



# The Rhodomentum

## Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Newsletter



May 2024



### President's Message

Hi Everyone,

We are now into the best part of the year as rhododendron enthusiasts. Everyone should have at least one, if not many, rhododendrons in bloom. You might be seeing one or more rhododendrons bloom for the first time, as I have here in our garden.

Some member gardens are being opened to club members for viewing – see schedule on the [NRS website](#) or on p.7 below. This is a great way to see some new plants and attractive plant combinations. Hailey Grove will have many rhododendrons in bloom and is also worth seeing (Ed. Note: many club members have contributed to the maintenance of that beautiful garden – see p.4 for the latest).

The NRS plant sale is on May 11 offering many rhododendrons and other plants, including many not usually found in garden centres. The annual truss show is the highlight of the sale – here is a chance to see a great variety of rhododendron flowers and attractive foliage. If you would like to enter a truss or more in the show, entry forms will be available at the next meeting and in this newsletter (see p.11-12).

Our last meeting had 46 people take in Garth Wedemire's talk about Finnerty Gardens, with many also participating in the photo contest. Winners of that contest will be announced at the next meeting as well as in this newsletter (See p.5-6). We also welcome two new members, Rick and Lorrie Adams who joined at the April meeting.

Our May meeting will have a presentation by the Director of Milner Gardens, Geoff Ball and NRS members John Deniseger, and Jim Cadwaladr who is currently the landscape architect for phase 2 of the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden.

Exciting news, there is currently discussion among the seven ARS District One representatives, which includes the NRS and the ARS president, for a Rhododendron Conference on the island in 2026 – however there are no details to report at this time. Before that happens, we'll get to enjoy another Fall into Gardening conference on October 27. (See p.20 for details)

Mark June 22 on your calendar for the annual NRS Potluck Social being held at 7310 Cougar Smith Road in Fanny Bay, details in the next newsletter. See you at the next meeting May 9th.

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**Our next meeting – Thursday, May 9th, at 7:30 pm**  
**"Plans for Milner Rhododendron Expansion"**  
**with Geoff Ball, Jim Cadwaladr and John Deniseger**  
**At Beban Park Social Centre**

## Our Program for May Milner Gardens & Woodland: Coming Attractions With Geoff Ball, Jim Cadwaladr and John Deniseger

Join Geoff, Jim and John to learn more about the current activities and plans for Milner Gardens & Woodland. Milner continues to grow, getting better every year, thanks in part to its strong connection to the horticultural community. The garden features over 600 rhododendrons including the original heritage collection, planted in the 50's and 60's, as well as the more than 200 rhododendrons in phase 1 of the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden (GRSG). The GRSG Advisory Group has been hard at work, laying the groundwork for our vision of an exciting new phase of the species garden featuring big leaf and tree-forming rhododendrons. If you love woodland gardening and rhododendrons, you'll want to hear more about the plans for Milner and in particular, phase 2 of this beautiful rhododendron species garden.



Geoff Ball graduated from UBC in 1991 with a BSc in microbiology and then the Horticulture Technician program at VIU in 1995. Soon after graduation, Geoff became an employee of same Horticulture program until transferring to Milner Gardens & Woodland in 1998 to take on the position of Horticulture Supervisor. In this role, Geoff oversaw the management of the grounds while coordinating construction projects as well as students and volunteers. Geoff continued to work in that role until 2006 when he took over the position of the Executive Director of the Gardens and continues in that role today. Geoff is also the President of Gardens BC, the provincial garden tourism network.

Jim Cadwaladr was born in Vancouver, BC. A retired professional Landscape Architect and certified arborist, he has been involved in all aspects of the design and development of numerous commercial, civil, and residential projects. Jim was Coordinator and Instructor in the Horticulture Technician Program at Malaspina University-College (now VIU). In that capacity, he was involved with the development of the G.R. Paine Horticulture Training Centre. Jim was the founding Executive Director of the Milner Gardens & Woodland. He lives and gardens in Nanaimo with his wife Margaret.



John Deniseger is a retired aquatic biologist (BC Premiers Legacy Award, BC Hall of Excellence), outdoor enthusiast, and long-time member of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. He is past chair of the Milner Gardens and Woodland Society Board, and chair of the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden Advisory Group. John and his wife June received the ARS Silver Medal in 2021.

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Thank you to June and John and to Wanda Brenton for bringing goodies to our upcoming May meeting.



Also for our next meeting: please bring one or two rhododendron trusses from your garden – whatever is blooming on meeting day – and you can learn a few hints and tips from some “NRS Experts” on how to select trusses to bring to the Truss Show on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## *Looking Back at Our Last Meeting...*

Garth Wedemire and Sue Grant gave an excellent presentation on Finnerty Gardens at the University of Victoria. They talked about the history and development of the gardens and shared their beautiful photographs with us.

Garth also told us about a fabulous new resource from the *RHS Rhododendron, Camelia and Magnolia Group*. It is totally amazing do check it out – four volumes as suggested by Garth – check out the link at: [RHS rhodo group](#)

In addition, there was a lot of excitement at our last meeting with a photo contest organized by our Vice-President, Dorothee Kieser. We also had a beautiful display of rhododendrons in bloom from the Lightburn's garden – thank you, Susan and Art for showing us that Spring is definitely here!

Please see p5-6 below for results of the photo contest!





## NRS Upcoming Program for the rest of the Year:

- **June:** End of Year Party on Saturday, June 22nd at Rea and Ron Sutton's place in Fanny Bay! Further details in upcoming newsletter! 😊

### Twigs and Stems: Calendar of Other Upcoming Events:

**Milner Gardens and Woodland:** Open Thursday through Sunday, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. For details, check the [Milner Website](#)

**North Island Rhododendron Society:** No meeting – show and sale on April 28<sup>th</sup>; Mother's Day Garden tour on May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society:** "The George Fraser Project" with David McIntosh, Qualicum Beach Civic Center, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm. Mother's Day Garden tour May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

**Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society:** No meeting - plant sale on May 11<sup>th</sup>; Garden Tour May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Victoria Rhododendron Society:** No meeting – show and sale on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

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## Hailey Rhododendron Grove Work Bee ~ Bowen Park

By Deborah Francis, coordinator

April in Hailey Grove at Bowen Park has been outstanding with over 40 trees in bloom. May promises to be spectacular with a rainbow of colour blooming daily! Our next work bee is on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to noon. Come and join the fun, enjoying what gardeners like the most, soaking up some sunshine amongst the blooms. **"Many hands make light work" - come and join the team!** 😊



## *Results of Photo Contest* by Dorothee Kieser

What an interesting group we are!

About 60 photos were submitted and almost each one got at least one vote. Thirty-two votes were cast which means high participation rate – far better than in any municipal, provincial, or federal election. But then, our voting was a lot more fun too!

Because of the great distribution of votes, I felt that all pictures which got more than 5 votes were “eligible” for selection. So, once I tallied everything, the winners came up as follows:

### 1) Photo 31 – 7 votes:

*R. excellens* Photographer: Susan Lightburn



A big **Thank You** to all who participated both in providing photos and in voting!

Hearty congratulations to the winners. Thank you for letting NRS use your images.

I look forward to having NRS cards, book marks and other NRS promotional material!

### 2) Photo 39 – 6 votes:

*R. calophytum* Photographer: Susan Lightburn



3) Photo 51 – 6 votes:



R. 'Horizon Monarch'

Photographers: The Beamishes

4) Photo 37 – 5 votes:



Bob Smith's garden, Comox - Photographer: Susan Lightburn

5) Photo 27- 5 votes:



R. *haematoides* Photographer: Susan Lightburn

## Upcoming Members-only Open Gardens:

We are very fortunate this spring to have a number of NRS members who have opened their gardens for our viewing pleasures – thank you Rosina for organizing these!

**Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 – 2 pm to 5 pm:** Members-only open garden at a very unique woodland and beach setting at the Lightburn residence at 1485 Bay Drive, in Nanoose, BC. Street parking only.

**Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 – 3 pm to 5 pm:** Members-only open garden at Nanaimo's charming Inner City garden, the Lynne Lepin residence, at 351 Milton Street, Nanaimo, BC. Street parking only. **Please wear your NRS name tag.**

\*\* Also, please note that these gardens are open to members only.

**On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Ann and Dick Beamish's beautiful garden:**



*Our heartfelt thanks to those great gardeners who opened their gardens to us!*

On Monday, April 15th at Chris Southwick's lovely garden:



*Thank you, Rosina, for  
all the wonderful photos!*

Did you know??? We are now on Facebook as the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. Upcoming events will be posted there and members will be able to add photographs or items of interest to members.



# Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Plant Sale

## Beban Park Centennial Building Saturday

2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

Saturday, May 11th, 2024 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



Join us for an opportunity to get a beautiful plant for your garden, for a friend or for Mother's Day!

*You will find vendors and growers from all over that specialize in rhododendrons, unique and interesting perennials, alpine and woodland plants, bulbs, seeds and much more!*

*Members enter beautiful rhododendron trusses at their own flower show. View the trusses illustrating the great variety of rhodo blooms and foliage! Judges will choose the best in each category.*

***Join us – admission is free***

For details of the event, see: <http://nanaimorhodos.ca/truss-show/>

## Annual NRS Truss Show 2024 by Jan Moles

Saturday, May 11th at Beban Park Centennial Building, 10am to 2pm



### Best in Show 2023

R. 'Douglas R. Stevens'

from the garden of

Ann & Dick Beamish

It is the Truss Show and Plant Sale time again. I hope to see you all there with as many beautiful blooms from your garden as you can find. All members are encouraged to bring trusses and enter them to the show: new members are especially welcome to participate. This year again there will be a 'Novice' class, which is for members who have never entered a truss to a rhododendron show before. So, everyone get busy preparing your entries. **Hints and tips available on the website, in this document below, and at next meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.**

THE SCHEDULE is as follows:

- Entries need to be received at the registration desk between 6pm and 8 pm on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> if at all possible please.
- If you come from afar and need to register on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, registration clerks will be available from 7:00 am and the last entries will be accepted at the registration desk at 8:00 am;
- Doors will be open from 6:30 am and entries can be set up on the preparation table just next to the registration desk.
- All entries arriving after 8am will not be entered and will be displayed on the 'display only' table.
- Judging starts at 9am.

**Please Note:** if you have favourite blooms that you would like to add to the 'display only' table they will be very welcome. Every bloom adds to the splendour.

The following can be found on the NRS website: <http://nanaimorhodos.ca/truss-show/>

- The 2024 Truss Show Classes
- The list of plants in entry classes (sorted alphabetically)
- The registration form, P1 (Entry Number, Name, Truss Name, Category/Class) – hand in at reg
- The exhibitor form, P2 (List of TRUSS names that you are entering) – for you to keep
- Our tips on preparing trusses and sprays

The registration forms are also available below.

Truss Show Registration Form – to be handed to registration clerk

Number <u>Please leave blank</u>	Entrant's Name	Truss Name	Category/Class



## Annual Plant Sale and Truss Show – held at Beban Park Centennial Building

### May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Truss Show and Plant Sale Duty List

\*\* As you can see below, many of you have already signed up to help out at our upcoming plant sale. Thank you, Rosina, for getting this organized!



#### May 10<sup>th</sup> set up – 6 pm:

Art & Susan Lightburn  
Dorothee Kieser  
Chris Southwick  
Deborah & Kevin Francis  
Valerie Harvey  
Liz and Jan  
Elaine Hutchison  
Rosina Schmidt

#### Cash Registers

Deborah & Meghan Francis;  
June & John  
Eliane Leclerc

#### Helping Vendors:

Tracy & Steve Poschner

#### NRS Tables:

Rosina Schmidt  
Chris Southwick  
Krystyna Sosulski  
Ione Brown  
April Johnston

#### Placing and removing signs:

Allen McRae

#### May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 7 am

Chris Southwick  
Liz and Jan  
Valerie Harvey

#### Raffle Table:

Gaylle McRae  
Moirra Timmons

“Many hands make light work!” If you’d like to “pitch in”, there will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting – “the more, the merrier!” 😊

#### May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 - 2pm to 4 pm and Clean Up

Krystyna Sosulski  
Margaret & Jim Caldwell  
Susan Lightburn  
Ron & Rea Sutton  
April Johnston  
Rosina Schmidt



## The rhodos that the NRS will be offering at the upcoming Plant Sale:



As you are all aware, our annual plant sale is on May 11th. The NRS needed more plants for the club's sale table as most of our rooted cuttings need more time to reach a saleable size. The club has remedied this shortage by purchasing some from Liz and Allan Murray. Here is the list of all of the rhodos that the NRS will have for sale. There will be, of course, other rhodos offered by other vendors.

### 2024 Rhodo Plants purchased by club

R. April Rose  
*R. bathyphyllum*  
R. Blutopia  
R. Butter Brickle  
R. Honeymoon  
R. Ink Spots  
R. Judy's Choice (Barlup)  
R. Langley Tranquility  
R. Lois Blackmore (Barlup)  
R. Marie Starks X Flinkii  
*R. morii* (Dr. Rhodes farm) select species  
R. Mrs. Jamie Fraser  
R. Murple's Purple  
R. Night Wind (Barlup)  
R. Peach Charm  
R. Purple Twilight  
R. Qualicum Pride  
*R. rigidum*  
R. Souselito  
R. Sun Melody  
R. Tara Too  
R. Unique marmalade  
R. Vincent Van Gogh  
R. Virgo  
R. Your Move  
*R. yuefengense*

### NRS Rooted Cuttings for May sale

R. barrio lavender  
R. Blue and Gold  
*R. bureavii*  
*R. bureavii* "Lem's Form"  
*R. campylogynum myrtiloides*  
*R. charitopes*  
*R. ciliatum*  
R. Cody  
R. Command Performance  
R. Cunningham's White  
*R. decorum*  
R. Double Winner  
R. Fire Bird  
R. Helene Schiffner  
R. ingianum  
R. Kingston  
R. Lena Patricia  
R. Meela  
*R. morii*  
*R. oredoxa forgesii*  
R. Peeping Tom  
R. Percy Wisemann  
R. Rio Carnival  
R. Seaview Sunset  
R. Tinkerbird

# An Update on our Activities at Milner



## Longmeadow Shadehouse at Milner

We've set up a weekly maintenance schedule in cooperation with MARS members – we alternate weeks. **When we put out the call for the summer, the roster filled in a few days. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help out. You guys are awesome!** 😊 If you'd like to join the team, please see John or Chris.

### Longmeadow Shadehouse Checking Crew for the upcoming months...

WEEK of:	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2
May 6	Jim Cadwaladr	Margaret Cadwaladr
May 21	Rosina Schmidt	Deborah Francis
June 3	Ione Brown	Elaine Hutchinson
June 17	Dorothee Kieser	Joyce and David Mitchell
July 1	Chris Southwick	Elaine Hutchinson
July 15	June Bouchard	John Deniseger
July 29	Ione Brown	Joyce and David Mitchell
August 12	Chris Southwick	Dorothee Kieser
August 26	Jim Cadwaladr	Margaret Cadwaladr
September 9	June Bouchard	John Deniseger

## Mark your Calendar!!!

Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society invites us to attend their **Spring Garden Tour** on May 18/24 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Participants will visit five very different private gardens from urban lot size to 20-acre properties. Tickets (\$20) are available from:

- Dinter's Garden Centre
- Volume One Books
- Buckerfields
- Old Farm Garden Centre
- Crazy Daisy at the Laughing Llama, 3090 Trans-Canada Hwy, Mill Bay

For more information, please contact [cowichanvalleyrhododendron@gmail.com](mailto:cowichanvalleyrhododendron@gmail.com).



*Stay connected - check our web page - new things added regularly!*

<http://nanaimorhodos.ca/>

## *Propagation News* By Rosina Schmidt

Yesterday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) was my watering duty at the Paine Centre. Here are a couple of examples of cuttings that are doing splendidly - I am thrilled to share them with you:

R. 'Ginny Gee' in bloom and one azalea.



Attached please find 3 more propagations photos: Wanda Brenton watering the cuttings at the Milner Gardens and Woodland shadehouse and Rosina transplanting cuttings to 2-gallon pot.





## Sad News...



Long time NRS member, Gerry Moore, passed away recently after a 3-year battle with cancer. Gerry and his wife Linda have been actively involved in our club for many years. Gerry served on the executive, including several years as treasurer. He was also a key member of the organizing committee for the 2012 ARS Conference hosted by the NRS. Gerry and Linda regularly opened their beautiful garden to club members, hosted meetings, and were active participants in all club activities.

Gerry and his infectious smile will be dearly missed... Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Linda and their family. A Celebration of Life for Gerry will be held at a later date. For more on Gerry, see his obituary [here](#)



Gerry receiving his Bronze Medal in 2013



Gerry and Linda as cashiers at our sale and show in 2019

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## A Celebration of Life for Jean Greig



**Date:** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (long weekend).  
**Time:** 4 – 6pm  
**Place:** Milner Gardens and Woodland  
**Entry:** Free for those attending  
○ Informal – gather on the front lawn at 5:00  
○ Golf Carts available from Welcome Centre  
○ Beverages and finger food will be provided.  
**Please RSVP to Chris Southwick [csouthwick99@gmail.com](mailto:csouthwick99@gmail.com)**



## *Plant of the Month* by Ron Sutton

### *Rhododendron latoucheae*

For plant of the month, I chose *R. latoucheae*, a plant I'm finally seeing bloom after three years of growing it. *Rhododendron latoucheae* belongs to a subgenus of rhododendrons called Choniastrum, previously Azaleastrum. They fit in between Azaleas and Rhododendrons. The section Choniastrum supposedly comprises eleven species, however I could only find 6 that are documented. These are *championae*, *ellipticum*, *hancockii*, *latoucheae*, *moulmainense* and *stamineum*. I have 3 of the listed species. *R. latoucheae* is found in Guangdong, Jiangxi and Zhejiang regions in China.

These plants have shiny, smooth, scaleless green, evergreen leaves. Mine started blooming here in the second week of April, producing small trusses of 3 to 5, 1.5-inch pale bluish pink flowers. They are documented to be fragrant, but I couldn't detect it, probably due to the cool outside temperature. It isn't particularly fast growing, but is supposed to be 1-3m high in ten years. It can handle full sun, but my plant gets some afternoon shade.

The remarkable trait of this plant, however, is the new leaves will open a colourful peach colour, before turning green, and then in early fall, change to purple and bright red.

Choniastrum plants are listed as being somewhat tender. 'The Pocket Guide to Rhododendron Species' has them all rated as H 1-2. The ARS page has *R. latoucheae* listed hardy to -12°C. Mine has never been protected, or damaged, even after exposure to -10°C. Same can be said for *R. Choniastrum R. stamineum*, also in the garden. *R. latoucheae* is rare in the trade. The only current source is the RSBG, and it is seldom offered.

First photo taken April 14, 2024



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*"Don't knock the weather: nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." - Kin Hubbard*

*Of interest to our gardening community* from Chris Southwick

At a recent ARS Board meeting, I heard about the following Rhododendron Blog:

<https://www.rhododendron.org/blog/default.asp>

It looks really interesting. Check it out and you're bound to find interesting information and articles. Here's an example:

## Florist or Grocery Store Azaleas (13 April 2024 @ 11:38 | Posted by Admin)



Potted azaleas are often sold at florists' shops and grocery stores. Frequently, they are gifted to people as a blooming houseplant. This article discusses if these azaleas are viable long-term, and will they bloom again?

Like winter-time poinsettias, azaleas purchased from florists or grocery stores typically are grown as short-lived houseplants. They are forced to flower in greenhouses with a tightly controlled growing environment, and it's a shock to the plant's system when it experiences the much different temperature, humidity, and light conditions in your home. Once the blooms fade, these plants typically get thrown away.

Proper care can extend the life of your plant. When you first bring your florist's azalea home from the store, remove any decorative outer foil or other wrapping from around

the pot as this can inhibit drainage.

Select a location with bright, indirect light, where the temperature is between 60 to 70°F. Avoid placing it in areas that have dramatic temperature fluctuations.

Potted azaleas bought from stores usually are grown in peat moss that provides good drainage and correct acidic growth conditions. However, peat can dry out quickly if you forget to water the pot. If the potting medium feels bone-dry and plant leaves have drooped, immerse the plant pot in a container of lukewarm water for 15 minutes and afterwards drain the excess water from the pot.

Watering is a common reason for potted azaleas to die. The soil medium should not be too soggy or too dry. Allow the top half inch of potting mix to dry between waterings. Ideally, one should use bottled water or rainwater to hydrate your plant, as municipal water often is too alkaline.

Florist azaleas are almost always Southern Indicas varieties, and generally they cannot tolerate low temperatures. If low temperature is not a concern in your area, then with proper care they can be maintained to bloom again.

After the blooms fade, replot your plant into a larger container with drainage holes using an acidic soil mixture with a pH of 4.5 to 6.0. Purchased potting soil specifically designated for rhododendrons and azaleas works well. Deadhead the spent flowers and prune out any broken, dead, or diseased branches.

In order for these plants to bloom again, they need a chilling period of about two months with temperatures between 40 to 50°F. Commercial growers achieve this by keeping the plants in a controlled environment. One can replicate this by placing your plant in the basement or other suitable location. Reduce watering during this period, but do not allow the soil to completely dry out. After two months of cooler temperatures, move your plant back to a location with 60 to 70°F temperatures.

During the spring/summer months, the plant can be grown outdoors in a protected area. Harden it off gradually over the course of a week to 10 days, by placing the plant outdoors for increasing amounts of time. Fertilize with a product for acid-loving plants during active growth.

Bring your florist's azalea back indoors before first frost as exposure to low temperatures, even for a short time, will kill the plant. Bring it indoors for increasing amounts of time over the course of a week.





# 2024 Fall into Gardening

*“Planning for the Future”*

**MARS** (Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society), **NRS** (Nanaimo Rhododendron Society), and **VIMGA** (Vancouver Island Master Gardeners Association) are pleased to offer a day of education and enjoyment with internationally recognized gardening experts.

**Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door**

See NRS website for details about how to register in September: <http://nanaimorhodos.ca/>

- Date: **Sunday, October 27, 2024**
- Location: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre  
747 Jones St. Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 1S7
- Time: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM	Introductory Remarks
10:05 AM – 11:00 AM	Nancy Moore: <b>“Creating Microclimates and Appropriate Tree Selection for Small Gardens”</b>
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Break
11:20 AM – 12:15 PM	Daniel Mosquin: <b>“Using Science to Inform Gardening Decisions”</b>
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:10 PM	Steve Hootman: <b>“Interesting New Rhododendron Species for Changing Gardens”</b>
2:10 PM – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM – 3:25 PM	Jeff de Jong: <b>“A Garden Revival – Design for a Sustainable Landscape”</b>
3:25 PM – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks

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



# Rhododendron Glossary...



We've been building our very own collection of terms related to rhododendrons, one word at a time. Each month, we've added a new word or term to the glossary. This is the last installment for this feature. Hope you enjoyed it!

## This month's words: Rhododendrons vs Azaleas (why didn't we think of this one before? 😊)

This is one of those questions that we get all the time – what's the difference between an azalea and a rhododendron? Hint: it's not based on leaf or plant size – although azaleas do tend to be smaller.

Remember that azaleas are a sub-group within the genus Rhododendron, rather than being a genus of their own. Rhododendron flowers have 10 stamens whilst azalea flowers only have 5 stamens. Azaleas have appressed hairs which is hair parallel to the surface of the leaf. Instead of having hair, most rhododendrons are often scaly or have dots underneath the leaves.

### Refer to previous issues for ....

April 2024: **Calyx and sepal**

March 2024: **Bud Blight**

February 2024: **Clone and Grex**

January 2024: **Hammerhead**

December 2023: **Chlorosis**

November 2023's word: **senescence**

October 2023's words: **Elepidote and Lepidote**

September 2023's word: **tomentum**

June 2023's word: **indumentum**

May 2023's word: **truss**

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View from the 'Great Lawn' at Milner Gardens on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>! ...And at the Plant Sale on the 11<sup>th</sup>!*