

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

November is a good time to move rhododendrons if you think some need more room or a different exposure.

Membership renewals are due this month, so if you haven't renewed yet, please contact Debbie Gaboury at our November meeting in order to pay your dues.

I received a letter from Bill Dale asking if our club members would donate 20 rhododendrons for planting along the highway into Ucluelet. Our members donated plants five years ago, as did other clubs on the island.

We are looking for a volunteer to contact the local nurseries for donations to our Christmas auction. If you are willing to help, please let me know.

The order for plants from the Rhododendron Species Foundation was placed after our October meeting. The plants will be delivered to UBC on November 2nd and I plan to pick them up on November 6th.

Harry Wright is our speaker this month and always gives us a good program. See you at the meeting.

Craig

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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2006

BEBAN PARK

7:30 PM

HARRY WRIGHT

LIFE IN A RHODO GARDEN

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TWIGS AND STEMS



Goodies for November meeting:

Val Harvey
Ann Davey
Brenda Lewis



Membership Fees are due!

Please bring your membership to the fall meeting or mail to the club address on the first page of the newsletter.

Individual - \$35
Family - \$45
Associate - \$15



2007 ARS Annual Convention

The Northern California Chapters invite you to attend the 2007 annual convention, "Rhododendrons at the Golden Gate," April 12 - 15, 2007, with an optional post-conference tour April 16 through 18. The convention features outstanding tours of private and public gardens, featured speakers, and workshops for both beginner and experienced rhododendron enthusiasts

Watch the ARS Journal for information



Victoria Flower Arrangers' Guild

Christmas

Floral Fantasy

November 17th 12 – 8 & 18th 10 – 5
Cadboro Bay United Church Hall
2625 Arbutus Road
Victoria

Admission \$5
Christmas Tea \$3

Coming and Going – by Glenda Barr

Farewell to Philip and Joy Paull

We will greatly miss the tremendous contributions of our dear friends Philip and Joy who have just moved to Quesnel for a new adventure in zone 3 gardening. They freely shared knowledge, plants and their wonderful garden with out members, to say nothing of Philip's almond cookies, peanut brittle, sticky buns and sausage rolls! We are grateful for all of this and wish them well in their new home.

They have a verbal agreement, which should have been formalized at this point (the owners had a deal on another property at the end of October, subject to this sale), to purchase a house next door to their son's place. This includes an acre or so around the house, and a treed slope going down to a ravine. There are trails to a creek, and the property borders on parkland, giving them a peaceful setting. A heritage garden planted with many "rescued" plants is located in the park next door. This garden will most likely benefit greatly from the relocation of these generous gardeners. Any of us who have visited the Paull's know what kinds of marvellous plants have been given away as surplus! The new property now has just a few flower beds and an old greenhouse that needs replacing, so the landscape around the house will be largely a new canvas to work on. On that subject, Philip has purchased a new supply of paints, and plans to make more time for his painting when they are settled in their new home.

Philip and Joy were heading up to Quesnel on October 16th, with their household goods, dog and a pickup full of plants having gone on ahead of them. Their Cassidy property, with its collection of about 700 rhododendrons, has been sold to a Ladysmith couple who are not very experienced gardeners, so they have a learning experience ahead of them!

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New Member – Earl Daneluk

New Members – Anne and Royce Tennant

Earl Daneluk heard about our club through Paul and Linda Lawry and decided to join us after attending our spring show and sale. He came from Calgary and settled here with his wife about 2 ½ years ago. Encouraged by a whole new selection of plants he could grow, he set out as a one man army to tackle his virgin acre, digging rocks and planting, among other things, about 125 rhododendrons. He enjoys the hybrids, and especially the big-flowered trusses. Two of his favourites are Pt. Defiance and Nancy Evans. He is watering his plantings by hand, which his retirement allows him the time to do. In joining the NRS, Earl looks forward to gaining knowledge, meeting people and enjoying garden tours. We welcome Earl to our club.



Anne and Royce Tennant are actually former members who have returned to the club. In 1998, they were traveling in New Zealand at renewal time and just didn't get around to coming back after their return. They are happy to be back, and Royce particularly looks forward to hearing some of the plant explorers speak about their travels. Anne has more general interests, and while she would like to learn more about rhododendrons, she is interested in all garden topics. They garden on a city lot, having come here from Ontario to retire 11 years ago. Gardening in this area has been a big change for them, coming from a ½ acre garden with beautiful loam and no deer to our milder climate, acid soil and plenty of hungry deer. Rhododendrons were a natural choice for landscaping, because of the deer and the acid soil, and many of the other plants that were nibbled too often by the deer have been replaced by rhododendrons. Anne and Royce have hybrids). They favour large, showy flowers on plants that are hardy and healthy, without too much fussing needed. Some favourites that have done well for them are: Hurricane, Pt. Defiance, Grace Seabrook, Fabia and Gartendirektor Rieger. While they do not have space for new plants, they occasionally need to replace less successful rhododendrons with new ones. Many of the rhodos in their landscape are mixed with other plantings, while some are planted as individual specimens. We welcome Royce and Anne back to the club.

Image of Rhododendron 'Grace Seabrook'



Photo by Eleanor Philp

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| Seed Parent x Pollen Parent: | The Honourable Jean Marie de Montague x strigillosum |
| Predominate Flower Color: | Red |
| Flower / Truss Description: | Flower funnel-shaped, 3" across, currant red at margins shading at center to blood red. Held in tight, ball-shaped truss of about 12 flowers. |
| Bloom Time: | Early Midseason |
| Height (ft.) in 10 Yrs: | 4 |
| Cold Hardiness Temperature: | -5°F (-21°C) |

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| Foliage Description / Plant Habit: | Leaves are large, pointed, very thick and dark green with sparse indumentum. |
| Elepidote (E) or Lepidote (L): | E |
| Hybridizer: | Seabrook |
| <u>Registration Reference:</u> | ARS 654 |

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society - Minutes of October 12th 2006 Regular Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Craig Clarke, at 7:34pm.
2. **Secretary's report.** M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Linda Lawry agreed to take minutes as Kathryn was home sick.
3. **Treasurer's report:** The balance in the general account is \$3271.49
It was M/S/C to adopt the treasurer's report as read.
4. **Committee Reports:**
Program November speaker is Harry Wright. Chris is trying to find a time for Steve Hootman.
Membership-deadline is November 30 to renew memberships & receive winter issue of ARS journal.
Dollar table – there are lots of plants including many that Liisa Rullo & Paula Shemming have brought on behalf of Philip & Joy Paull who are moving to Quesnel.
5. **Old business**
Craig Clarke reminded members to give him orders for plants from the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Craig will issue invoices once his credit card statement comes in.
6. **New Business.** Craig Clarke asked for a volunteer to coordinate collection of donations for the Christmas auction.
7. **Executive meeting** will be hosted by Linda & Paul Lawry on October 19th at 7pm.
8. **Door prize winners** – .Ann Davey, Charles Hardy, Debbie Gaboury, Ann Williamson & Ann Tennant.
Name Tag Draw – Donna Porter, Liisa Rullo.
Raffle Draw – Debbie Gaboury, Chris Southwick, Ann Williamson, Craig Clarke, Helene Sullivan, Barbara Little, Ted Little, Michael Miller, Ann Tennant & Earl Daneluk.
9. **Program.** Chris introduced Kristi Ozero who gave a very interesting presentation on gardening with deer.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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2006 Rhododendron of the Year Awards Northwestern Region

Elepidote Rhododendron: 'Point Defiance'

R. 'Anna' x R. 'Marinus Koster'

Flower white in center, edged purplish-red on all lobes, fading in time to nearly pure white, of heavy substance, widely funnel-shaped, 4-1/2" across. Buds are strong red colored. Held in trusses with 15 to 17 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves elliptic, mucronate apex, rounded base, 7-1/4" long, recurved edges, leathery, impressed mid-rib, dark green. Upright plant habit. Grows to a typical height of 6 ft. in 10 yrs. Cold hardy to -5°F (-21 °C). Hybridized by Lem.



Photo by Don Wallace



Lepidote Rhododendron: 'Wee Bee'

R. 'Patricia' x R. *keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy'

Flower vivid red shading to pink in throat, red rays down each lobe, wavy lobes, openly funnel-shaped, 1-1/2" across. Held in lax trusses of 3-5 flowers. Blooms early midseason. Leaves elliptic, acute apex, cuneate base, 1-3/16" long, bronzy-red in fall. Rounded, dense, very compact habit. Low growing to a height of 1 ft. in 10 years. Plant is cold hardy to 5°F (-15°C). Hybridized by Berg. Won an Award of Excellence from the ARS in 1989.

Photo by Kenneth Cox

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Evergreen Azalea: 'Silver Sword'

R. 'Girard's Rose' sport

Flower strong purplish-red, unmarked, openly funnel-shaped, wavy lobed, about 2" across. Dome-shaped inflorescence with 5-7 trusses, each 2-8 flowered. Blooms midseason. Leaves narrowly elliptic to elliptic, irregularly shaped, 1-1/2" to 2" long, glossy, sparsely hairy, variegated white and green, tinged red in fall, retained 2 years. Upright, broad, well-branched plant. Grows to a typical height of 2 ft in 10 yrs. Cold hardy to 0°F (-18°C). Discovered by Meivogel.



Photo by Harold Greer



Deciduous Azalea: 'Washington State Centennial'

(R. *occidentale* x R. *cumberlandense*) x R. 'Santiam'

Flower light orange paling to white, with prominent strong orange-yellow blotch and discontinuous strong pink edge and veins, tubular funnel-shaped, very deeply ruffled edges, 3-1/2" across, fragrant. Ball-shaped truss holds 10-12 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves elliptic and narrowly obovate, apiculate, cuneate, 3-7/8" long, revolute, glossy, moderate yellow-green. Upright, open growth habit. Grows to a height of 5 ft. in 10 yrs. Hardy to -10°F (-23°C). Hybridized by Mossman. Selected by the Washington State Centennial Commission to honor 100 years of statehood.

Photo by Harold Greer