

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings all:

I am taking this opportunity to thank Kathryn Grant for her hard work and dedication in publishing our monthly Newsletter and for reminding me each month to submit the President's message. Many thanks Kathryn for a job well done! Also, a thank you to Craig Clarke for his work on the NRS Website and his willingness to help whenever needed.

We are quickly approaching the month of December when we hold our annual World Famous - **"Pot Luck Dinner & Christmas Auction"**. **Donations for the auction will be gratefully accepted - bring a plant or two or something new to be auctioned.**

Meanwhile, our annual membership fees are due ASAP. The Canadian Dollar is going down, down, down, which means the longer we wait to send in the money to the ARS, the more it is going to cost (we have to send US funds).

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 13th.

Cheers, Paul

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## NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE

7:30 pm

TOM CARTER  
"THE RHODODENDRON FORESTS OF NEPAL  
a walk in paradise..."

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## TWIGS AND STEMS



GOODIES FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Michael Miller  
Reinhold Gorgosilich  
Lilian Peters

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE!

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

Bring your membership to the November meeting  
or mail to the club address (on Page 1)

## VICTORIA FLOWER ARRANGERS' GUILD "Christmas Floral Fantasy"

Friday November 14 noon – 8 pm  
Saturday November 15 10 am – 5 pm  
Cadboro Bay United Church Hall  
2625 Arbutus Road  
Victoria

Admission \$5  
Tea service \$3  
Demonstrations throughout the 2 days

### Our November Speaker Tom Carter

Tom Carter will present slides from a recent reconnaissance of the rhodo forests on the lower slopes of the Annapurna Range. Carter, a local organiser of Himalayan treks, said: "With the snow peaks towering above, these vast forests offer weeks of walking through the most beautiful floral display on earth."

## Ninety-Three Acres On Clayoquot Island Protected By TLC Conservation Covenant

The old growth forest on Clayoquot Island (also known as Stubbs Island) will now be protected forever, since The Land Conservancy has registered a conservation covenant on the property. The conservation covenant covers 70 percent of the Island, and is the first step toward future measures that will see the entire Island protected.

Valued at over \$4 million dollars, the covenant on Clayoquot Island is the largest single gift ever received by TLC. The owner and donor, Susan Bloom, made the gift under the federal Ecological Gifts Program. It is Susan's intention to see the Island's significant natural and heritage values protected for all time.

"We have been collaborating with Ms. Bloom since 2005 to protect the Island from the possibility of future development," says TLC's Executive Director, Bill Turner. "We are committed to protecting the Island in years to come, and it is wonderful to know that now the beauty of this special place will remain forever."

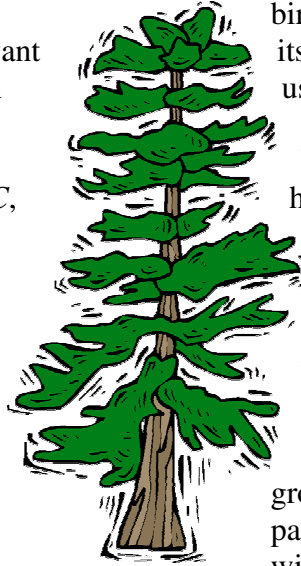
Clayoquot Island is located near Tofino, at the entrance to Clayoquot Sound. Long used by the local First Nations, it was also the original site of European settlement in the area and a once thriving Japanese-Canadian community. The Island contains a mature old growth Coastal Hemlock forest, second growth forest, beaches, sand dunes, forest boardwalks and extensive gardens.

Clayoquot Island has become a wildlife refuge to many species of animals. Seasonal changes to the tides make it possible for larger animals to swim across the strait from the mainland. Bears, cougars and wolves are occasional visitors. An assortment of birds thrives on the Island, including Brant Geese during the spring migration on their only pit stop along their 6,000 mile journey to the North Pole. Since the 1990s, the Island has been open to visitors

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on a limited basis, usually on the May long weekend of each year.

A conservation covenant is one of the primary options for landowners who want to preserve natural or cultural places in BC. A covenant is a voluntary, legal agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization, such as *TLC*, in which the landowner promises to protect the land in specific ways. The promises the landowner makes will be attached on title to the land forever, regardless of who owns the land. In return, the conservation organization agrees to monitor the covenant and ensure that the objectives of the agreement are being maintained.



In the case of Clayoquot Island, the conservation covenant ensures that the old growth forest, historic Japanese Village site, and valuable shoreline for bird-nesting habitat on this property will remain in its natural state. In the future the property could be used for educational and recreational purposes.

The terms outlined in the covenant were decided by Ms. Bloom herself. *TLC* will be working with her to make sure her goals are maintained over the years.

*TLC* is a registered charity and land trust protecting natural areas and cultural landmarks in BC. Since 1997, *TLC* has protected over 100,000 acres of sensitive and threatened lands around BC, involving more than 200 projects. *TLC* has grown to include over 7,000 members, and is now part of an international network of National Trusts with over 7 million members.



Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it,  
and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.  
:: *George Eliot*

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## Incredible Northern India Garden Tour 2009

Incredible India, where gardens, monuments and traditions meet is an unforgettable experience and [www.gardeningtours.com](http://www.gardeningtours.com) is proud to offer this unique, one of a kind tour for just ten people February 28th – March 4th, 2009.

You arrive and depart from Delhi where King George V moved the capital to from Calcutta and engaged Sir Edward Lutyens to design a plan for the city. Today New Delhi is full of parks and gardens as a result. The most famous one being the Mughal Gardens, which is open for only a few days each year and where we will be visiting. Among other sights we will visit in New Delhi is Humayun's Tomb, a beautiful red sandstone building topped by a magnificent marble dome topped in copper, surrounded by gardens, fountains and water and the very unique Lotus Shaped Baha'ai Temple surrounded by pools representing the floating leaves of the lotus. We also visit much more here including Lodhi Garden known for its fountains, ponds, flowering trees, blossoming shrubs and glass dome.

Agra brings us to one of the Seven Wonders of the World – the Taj Mahal. So overwhelming is the exquisite beauty and presence of this marble mausoleum that built by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his her 14th child. Shah Jahan spent 22 years in the finest and purest marble, and Flowers remain the main decorative element surrounded by its own garden, itself a Agra Fort, first built as a military structure majesty of an imperial palace.



centuries later it is still called the City of the Taj. It was favourite wife, Mumtaz Hahal, who died giving birth to completing this tomb and memorial and it is decorated ornamented like a jewel box with precious gems. as the tomb depicts a paradise garden. The Taj is symbol of a paradise garden. We shall also visit the but over time acquiring the elegance, lavishness and

We visit the now UNESCO World Heritage Site, Fatehpur Sikri, a city built in red sandstone by Emperor Akbar to commemorate the birth of his son four hundred years ago. Jaipur, the jewel in the desert sands of Rajasthan, as remarkable for its marvelous architecture and town planning as it is for the lively spirit of the people who live here. Widely known as the 'Pink City', it was colour washed pink to welcome Prince Albert, the consort of Queen Victoria, when he visited in 1883. Here we will also visit the beautiful garden Sisodia Rani Ka Bagh, a symbol of love from a Maharajah to his Sisodia Queen. Layered gardens, fountains, painted pavilions and galleries will delight you.

The Amber Palace, dating from 1592 is the classic romantic Rajasthani fort palace. Its forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise of Mughal and Hindu styles. We also visit the City Palace Museum and for science lovers, the Jantar Mantar, an observatory built by the founder of Jaipur in 1728 and still in use today.

We fly to Jodhpur, a fortified city, and visit the beautiful landscaped Mandore Garden featuring dewals or cenotaphs of former rulers and built along the lines of a Hindu temple. We include a visit to the Mehrangarh Fort, housing several palaces known for their intricate carvings and sprawling courtyards and one of the largest forts in India. The richly carved white marble Jaswant Thada sits on the grounds of exquisitely carved gazebos, a multi tiered garden and a small lake.

We fly to Udaipur, one of the most romantic cities of Rajasthan and a kaleidoscope of fairy tale palaces, temples, and gardens. We also enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola to Jag Mandir Island. The principal structure is a domed sandstone pavilion which contains beautiful rooms fronted by stone elephants and gardens. No visit would be complete without seeing Sahelion-Ki-Bari, or the ladies garden. It is believed the garden was created for his wife's dowry which included 48 maidens. A fantasy garden full of flowers, well laid court yards and lotus pools studded with water fountains and guarded by four marble elephants, each carved out of a single piece of stone!

This very special land tour will also include 12 nights in Deluxe hotels comprising 5 star and heritage, daily breakfast, 12 lunches and 7 dinners, 3 domestic flights within India, entrance fees, English speaking tour escort, demonstrations of marble, carpet weaving, block printing and gem cutting, tips for guides and drivers and incredible memories!

Land only per person sharing is \$5,080.00 CDN, single supplement is \$2,452.00 CDN

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We can also arrange air out of Toronto or Vancouver and with that you will also have complimentary pick up at the airport in Delhi and return to airport at the end of the tour. REMEMBER, just 10 people so please get your reservation in to hold your space. Email [donna@icangarden.com](mailto:donna@icangarden.com) for further information and check the full day by day itinerary out at [www.gardeningtours.com](http://www.gardeningtours.com) Toll free is 1-866-642-7120

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## NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY OCTOBER 9, 2008 General Meeting

Meeting: Called to order at 7:35 PM

# Members: 30

Guests: None

President: NRS Information cards are available for members to distribute.  
Pamphlets will be available for distribution to Nurseries/Garden Shops  
A Reminder: members to encourage friends/relatives to attend NRS meetings.

Secretary: Approval of Minutes of Last meeting as published in the Newsletter

Correspondence –

Cheque from Richard & Linda White renewing their membership  
Malaspina University-College naming the recipient of the NRS bursary  
Letter of thanks from Harmony Koiter for the Bursary Award  
Bookmarks from Malaspina University-College  
Pamphlet: ARS International Convention – April – May 3, 2009  
Phytophthoras – garden devastation by Ian Wright presentation at:  
Beban Park - October 27, 7pm – 9:15pm



Treasurer: September balance: \$2643.11 – October \$2934.03

Committees:

- Program – November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – speaker will be Tom Carter: “The Rhododendron Forests of Nepal... a walk in Paradise ...”
- Membership – Fees due by End of October
- Social – Was suggested that members bring their own plates/utensils to potlucks
- Library – No report
- Advertising – No report
- 2012 Convention – No report
- Dollar Table – Need to have more donations
- Raffle Table – No report – donations gladly accepted

Membership - No questions, remarks etc.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting – Barb Coy’s House: October 23, 08 – 7pm