

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



November 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The fine early October weather has given Susan and I time to harvest our apples, grapes, pears, etc. and also to admire the great colours on the Japanese and Big Leaf Maples. We are settling into the routine of meeting notices and duties that come with being directors of the NRS. Susan and I have, as well, discovered how much work it is to hand dig, transport and replant a 12 ft. high and 12 ft. wide rhodo. Thank you to all that helped.

We were in attendance at the Victoria Propagation workshop, where Susan took many photos to be used in a future article in the ARS Newsletter. The workshop at Ken and Madeleine Webb's residence was well attended and featured five speakers, one of them being Dennis Bottemiller of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. A group dinner at the local Chinese restaurant followed and the camaraderie was very much enjoyed.

Also, a planning session of the 2015 District Spring ARS Conference took place October 14th, Sunday at Calvin (VRS President) and Jeannie Parsons' home where lots of exciting news and ideas were shared. We will report the committee decisions as they are made.

See you all at the meeting Thursday.

Art Lightburn

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President	Art Lightburn	468-7516
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COMMITTEES

Advertising	Susan Lightburn	468-7516
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Social	Sandra Dorman	390-0136
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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE 7:30 pm

JOAN GIBB

"Dominion Brook Park, Sidney"

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TWIGS and STEMs



GOODIES FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Many, many thanks to last month's coffee treat suppliers: Arjhana Hechler, Brenda Lewis, and Mary Jane Derksen · Way to go folks! The membership looks forward to November's delights to be supplied by: Glenda Barr, Krystyna Sosulski, and Diana English.

MALASPINA CHOIR

&

CHOR LEONI

Present

WE REMEMBER.../INTONATIONS OF IMMORTALITY

Saturday November 10

4:00 pm

St. Andrew's United Church

Adult \$25 /Senior \$20 /Student \$10

Tickets at Port Theatre box office

Seen in Passing

Early October solar event creating a glowing night skyline

Calvin Parsons and Lois Blackmore elected as co-chairs of the Spring 2015 conference

Propagation workshop at Ken & Madeleine Webb's draws a full house.

First snow touching the hills around



R. *diaprepes* for a new home

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Minutes of October 11, 2012 General Meeting

President Art Lightburn called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the 174 meeting of the 21st year of the formation of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. Art will be working towards increasing our profile in the community.

Guests: B & M Rodenberg and Erna Murdoch were introduced and welcomed.

New Executive Board:

President: Art Lightburn
Vice President: Sandra Dorman
Secretary: Anne Beamish (General Meetings) Paul Lawry (Executive Meetings)
Treasurer: Burkhardt Dressler

Directors: Craig Clark
Glenda Allard Barr
Paul Lawry
Debbie Gaboury
Reinhold Gorgosilich
Susan Lightburn

Committees:

Library: Anne Beamish	Bargain Table: Reinhold Gorgosilich
Website: Craig Clark	Garden Tour: Art Lightburn
Newsletter: Kathryn Grant	Plant Sale: Sandra Dorman/Reinhold Gorgosilich
Membership: Debbie Gaboury	Flower Show: Doug Blenkarn
Program: Glenda Allard Barr	Awards: C. Southwick, J. Deniseger, C. Clark
Raffle: Anne Davey/Val Harvey	Bus tours: John Deniseger
Social: Susan Lightburn	Advertising:
Xmas Auction:	Xmas Party:

The new Award Committee consists of members who have been awarded the Bronze Medal. Will suggest recommendations for the recognition of volunteers for their hard work.

Art thanked Chris Southwick, Gail & Allen McRae and June Bouchard for their hard work towards the successful conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coffee Arrangement: Susan Lightburn informed everyone that the coffee would now be free at the meetings and that *members were asked to bring their own cups* as there would no longer be cups available. Paper cups will be supplied for guests and those members who have forgotten to bring their own cups. Noted that with free coffee – members would have more money for the raffle tickets.

Garden Tour: Will return to having garden tours. Requested members to look for gardens that could be used in future garden tours. Request that we locate gardens other than those used in our last tour.

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Club Files: - club files, forms etc. will be stored on the Website (password protected).

Business Meeting: In hope of allowing more time for socializing and the scheduled program the **Financial Report** will not be read out at the meetings – copies of the report will be on the front desk for members to examine.

Farm Garden Report: Cedar Woods, a non profit organization has requested assistance from our club. John Deniseger will investigate further and report back to with his results.

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION - Executive spending limit: Art found that there were no limitations in the Constitution as to how much money the Executive could spend without permission of the membership. It was recommended that the maximum amount of \$1500.00 be approved by the membership. This would allow for the necessary costs to be paid for the yearly hall rental, plant sale and bus tour without waiting for the monthly meeting to get approval. The motion to approve an addition to the constitution was delayed in order to give more notice to the membership.

Membership Fees: Reminder that yearly membership renewals are due now.

CONVENTION SLIDE SHOW: A brief slide show of the conference was shown after the business meeting. Photos taken by Susan Lightburn.

Appreciation Gift: Past President John Deniseger presented a gift of appreciation to Gail McRae. Chris Southwick was not present to receive her gift. Both Gail and Chris were the co-chairs of the recent successful West Regional Conference presented by our club.

Bernie Dinter – gave a very informative presentation “Colour in your garden through the year”.

Submitted by: Paul Lawry, Acting Secretary



Heading for the ferry



The Main Podium

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Yummy Cranberry Cake with Butter Sauce

3 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 ½ cup sugar
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
1 ½ cups milk
3 cups cranberries

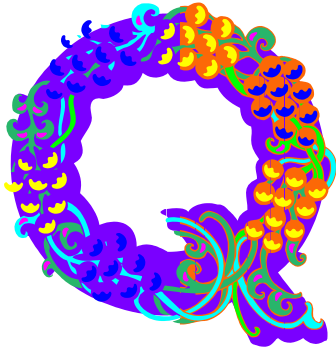
- 1.) In one bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt.
- 2.) In a second bowl cream together butter sugar and vanilla (this mixture will be crumbly rather than smooth and creamy).
- 3.) Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture alternating with milk and beating after each addition, just until mixed.
- 4.) Stir in the cranberries. The batter will be stiff, not runny like some cake batters.
- 5.) Spread evenly in a greased 9" by 13" pan
- 6.) Bake at 400F for about 30-40 minutes. The top should be light brown and spring back when touched. Serve with warm Butter Sauce.

Butter Sauce

¾ cup butter or margarine
1 ½ cup sugar (some like to cut down on the sugar)
¾ cup cream or evaporated milk

Combine all of the ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. A wire whisk helps keep sauce smooth. Simmer for 2 minutes and remove from heat. Serve warm over cake. Be prepared for raves!

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Companion Plants

Q is for Quamash
of the Lily Family
Family: Liliaceae



Camassia Quamash blue form

OK, this time I've drawn a complete blank – there is a veritable Mother Hubbard's cupboard of Q plants, so again I've cheated and used a common name – please forgive me! (Actually I put full blame on Carolus Linnaeus for letting me down.) Quamash (*Camassia*), the Camas Lily.

This is a lovely bulb-forming perennial native to moist meadowlands in various parts of North America - some in our own backyard. Elegant tapering racemes of starry blooms in blue (yum), purple or white stand well above narrow sage-green basal leaves. They create a perfect upright accent among our blocky rhodos AND they bloom during the peak rhodo colour season.



Camassia Quamash white form

Species include *Camassia cusickii*, *C. leichtlinii*, *C. quamash*, and *C. scilloides*. Named selections have been made of each. Look for 'Orion', 'Blue Danube', 'Zwanenburg', 'Blue Melody', 'San Juan', and others. All are hardy to zone 4, and prefer quite moist, fertile, humus soil, in sun or part shade. They also make excellent container plants, and last well as cut flowers. Divide crowded clumps in autumn and replant the offsets right away. Plant about 4 inches deep and up to 1 foot apart, as the leaves can spread that much. Collect seed as soon as it is ripe and sow in a cold frame. If the capsules are left on the plants, the seedlings will colonize quite an area. The species *C. Quamash* naturalizes well and combines perfectly with

Narcissus. The native Indians once considered the bulbs a major food source when cooked, and it is they who gave it the common name. Look for the Quamash in specialty perennial nurseries. They are available, and we can all use more blue in our gardens – especially during rhodo season – and what texture and form!!
Happy Planting!

Colleen Forster