

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



NOVEMBER 2010



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We were at the Western Regional Conference in Florence over the Thanksgiving weekend. There were 10 of us from the NRS in attendance and we all really enjoyed ourselves. The Florence conference energized our own 2012 Conference planning committee with lots of ideas. We also had some great discussions with the Florence team.

Looking ahead to December, it's time for our annual Christmas auction. You may have a plant that has outgrown your garden, a companion plant or other suitable item to donate to the auction. We're also looking for volunteers to help in picking up donated items from local businesses. Any help would be appreciated.

There's always something to do in the garden. This is a good time to head to the beach to gather bags of seaweed as a great mulch.

Don't forget that our next meeting has been moved to Wednesday November 10th. See you then.

John

EXECUTIVE

President	John Deniseger	390-3605
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COMMITTEES

Advertising	vacant	
Library	Ann Beamish	758-2574
Newsletter	Kathryn Grant	245-7879
Membership	Debbie Gaboury	
Program	Glenda Allard Barr	390-2822
Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey	
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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE 7:30 pm

GORDON MACKAY

'Companion Plants for Rhododendrons'

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TWIGS and STEMs



GOODIES FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Craig Clarke
Chris Southwick
Dorothee Kieser

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

The November NRS meeting will take place on
Wednesday November 10, as Beban is closed on
November 11.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Individual \$40
Family \$45

CLUB DISCOUNT

Remember to show your membership card
before ringing in your purchase at the garden
centers, and check to see if they are still
honouring our club discount.

NRS TRIP TO MILNER GARDENS

Saturday, October 30
11 am
Meet at the upper parking lot for a walk
through the fall colour. Admission by
donation.

TOOLS FOR SALE

Michael Miller has generously donated a package of used power tools to the N.R.S. to help our fundraising efforts. Some of the tools have been sold. I've added a few more to the list which were omitted last month. If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, please give John a call. The tools are all in excellent condition and include:

1. Craftsman Planer (3 5/8) - \$50 **SOLD**
2. Skil Vari Orbit Scroll Saw - \$60 **SOLD**
3. A selection of wood chisels 1/2, 3/4, 1 and 2 inches (freshly sharpened)- \$15
4. Craftsman Router 25,000 RPM, 7.5 amp, including 14 shaping bits - \$45
comes complete with Plate Edge Jointer kit and dovetail joint fixture
5. 4 1/2 inch handplane \$15
6. Black and Decker Belt Sander, including 17 new belts \$60 **SOLD**
7. Chisel and plane sharpener \$15
8. Whetstone kit (fine, medium, coarse) \$15
9. Turfcare 2 gallon pressure sprayer \$20
10. Zinc garden plant tags (14 at 13 inches high, 6 at 9 inches high) \$10

OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER GORDON MACKAY

On Wednesday, November 10th, Gordon MacKay of Alba Plants will present a program on companion plants for rhododendrons. Gordon is coming up from Cowichan Bay, and will be bringing plants for sale.



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Conference Corner

**Rhodos in Paradise:
Destination Vancouver Island
September 21 – 23, 2012**

The Nanaimo Chapter of the ARS was out in force at the Florence, Oregon, Fall Regional Conference on the weekend of October 8th and 9th. We had ten of our members plus a few associate members in attendance. Members did their best to spread the word about our upcoming conference and we were certainly given some very positive indications that people are eager to come to Nanaimo. The NRS committee members have many things to discuss from this experience and were given excellent support and suggestions by the Florence organizing committee.

Planning for the upcoming fundraiser Spring Garden Tour is under way – June and Gayle met with Art Lightburn on October 20th and learned a great deal from Art's experience with the MARS garden tour. Members will be asked to consider opening their gardens for the tour. Revenue from this Spring Garden Tour will go towards supporting the expenses of the 2012 Conference.



NRS members enjoying Fall Colour Days at Milner Gardens

The Cyber-gardener!

www.myveggiepatch.com offers all the thrills and spills of cultivating your very own crop of turnips without any of the attendant dirt or hard work. Those with herbaceous hankerings can log on and order a personalized vegetable patch, specifying which vegetables they wish to grow, and in what quantity. The patch is then planted at a real farm in Suffolk, England, allowing the proud owner to log on at to see how the crop is doing.

When harvested, the goods are delivered to your home. The cost? Up to £995 (\$1454) for an organic patch.

Stow the Mower

MAN FACES CHARGES FOR CUTTING LAWN (Connecticut) - A city man who allegedly cut a neighbour's lawn because he thought it was an eyesore was charged with trespassing, police said.

Ken Costello, 49, was charged on a warrant with first-degree criminal trespass concerning a recent incident in which the owner of an Opal Street business complained that someone trimmed his trees and cut his grass without permission.

The property owner reported to police that he suspected Costello, who operates an adjacent business, had completed the unauthorized landscaping, the arrest warrant affidavit says. Costello had been told to stay off the property that he entered to cut the grass, police said.

When police questioned Costello, he denied cutting trees but admitted he had cut the grass, saying he did so because "he thought it was an eyesore," the warrant affidavit says.

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NRS Meetings Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 14th, 2010

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40
2. Number of people present: approx. 45
3. President, John Deniseger, welcomed guests: Bob Wright from the Vancouver Chapter, now an "Associate" of the NRS; also welcomed new member, Doug Kitts.

4. President's report:

- Thank you Reinhold for the well attended propagation workshop on September 19th.
- Please join us for a fall colour tour of Milner Gardens at 11:00 on Saturday, October 30th. We will meet in the parking lot for an informal visit to the garden. Let's hope for sunshine! Admission by donation.
- Briggs plants honouring our 10% increase in membership have arrived. We received a box with 36 beautiful rhodos in it. The executive will discuss how the plants will be used.
- A reminder that new members can get a free plant from the table at the front – thanks Reinhold for providing these plants.
- Thank you Michael Miller for donating the proceeds from the sale of his tools to the ARS 2012 conference funds. More tools will be listed in the upcoming newsletter.
- Please check the latest membership list at the front table and make sure your information is accurate.
- Our December auction is coming up. Please let a member of the executive know if you're able to help with picking up donations. Members are asked to consider donating items for the auction.
- Bill Bischoff from the Fraser South Chapter has given us packages of cyclamen seeds. You can purchase an envelope for \$2.00 from the bargain table at the back.
- **An important reminder that our November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 10th because of Remembrance Day on the Thursday.**

5. **Secretary's Report:** M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter.

6. Correspondence:

- A lovely letter with photos from Joy and Philip Paull, longtime members of our club who moved to Quesnel a few years ago. Thank you, Glenda, for reading the letter to the group. Please let June know if you would like their address – they would love to hear from us.
- A letter from the Central Vancouver Island Botanical Garden Society (CVIBGS) inviting us to become an exhibitor to the 16th annual Spring Festival, March 11th to 13th, 2011.
- The CVIBGS newsletter.

7. Treasurer's Report:

- NRS balance as of October 14th, 2010: \$3,648.25
- ARS 2012 Conference balance: \$588.82

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8. Committee Reports:

- Program:
 - o November: Gordon McKay from Alba Plants; he will bring plants for sale.
 - o December is our annual auction – note that the December meeting will start at 6:30.
 - o January: Steve Hootman from the Species Foundation.
- Membership: The fall is the time to renew your membership:
 - o \$40.00 for individuals
 - o \$45.00 for families
 - o \$15.00 for associates
- Social:
 - o The book to sign up to bring goodies to future meetings is circulating.
 - o A reminder that the December meeting / auction starts at 6:30. Bring finger food, sweet or savoury.
- Bargain Table: Lots of goodies – please see Reinhold at the break!
- Raffle/Door Prize: Some special rhodos as raffle prizes – please get your tickets at the break – 3 for \$2.00.

9. ARS 2012 Fall Conference – Gaylle McRae, Co-chair:

- Ten of us from the Nanaimo chapter attended the Florence Conference, October 7th to 10th. It was great fun and a wonderful learning experience for us as we prepare for the upcoming 2012 event.
- It was also an opportunity for us to promote / advertise our own conference. Chris Southwick gave a brief presentation; bookmarks advertising our conference were distributed and there was a lot of interest shown by all.
- Locally, our last meeting was September 30th and we're meeting again on November 4th. Things are starting to really take shape:
 - o MARS has offered to help with the plant sale part of the event.
 - o Art Lightburn will help with the technology end of things with a friend from Victoria.
 - o Sandra is working on the catering.
 - o Craig is busy with program; he already has a couple of people lined up.
 - o Fundraising is under way – there will be a spring garden tour. Please consider opening your garden for the tour. See June or Gaylle if interested.
- We will need many more volunteers as we get closer to the time. If anyone is interested in helping with a foliage display, please let Gaylle or Chris know

10. Raffle/Door prizes winners: Many happy winners!!! ☺

11. Program for tonight: To Mars and Back! - Spectacular photography by Garth Wedemire in another of his most inspiring presentation! Thank you Garth!

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:15