

The Rhodomentum



Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Newsletter

June 2017



President's Message

Our rhododendrons have bloomed again and so our society year is coming to an end.

Last September we started off the year with finger food and Kathy Claxton, master gardener. Our October speaker was Mike Stewart, who spoke about the early "Legendary Plant Collectors and Hybridizers". At our November meeting, we were treated to another excellent talk by Dennis Bottemiller on propagation from seeds. In December, we had a very successful "Potluck and Auction". January brought Garth Wedemire to us talking about the "Species Foundation" in Washington State. Glen Jamieson presented "Road Trekking and Vireyas" in February. March brought Bernie Dinter up from Duncan to speak to us about "The Changing Focus of Gardening". In April, Philip McDougall from Maple Ridge gave us a presentation on the exceptional perennials he grows. May was a very busy month with our "Plant Sale and Truss Show", "Garden Tour" and "Bus Tour". Our speaker in May was Bill McMillan on "Five Gardens in Victoria Which Are Not To Be Missed".

Throughout the year, Chris Southwick has been improving our botany knowledge with her "Rhodo Botany" short talks. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to make our year a success. Also, very special thanks to Kathryn Grant who has done an outstanding job doing our Rhodomentum for the past 12 years.

Hope to see everyone at Susan and Art's place for our "Windup" on Saturday, June 10th at 4:00pm. See their latest email notice for more details.

All the best,

Allen

Year-End BBQ at Art and Susan Lightburn's
Saturday, June 10, 4:00 pm
1489 Bay Drive, Nanoose Bay

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Advertising	Jan Moles /Gerry Moore
Library	Ann Beamish/Sandra Dorman
Newsletter	Kathryn Grant/June and John
Membership	Krystyna Sosulski
Program	Doug Kitts
Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey
Social	Susan Lightburn
Bargain Table	Reinhold Gorgosolich
Website	Craig Clarke
Bus Tour	John Deniseger & June Bouchard

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Thank you to our outgoing executive for everything they've done in making it another successful year for the N.R.S.!

Here's our new executive for 2017-18 - congratulations and thank you for stepping up for the year ahead!!

President	Allen McRae
Vice President	vacant
Past President	Chris Southwick
Secretary	Ann Beamish
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	Craig Clarke
	Glenda Barr



And special thanks to Ann Beamish and Gayle McRae for all the work on the re-organization of the library!

N.R.S. Garden tour May 13th and 14th

Along with our annual plant sale and bus tour, our club undertook a two-day Mothers' Day weekend garden tour this year. Featuring everything from a small Japanese garden to properties with hundreds of rhodos and companion plants, thirteen gardens delighted and amazed the folks who toured around Nanaimo and Nanoose on May 13-14. While the weather was somewhat of a challenge for the organizers, meaning that tickets sales were lower than expected, garden enthusiasts who toured were most positive in their comments. Beautiful! Amazing!, Colourful!

Many thanks go out to the 13 owners who worked so hard to have their gardens looking top notch! We also applaud those members, non-members and master gardeners who gave their time to help with this event! The 5 vendors, who did their best to sell our tickets, also deserve our gratitude: Turley's Florist, Buckerfield's, Green Thumb, Little Tree Garden Centre, and White Bridal Boutique. Let's support them whenever we can!

The NRS executive has already discussed our next tour which may be in 2019!

Have a great summer! Enjoy your garden and all of your summer activities. See you in September!



Twigs and Stems



**NRS Year-End BBQ on Saturday, June 10th
at Art and Susan's – see details below**

Denman Island Home and Garden Tour

June 10-11, 2017

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

<http://www.denman-conservancy.org/home-and-garden-tour/>

Check out Milner Gardens and Woodland
through the summer including the ongoing
development of the Rhododendron Species
Garden

<https://www2.viu.ca/milnergardens/>

Thank you, Kathryn!!!



After 12 years, Kathryn Grant is stepping down as our newsletter editor. The Nanaimo Rhododendron Society wishes to express our most sincere thanks to Kathryn in appreciation of her hard work in support of our club.

**Saturday, June 10 – 4:00 pm
Home of Art & Susan Lightburn
1489 Bay Drive
NanOOSE Bay**

Don't forget to bring cutlery, plates, cup or glass

A potluck dish that you love to make and share

A chair to relax on

Beverage of your choice

Barbequed kebabs will be provided

Coffee and tea will be provided.



We will be having a draw for plants or garden tools and accessories (no lawnmowers or rototillers). So would everyone please bring something that some other member would appreciate.

Please car pool if you can – limited parking.

Bring your good cheer and be ready to party!!

OUR 17th ANNUAL BUS TOUR – MAY 20th, 2017

With the good fortune of a beautiful sunny day, we headed north to visit 5 gorgeous gardens in the Comox Valley and Campbell River area. Our group of 46 enthusiastic gardeners had the opportunity to tour a diverse group of gardens with an amazing variety of plants and ideas. Special thanks to our garden hosts for so generously sharing their gardens with our group. Further thanks to 40 Knots Winery for hosting us for wine tasting in the sunshine.



Follow up on the Gardening Quiz on the bus – two of the given answers were questioned – here's what we found out:

1. Wikipedia confirmed that indeed, watercress is "an aquatic plant species with the botanical name *Nasturtium officinale*. This should not be confused with the quite different group of plants with the common name of nasturtium, botanical name *Tropaeolum*".

2. And again from Wikipedia, St. Dorothy "is regarded as the patroness of gardeners. She is also patroness of brewers, brides, florists, midwives, newlyweds and Pescia, Italy" – a busy lady indeed... ☺

2017 N.R.S Truss Show Winners

Class	Prize	Plant	Winner
Red hybrid	1 st	Noyo Chief	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	Etta Burrows	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	Martian King	Ann & Dick Beamish
Blotch/flare hybrid	1 st	Phyllis Korn	Doug Blenkarn
	2 nd	Noble Mountain	Doug Blenkarn
	3 rd	Mrs. G.W. Leak	Ann & Dick Beamish
Lax truss	1 st	Oporto	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Elizabeth Hobbie	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	Biskra	Chris Southwick
Pink hybrid	1 st	Winsome	Elaine Hutchison
	2 nd	Silver Skies	Susan & Art Lightburn
	3 rd	Faggetter's Favourite	Susan & Art Lightburn
White hybrid	1 st	Mi Amor	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Blueberry	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	Cunningham's White	Susan & Art Lightburn
Salmon/Orange	1 st	Horizon Jubilee	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	George's Delight	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	Apricot Fantasy	Elaine Hutchison
Purple/blue	1 st	Blaney's Blue	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Crater Lake	Gayle & Allen McCrae
	3 rd	Elsie Watson	Gayle & Allen McCrae
Yellow	1 st	Wind River	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 nd	Odee Wright	Sandra Dorman
	3 rd	Many Moons	Ann & Dick Beamish
Best Scented	1 st	<i>R.edgeworthii</i>	Susan & Art Lightburn
	2 nd	Lady Alice Fitzwilliam	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.edgeworthii</i>	Val Harvey
Hammerhead	1 st	Susan	Susan & Art Lightburn
	2 nd	Heavenly Scent	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 rd	-----	-----
Alpine species	1 st	<i>R.campylogynum</i>	Chris Southwick

	2 nd	Goosander	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.hanceanum</i>	Susan & Art Lightburn
	3 rd	<i>R.primuliflorum</i>	Chris Southwick
Elepidote species	1 st	-----	-----
	2 nd	-----	-----
	3 rd	-----	-----
Lepidote Species	1 st	<i>R.augustinii (caerulean mist)</i>	Joyce & Craig Clarke
	2 nd	<i>R.davidsonianum</i>	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	<i>R.augustinii (marine)</i>	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.scabrifolium</i>	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.burmanicum</i>	Chris Southwick
Azalea	1 st	<i>R.schlippenbachii</i>	Chris Southwick
Truss or spray	2 nd	Unknown (Gumbo White?)	Gayle & Allen McCrae
	3 rd	Hino Crimson	Susan & Art Lightburn
Foliage	1 st	<i>R.mallotum</i>	Susan & Art Lightburn
	2 nd	<i>R.makinoi</i>	Chris Southwick
	2 nd	<i>R.recurvoides</i>	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.pachysanthum</i>	Chris Southwick
	3 rd	<i>R.insigne</i>	Susan & Art Lightburn
Best in Show		<i>R.campylogynum</i>	Chris Southwick
Best Scented		<i>R.edgeworthii</i>	Susan & Art Lightburn
Most Points			Chris Southwick
Best Hammerhead		Susan	Susan & Art Lightburn
People's Choice		Elsie Watson	Gayle & Allen McCrae

Plant Sale Raffle Winners:

1. Liz Monaghan: *R. augustinii* from Finley's Rhododendrons
2. Bev Mitchell: Rodgersia from Alba Plants
3. Naomi Glick: Tree Lily "Montego Bay" from Island Passions
4. Audrey West: *R. cinnabarinum*- from Rhodo Mania
5. Val Harvey: Fabric Wreath from Bare Point Gardener
6. Marilyn Montgomery: Maple Tree from Mayo Creek
7. Liz Higgins: 2 Hostas from Alba Plants
8. Corrie Messerer: *R. augustinii* "Marine" from Hidden Acres

Congratulations to our raffle winners! Special thanks to our Raffle donors who generously provide our raffle prizes each year.

Minutes, Nanaimo Rhododendron Society, Annual General Meeting, Beban Park Social Center, Rooms 1&2, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia.

May 11, 2017

1. President's Report: President Allen McRae, welcomed 45 members to the Annual General Meeting of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. A special thank you to those who helped at the annual Truss Show and Plant Sale, May 7, 2017.
2. Secretary's Report: Ann Beamish, nothing to report; minutes are posted monthly in the newsletter which is posted on-line.
3. Treasurer's Report: Gaylle McRae presented the monthly treasurer's report. The information is available at the meetings or from the treasurer; however it is not posted in the newsletters.
4. Bargain Table: Reinhold Gorgosolich was absent so no report.
5. Library: Ann Beamish reported that work is continuing on the Library with coding and applying new cards and envelopes.
6. Membership: Krystyna Sosulski was absent so no report.
7. Raffle Table: Ann Davey and Val Harvey reported on the plants available for raffle: *R. arboretum*, and Blaney's Blue
8. Social: Susan Lightburn discussed the windup to be held at their place on Saturday, June 10th, an email will be sent out with details prior to the event.
9. Sunshine: Ann Beamish will send a card to Dot Hardy who has been under the weather.
10. Garden Tour: Gaylle McRae and Art Lightburn reported that to date 16 tickets have been sold, and members may sign for some tonight to sell. Twelve gardens will be available for viewing.
11. Bus Trip: June Bouchard and John Denisegeer reported that the bus tour has 3 seats available, will leave from Chapters at Woodgrove Center at 0730 hours, May20.
12. Next Executive Meeting: May 18th at Craig Clarke's at 2 pm
13. **Election of Officers for 2017-2018.** Chris Southwick conducted the Election Of Officers for the year 2017-2018:
 - a. President: Allen McRae
 - b. Vice President: vacant
 - c. Past President: Chris Southwick
 - d. Treasurer: Gaylle McRae
 - e. Secretary: Ann Beamish
 - f. Directors:
 - i. Donald Noakes
 - ii. Richard Beamish
 - iii. Art Lightburn
 - iv. Craig Clarke
 - v. Glenda Barr
 - g. **Committees:**
 - h. Membership: Krystyna Sosulski
 - i. Newsletter: June Bouchard and John Denisegeer
 - j. Social: Susan Lightburn
 - k. Library: Ann Beamish
 - l. Sunshine: Ann Beamish
 - m. Website: Craig Clarke
 - n. Bargain Table: Reinhold Gorgosolich
 - o. Raffle: Ann Davey and Val Harvey
14. Program: Doug Kitts introduced tonight's speaker: Bill McMillan who will speak on the 5 gardens of Victoria not to be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 21.0