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#### **EXECUTIVE**

**President's Message** Fall is here and we should be hardening off our rhododendrons. No fertilizers and if your soil perks well, reduce watering to 1/3 of summer schedule; if your soils are heavy or retain moisture, stop watering altogether. Good time to start moving and planting new rhododendrons. Now that some of your plants have grown quicker and larger than you anticipated plan to move them and open up new areas for planting. As long as you have lawn you have room for more rhododendrons. Double dig lawn and add lots of the new compost you have made over the summer. This is the last month that you can take cuttings of rhododendrons if you hope to root them outdoors; look for late growth that may still be on the tender side. A couple of items which require your assistance. Terry Richmond has agreed to coordinate another "Ucluelet Rhododendron Donation Drive". If you have any rhododendrons to donate to Ucluelet in memory of George Fraser please let us know. We visited these areas this spring and our plants are looking good. To assist in our fund raising and promote our club your executive feels that we should have a Raffle again. One or two volunteers are needed to take on this worthwhile project. Let us know at the meeting if you can assist. Richard.

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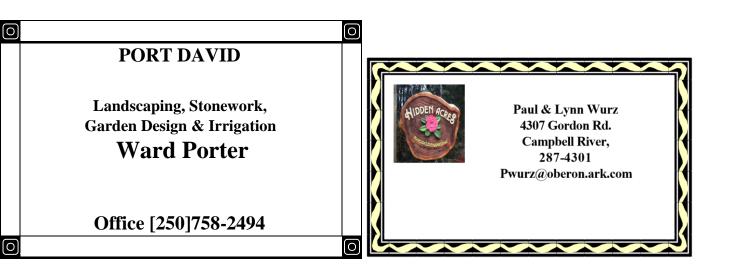
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### PROPOSED PORTLAND GARDEN TOUR May 17, 18, 19, 2003 (Victoria Day Weekend)

In previous years a group of rhododendron enthusiasts and friends from the lower mainland have visited spectacular gardens in Victoria and Nanaimo (2002), Whidby Island and the Olympic Peninsula (2001) and Parksville and Tofino (2000). Next year we are looking at organizing a trip to the magnificent gardens in Portland which is surely the garden capital of North America.

There are many extraordinarily fine gardens in Portland and the surrounding district, including an exceptional internationally renowned Japanese garden and also an exceptional Chinese garden. In addition, there are the well-known Crystal Springs garden, Cecil Smith Rhododendron Garden and the Oregon horticultural growers garden on 157 acres.

It is anticipated that the group will leave Vancouver early Saturday a.m. and travel leisurely to Portland visiting interesting gardens on the way in order to break up the drive. The group will overnight in Portland for two nights and return on Monday, again visiting gardens en route to Vancouver. We would expect to arrive back in Vancouver in the early evening. The anticipated cost would be about \$325.00 Canadian bearing in mind that the hotel accommodation will have to be paid for in US dollars. Details remain to be worked out and finalized. We would anticipate that members from the Portland ARS Chapter would assist with the planning arrangements.

If you have the slightest interest, without any commitment at this time, please let me know at the number below.

If there are any interested from Vancouver Island they would be more than welcome to join us. Mike Bale (604) 853-8839

## Fall Program 2002-2003- Schedule

October 10,2002	Dr. Hannah Nadel- The Wildflowers of East Africa
November 14,2002- Gardens	John Deniseger & June Bouchard – The Keukenhof
December 12,2002-	Annual Christmas Auction
January 9th,2002-	"The Best Parts of My Garden & How That Happened" Panel Discussion - Richard White -Moderator
Members TBA	

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## WILD PROFUSION:

# THREE YEARS AMONG THE FLOWERS OF EASTERN AFRICA Dr. Hannah Nadel

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Hannah Nadel received her PhD in entomology in 1985 from the University of California, Riverside. During a later assignment in southern Florida, she combined her love for plants and insects by studying the pollination of tropical fruit plants known as custard apples. A strong interest in pollination biology and travel led her to identify plants in a variety of habitats on many continents. In 1999 she worked for a year on a beekeeping study in the war-torn state of Tigrai in northern Ethiopia, then took up other temporary positions in Kenya to research control of the tsetse fly and conservation of agricultural biodiversity. While there, she also volunteered as photographer for a pollination study where she sometimes found herself in the path of elephants. During her three-and-a-half years in eastern Africa, she photographed many beautiful and unusual wildflowers from sea level to Afroalpine habitats at 13,000 feet. She enjoys sharing her extensive collection of slides with professional and hobby groups specializing in natural history and geography.

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#### Nanaimo Rhododendron Society - Minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 2002

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard White at 7:38pm.

2. Richard welcomed new members David Walker, Brenda Lewis and Don Noakes. Dorothee Kieser is in Ottawa for 6 months on special assignment.

3. <u>Secretary's report</u>. Correspondence received: Letter from Malaspina College Foundation regarding presentation of our club bursary on September 19<sup>th</sup>; from Rhododendron Species Foundation regarding their fall sale on September 21<sup>st</sup>; from the

Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations stating that changes to our society's constitution have be registered; from Garth Wedemire of TechNet Computers Inc offering to host our web pages for an annual cost of \$80. It was moved/ seconded/carried that the minutes of the May 2002 meeting be adopted as printed in the summer newsletter.

4. **President's report**. Richard attended the district 1 president's meeting at Milner gardens. The RSF species study program will be held again in February – May 2003. Garth Wedemire of TechNet Computers Inc is hosting a new web site for district 1 and has offered to host web pages for other chapters at an annual cost of \$80.

5. <u>**Treasurer's report**</u>: The balance in the Bowen Park Legacy Fund is \$155.98 The balance in the general account is \$2538.22

The balance in the library fund is \$367.67

#### 6. <u>Committee Reports</u>:

Library: Dorothee Kieser donated a book for the library entitled: "Two Centuries of Canadian Garden Writing"

**Program:** Paulette Galloway reported that the theme is what makes a good garden.

Newsletter: Send articles and notices to Paul Lawry (email: plawry@shaw.ca)

Social: Ann Williamson agreed to chair the social committee.

Raffle: June Bouchard agreed to chair the raffle committee again this year.

**Dollar table**: Yvonne Harding agreed to chair the dollar table committee this year.

Open Gardens: Doug Blenkarn is looking for suggestions regarding open gardens this year.

#### 7. Old Business

Thanks to Mary Kool for hosting our wind-up garden party at the end of last season. Thanks to John Deniseger and Chris Southwick for organizing the bus tour to Campbell River.

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Terry Richmond reported that Ucluelet has planted 156 rhodos along the walkway at the entrance to town. Terry has volunteered to co-ordinate donations of mature plants this year in mid- to late October. Give him a call at 250-723-6677.

#### 8. <u>New Business</u>

Richard asked for volunteers to organize a fund-raising raffle.

Chris Southwick volunteered to present our club bursary at the Malaspina University College awards night on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Next executive meeting** will be held at Mary Taylor's house on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

10. **Door Prize winners**: John Deniseger, Brenda Lewis, Bill Hardy, Robert Hayashi. Raffle winners: Craig Clarke, David Walker, Reinhold Gorgosilich, Ann Williamson, Chris Southwick, and Sharon Wright. Name Tag Draw: Richard White

11. **Speaker:** Jamie Wallace showed slides of many extraordinary gardens in the Seattle region and from our area.



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## Nanaimo Rhodo Society's Bursary Winner

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Chris Southwick, our past president, had the honour of attending and presenting the Nanaimo Rhodo Society's annual bursary of \$300. She reported that the two hour evening presentation was made a little more social because Bill Burgoyne of Mount Arrowsmith Rhodo. Society was also in attendance (presenting a Rotary Club award).

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#### **Revised Web Pages for Nanaimo Chapter** By Craig Clarke

At the September meeting, our club executive approved the purchase of web hosting services from TechNet Computers Inc. at a cost of \$80 per year. Our web site was hosted formerly by Hedgerows but we have been unable to update the information for several years. TechNet Computers Inc. is now hosting a site for District One (British Columbia chapters of ARS) called http://www.rhodos.ca/. At the District President's meeting held at Milner Gardens in August, Richard White learned of this new site and about their offer to host sites for individual chapters as well.

You can navigate to our new pages by going to the District 1 site and following the links to Nanaimo or go to it directly by entering the link: http://rhodos.ca/nanaimo/. I have updated the contact information on the site and will be bringing the other information up-to-date as well. If you have any suggestions for improving the site, please let me know. One idea would be to post the newsletter in pdf format so that members can download it at their convenience.

The winner of our bursary this year is a young man by the name of Chris Stansfield. Chris is described as energetic: biking to school, acting as a class representative, and running a business in his spare time. He also apparently has a great sense of humour. Congratulations, Chris on your achievement.

It's that time of the year again. Don't forget to pay your dues