
Hammerhead	1 st	Wanna Bee	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
	2 nd	Susan	Art Lightburn
	3 rd	Sugar Pink	Ann & Dick Beamish

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Alpine species	1 st	<i>sargentianum</i>	Burkhard Dressler
	2 nd	<i>gidum</i>	Art Lightburn
	3 rd	<i>kiusianum</i>	Art Lightburn
Elepidote species	1st	<i>orbiculare</i>	Doug Blenkarn
	2nd	<i>oreotrephes (grieg)</i>	Valerie Harvey
	3rd	<i>oreotrephes</i>	Ann Davey
Lepidote Species	1st	<i>zeylanicum</i>	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2nd	<i>cinnabrarinum</i>	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3rd	<i>cephalanthum</i>	Chris Southwick
Azalea Truss or Spray	1st	<i>oreodoxa</i>	Ann Davey
	2nd	<i>yannanense</i>	Chris Southwick
	3rd	Crater Lake	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Foliage	1st	<i>bureauvii x fabia</i>	Art Lightburn
	2nd	<i>discolor</i>	Doug Blenkarn
	3rd	<i>dilatatum</i>	Art Lightburn
Popular Choice Trophy	1st	Black Widow	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2nd	Point Defiance	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3rd	Ilam Cream	Ann & Dick Beamish
Best Of Show Trophy		Black Widow	Ann & Dick Beamish
Hammerhead Trophy		Wanna Bee	John Deniseger & June Bouchard
Best Scented Trophy		<i>edgworthii</i>	Valerie Harvey
Paula Trophy		Cumulative Points	Ann & Dick Beamish



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Nanaimo Rhododendron Society

Thursday, May 10th, 2012

Minutes

In attendance: approximately 30 people

Meeting started at 7:35

1. Welcome!

- President John Deniseger welcomed everyone!
- Many people away at the Asheville conference in North Carolina, or possibly taking advantage of the lovely weather.
- If you're a new member, don't forget to ask for your free rhodo!

2. Treasurer's report:

- Gerry away today.
- Balance in NRS account as of May 5th, 2012: \$3698.20
- Balance in 2012 ARS conference account: \$7223.31

3. Social:

- A reminder that the year end BBQ will be on Saturday, June 9th at Gaylle and Allen McRae's house: 3570 Oakridge Drive. Bring something to BBQ, your plate and cutlery and either an appetizer, a salad or a dessert. Thank you Gaylle and Allen.
- A special thank you from our president to Sandra for taking care of our social and sunshine needs and for making coffee at every meeting.
- Is anyone interested in taking on the job of making coffee at our meetings next year – you don't have to be on the executive to coordinate the coffee and goodies.

4. Program:

- Glenda is already looking ahead to September.
- Thank you Glenda for taking care of program this year – it's been a great array of presenters.

5. Conference:

- Bryan Jubinville has done a tremendous job of advertising our conference at all 5 Vancouver Island chapter's plant sales with a special display. Thank you Bryan!
- More volunteers are needed for the actual event either to introduce speakers, to sit at sale tables or just to be an extra pair of hands. Please consider signing up on the volunteer sheet being circulated.
- Don't forget to bring something "Nanaimo-ish" for our basket for the conference silent auction which is generously coordinated by the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society.
- Check your latest issue of the ARS journal for mentions of our upcoming conference: in ARS president's message, in journal editor's message, on the events calendar and a special article written by our conference co-chairs Gaylle and Chris.
- Registrations so far: 25 people; please consider registering early to take advantage of the early registration fee.
- Things are looking good – the next planning meeting is on Sunday, May 20th at Mary Parker's.

6. Plant sale and Truss Show:

- This Saturday – thank you Doug for coordinating the truss show and to Burkhard for coordinating the plant sale.
- Lots in bloom this year – please consider bringing some of your trusses to the show.

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- Please bring them preferably Friday evening 7:00 to 8:00 or before 8:00 on Saturday morning.
- It helps if you bring a list of the plants you've brought.
- Please come and help set up tables on Friday evening as of 6:30.
- NRS table: Please bring plants on Friday night if possible to make it easier for pricing. Thank you Reinhold and Sandra for organizing this table.
- Dinner at the Black Bear afterwards.
- A great big thank you to all the volunteers who help make this a successful event year after year!



7. The Farm at Cedar Woods:

- A non-profit agri-therapy farm located in Cedar, mostly to provide therapy through farming activities for people with mental health challenges.
- The program coordinator has contacted our club for the possible development of a rhodo garden at the farm.
- This was discussed at our executive meeting and we all feel that it would be a worthwhile project.
- John contacted the coordinator to say that we would be interested in getting involved once our conference is over.
- Also, a special invitation to all for their petting farm grand opening on Saturday, May 19th. Location: 2660 Holden Corso Road, Cedar, BC.

8. Elections – by Earl Daneluk:

- First, special thanks to the outgoing executive for making the club activities go smoothly. Leaving the executive: Chris Southwick, Gerry Moore, and June Bouchard.
- Also thank you to a number of people who are not on the executive but who contribute their time regularly: Ann Beamish with the library; Val Harvey and Anne Davey for taking care of the raffle table, Kathryn Grant for looking after our newsletter; Craig Clarke for looking after our web page, and many others who are currently on the conference organizing committee.
- Our new executive:
 - i. **President:** Art Lightburn
 - ii. **Vice-President:** Sandra Dorman
 - iii. **Past President:** John Deniseger
 - iv. **Secretary:** Ann Beamish; Paul Lawry will take the minutes at the executive meetings for Ann.
 - v. **Treasurer:** Burkhard Dressler
 - vi. **Directors:** Glenda Barr; Craig Clarke; Debbie Gaboury, Reinhold Gorgosolich; Paul Lawry; Susan Lightburn.
- Thank you everyone for volunteering to sit on the executive for the coming year.
- Please note that as agreed at our March meeting, this new executive will start after the conference i.e. in late September.

Program tonight:

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Dick Beamish took us through part 2 of “A Walk Through my Garden” – a great selection and beautiful photos of rhododendrons that shine in the Beamish’s garden from early May until August – with a side bar on the “red herring”! Part 1 had ended in late April.

Thank you everyone for another successful rhodo year! See you all at the year-end BBQ on June 9th! ☺



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Conference Corner

**Rhodos in Paradise:
Destination Vancouver Island
September 21 – 23, 2012**

The Conference Committee members are really getting excited about our upcoming conference! After three (or is it four, Kathryn??) years or more of planning, we're almost ready to show off our lovely area to rhodoholics from far and wide.

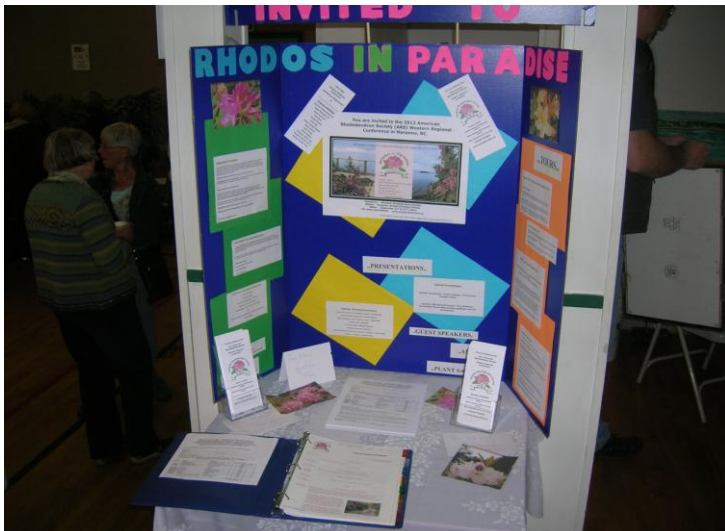
We now have approximately 200 plants as give-aways to those who register for the conference from Ken and Madeleine Webb, Al and Sandy Campbell and from Bill MacMillan. You should see them – you definitely would drool! Most of them are plants which have some Vancouver Island pedigree and those which are some pretty choice species have been collected from local gardens.

Please look carefully at the amazing conference website. It has so much information! Go to: <http://arsnanaimo2012.ca/> and you'll be amazed at what you find.

We will be needing more volunteers – in particular for the plant sale and the print sale. We are also wondering if there are those who would be willing to billet volunteers from other clubs. If you are able to help out in some way, please contact either Yvonne Harding or Chris Southwick. Chris can be reached at: (250) 390-3415 or at csouthwick@shaw.ca.

Hope to see you all at the wind up get-together on the 9th at Allen and Gayle's lovely home overlooking Piper's Lagoon.

Chris and Gayle Conference Co-chairs."



Display board made by Bryan Jubinville to advertise our conference at other events