

# The Rhodomentum

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Newsletter  
June 2018



## President's Message

Congratulations to everyone on the success of our Truss Show and Plant Sale – one of the best ever! Kudos to Jan and Brenda for the great organizing job and to everyone else who made the show such a great success! Further thanks to Joyce and David who did such a great job organizing the bus trip to gardens in the Duncan area – well done!

As this is my last year as President, I would like to say a special thanks to the Executive who have supported me these past two years, and to the many others who make our club function. It has been a privilege serving you and I wish the NRS much success in the future. Our potluck windup will be at Chris's on June 16th.

Have a great summer,

Allen

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Next gathering, Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30

Annual Year-End Potluck - don't miss it!

At Chris's place! (Details below)

## Twigs and Stems



### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

#### ***Summer at VIU's Milner Gardens and Woodland:***

- Open every day through September 3rd: 10:00am to 4:30pm – gate closes at 5:00pm.
- Tea Room open noon to 4:00 pm for tea, soup and scones.  
<https://www2.viu.ca/milnergardens/>
- **Fairy weekend June 21st through June 24<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Meander the sun dappled shadows of Milner Gardens on your self-guided search for areas where Fairy Houses may have magically appeared – in honour of International Fairy Day and Veronica Milner's belief in fairies.

#### ***Nanaimo Horticultural Society:***

- June 13, 2018: Lawn Alternatives: speaker Amy Robson from Nature's Choice Design

***One Day Fall Conference – Sunday, October 28th, 2018: see details below.***



## NRS WIND-UP PARTY

**Hi Rhodo Fans – A reminder for our NRS Potluck Wind-up Party!**

**Saturday, June 16 – 4:30 pm**

**Home of Chris Southwick**

**6647 Green Acres Way, Nanaimo, BC V9T 5R9**

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

Baked ham, as well as coffee and tea, will be provided.

**See you ALL at the Wind-up!!**

## **The N.R.S. has been celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

It's been fun looking back at the club's activities and memories of the last 25 years. Another year has almost come and gone with lots of great club events, speakers, new members and new rhodos to plant. Yes, we really have come a long way since September 1992! We have lots to celebrate and be proud of!

Here's one last look back - at previous year-end gatherings!



*“The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun,  
heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just on  
the body, but the soul.” Alfred Austin*



## *Annual Bus Tour - Gardens of the Cowichan Valley*

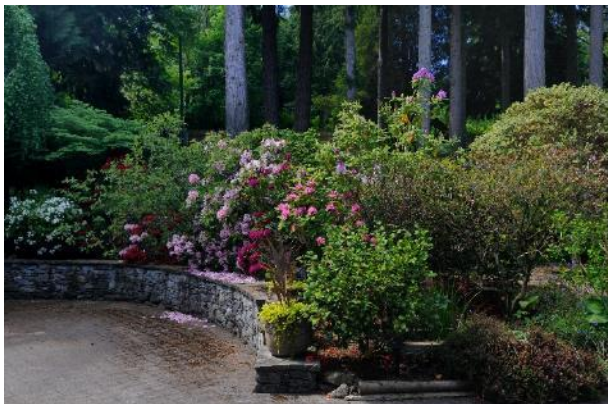
A bus load of enthusiastic gardeners left Woodgrove Mall bright and early on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for a fun day touring the Cowichan Valley area! We visited 6 beautiful gardens from Genoa Bay, to the Cowichan Valley west of Duncan. Each garden offered us something unique - new areas being developed, very established gardens, alpiners, woodlands, ponds, fragrance, beautiful garden art, and more... Comments on the bus ranged from "How do they do it?" to "I'm going to try to do something like that too!" .... Enrico's Winery proved to be a great place to sample wine, have lunch and listen to great live music. Thank you to all of the gardeners who so generously opened their gardens to our club. Your hard work and passion both amazed and inspired us. Special thanks to David and Joyce Mitchell for doing such a great job organizing the bus tour. **WELL DONE!** We can hardly wait until next year!



David and Joyce with friends



The patio at Enrico's Winery - we're going back!



A touch of royal sophistication in honour of Harry and Meghan



## Now, That Was a Plant Sale!

Our plant sale just might have been our best ever! The vendor displays were like a flower show, which really caught everyone's attention. The line-ups at the till were long and steady for several hours. Our Club's table was a great success, with over \$1900 in sales. The overall gross sales were the highest we've ever had. Yes, it was quite a sale. Thank you to everyone who contributed, be it by bringing in plants, helping set up or clean up, running the cash registers and any of the other jobs which needed to be done.



## A Great Truss Show by Jan Moles

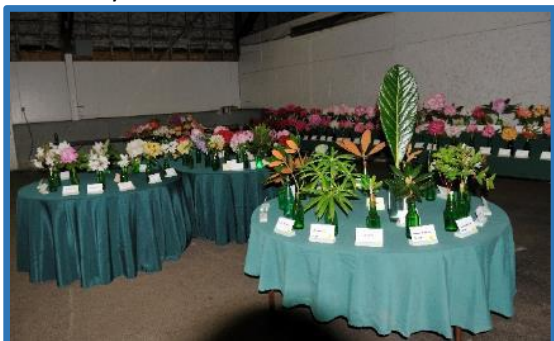
What a terrific Truss Show this year!!! We had 201 entries from 13 entrants – entrants submitting as many as 40 or so trusses, or as few as two – they were all spectacular and much appreciated by the club members and public alike. I hope more people will be encouraged to join in next year.



As you can see, judging is a very serious business, so it took about one and a half hours to consider each class and truss.



I particularly liked the foliage table this year, and also the display table which had been lovingly crafted by Chris and Art & Susan.



Last, but not least, thank you to all our stalwart helpers who made the Truss Show a great success, from the registration desk, to the management and arranging of the show tables, filling the water bottles (a horrible task), assisting the judges in their task, and to the judges, Marilyn Dawson and Don Bridgen, who did a great job for us!

## 2018 Truss Show Results

<b>Class</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Plant</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Red hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rubicon	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Markeeta's Prize	Craig Clarke
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Halfdan Lem	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Blotch/flare hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Janet Blair	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Furnivall	Don Noakes
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Persuasion	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Lax truss</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Thor	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ruby Hart	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dr. Rhodes' Seedling	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>Pink hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Point Defiance	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	King Bee	Doug Kitts
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elmer's Orphan	Chris Southwick
<b>White hybrid</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Olga	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helene Schiffner	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Champagne Lace	Chris Southwick
<b>Salmon/Orange</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naselle	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lem's Best Orange	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Apricot Fantasy	Doug Blenkarn
<b>Purple/blue</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Royal Ruffles	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Colonel Coen	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anah Kruschke	Val Harvey
<b>Yellow</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Capistrano	Sandra Dorman
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alice Street	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Golden Torch	Val Harvey
<b>Best Scented</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Loderi Venus	Susan & Art Lightburn



	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lady Alice Fitzwilliam	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Snow Queen	Craig Clarke
<b>Hammerhead</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Furnivall's Daughter	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vincent Van Gogh	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ingrid Mehlquist	Susan & Art Lightburn
<b>Alpine species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ambiguum	Susan & Art Lightburn
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Campylogynum	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diversipilosum	Linda & Paul Lawry
<b>Elepidote species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sinofalconeri	Ann & Dick Beamish
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elliottii	Ann & Dick Beamish
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Callimorphum	Chris Southwick
<b>Lepidote Species</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Oreotrephes	Linda & Paul Lawry
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Burmanicum	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>Azalea (Truss or Spray)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Koromo Shikibu	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Irene Koster	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaempferi	Susan & Art Lightburn
<b>Foliage</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Strigillosum	Chris Southwick
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quinquefolium	Chris Southwick
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yuefengense	Chris Southwick
<b>Best in Show</b>		Thor	Chris Southwick
<b>Best Scented</b>		Loderi Venus	Susan & Art Lightburn
<b>Paul Award</b>		64 points	Chris Southwick
<b>Best Hammerhead</b>		Mrs. Furnivall's Daughter	Ann & Dick Beamish
<b>People's Choice</b>		Black Widow	Ann & Dick Beamish





## 2018 Fall Horticultural Mini-Conference

**MARS** (Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society) and **NRS** (Nanaimo Rhododendron Society) are pleased to offer a day of education and enjoyment with internationally recognized gardening experts.

Seating is limited, so register early – don't miss this information-packed day!

See MARS' website for details about how to register:

<http://marsrhodos.ca/2018-fall-mini-conference/>

- Date: October 28, 2018
- Location: Parksville Community and Conference Centre  
132 Jensen Ave E, Parksville, BC V9P 2H2
- Time: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Intro
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM	Washington State University horticulture scientist Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott: Garden Myths – Facts or Fiction
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	Break
11:25 AM – 12:25 PM	Local garden expert and host of HGTV's Bugs and Blooms Donna Balzer: Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Grow Better Food Faster
12:25 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	UBC Botanical Garden associate director and curator Douglas Justice: Following the Footsteps Of Explorers In Tibet.
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Host of CFAX 1070's Gardening 101 and site manager of Abkhazi Gardens Jeff de Jong: Rhododendrons Need Friends Too!
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Comox horticulturalist Dany Fortin: Crevice Gardening

**Refreshments:** Free coffee, tea, and treats will be provided. Please bring your own bag lunch.

Don't forget to enter to win the **door prize** and check out the goodies offered in the **silent auction**!

**Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door** (but only if seats are still available)

# Register soon as space will be limited!!

### Seen in Passing.....^



- Prolonged sun shortening the rhododendron bloom life except for Faggetter's Favourite, which lasted three weeks.
- First Nations clamdiggers spending a week of low tides in Craig Bay and harvesting many pounds of clams for their food gathering and drying.
- Significant growth early in the year.
- Lots in bloom in the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden at Milner.
- One of the best plant sales we've ever had!
- Spectacular gardens that were part of our bus tour.

### Heard in Passing at the till....

- "This is the best plant sale in town, I look forward to it every year!"
- "This is so well organized!"
- "Everybody is so helpful and cheerful!"
- "Great selection of plants!"
- "I'm going to get here earlier next year!"

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

