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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington, will be the speaker at our next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. He will be speaking on his "recent expedition to the volatile regions of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh in N.E. India." There they "explored many unknown areas and found a tremendous diversity of plants in addition to some great adventures."

Start thinking about the Christmas get together and auction in December.

Now that the fall rains are here, one can stop watering on a regular basis. With frost just around the corner, protect your less hardy plants. I just took in my semitropical plants off the deck last week. See you on the 2nd. Allen.

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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY – November 2, 2004

Beban Park – Rooms 7 & 8

7:30 p.m.

SPEAKER

Steve Hootman

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

SNACKS

**BRENDA
CHRIS
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RAFFLE

NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONTH

\$ TABLE

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VICTORIA'S 25th ANNIVERSARY



ARS CONVENTION

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

2005



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Growers of Specialty Rhododendrons

Steve Hootman

November Speaker

Will be speaking on his recent expedition to the volatile regions of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh in NE India. He explored many unknown areas and found a tremendous diversity of plants in addition to some great adventures.

Steve Hootman is the Co-Executive Director & Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. He has participated in or led numerous expeditions into the remote regions of Asia looking for rare and new taxa of rhododendrons and other plants and is considered to be one of the world authorities on the genus. He is also an expert, active collector and promoter of related genera in the Ericaceae including such things as *Vaccinium*, *Agapetes* and *Gaultheria*.

Don't be scared off by his credentials - he is an excellent speaker and speaks so that we, non scientists, can readily understand and enjoy his presentation.

ARS Convention in Victoria

April 27 – May 1 2005

By Craig Clarke

Dean Goard of the Victoria chapter came to our September meeting to give us a preview of the international convention that his chapter has been planning for several years. It will coincide with the silver anniversary of the chapter.

The convention will feature a very impressive list of speakers put together by Norm Todd. There will also be a plant sale and tours of local gardens.

There is a direct link from our club web page to the Victoria web page describing the convention: <http://victoria.tc.ca/Recreation/Ars2005/> Have a look at this site to read more details about the speakers and the conference.

Plan to attend this convention as it promises to be a memorable one. I remember the 1989 ARS convention in Victoria as the best of all the ones I have seen. Watch for registration forms in your winter issue of the ARS Journal.

November meeting

November 2, Tuesday

Rooms 7 & 8 - Beban Park

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society
General Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2004

Meeting called to order by President Allen McRae at 7:30 pm. 36 Members and guests present.

President's report: Memberships are due, please pay tonight!
Don't forget next month's meeting is November 2.

Dean Goard, President of Victoria ARS Chapter gave a short presentation on the ARS Convention, to be held in Victoria April 27 – May 1, 2005. Volunteers will be welcome to help; an email address will be provided to contact them.

Secretary's report: M/S/C to adopt minutes of last meeting. Correspondence from Royal Horticultural Society regarding International Rhododendron Register; pre-order available; Butchart Gardens re garden tours.

Treasurer's Report: General account \$3,620.46. Legacy Account \$156.24. Library fund \$216.05.

Committees:

Program November 2 – Steve Hootman from Rhododendron Species Foundation
December 9 – Christmas party and auction
January 13 – Michael Miller will speak on his trip to Nepal
February 10 – Dr. Roy Taylor, past curator of UBC Botanical Garden, Chicago Botanical Garden, Santa Ana Botanical Garden; speaking on Creating a Garden

Social A few more volunteers are needed for goodies for the meeting. Please sign up. Please bring your own cup to the meetings.

Library M/S/C to order a copy of the International Rhododendron Register

Newsletter There was a problem with the newsletter distribution this month. You can always go to our website at Nanaimo.Rhodos.ca and see the current and past newsletters. Any problems downloading the newsletter please contact Craig Clarke.

Membership Membership fees are due now.

Old Business: Species Foundation order has been filled and will be delivered to UBC Botanical Garden in the last week of October. A volunteer is needed to pick up the order from UBC.

Next Executive meeting is October 28 at Anne Williamson's house.

Doorprize winners: June Bouchard, Debbie Gaboury, Paul Lawry, Gary Aneka, Janet Atkinson.

Nametag draw: Ray Lauzier

Raffle winners: Bill Hardy, Michael Miller, Craig Clarke, Debbie Gaboury, Anne Williamson, Ray Lauzier.

Speaker: Ingeborg Wordsworth from Mayo Creek Gardens on Rhododendrons Around the World.
An excellent presentation with a little history, humour and photos.