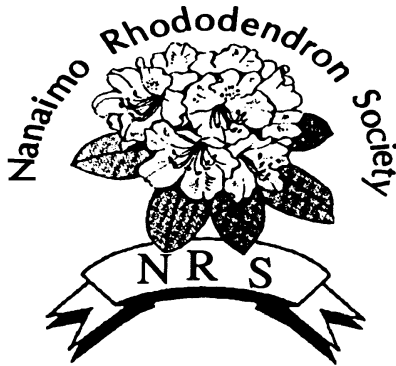




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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season got off to a good start with Les Clay's talk about rhododendron propagation-especially the part about tissue culture. Our October meeting should be equally exciting and educational as Ingeborg Woodsworth from Lake Cowichan Woodland Gardens will be the speaker. So be sure to be there on Thurs. Oct. 14th. Keep some water on your rhodos. as the soil is still dry in many areas. If you have not paid for your membership, remember to bring a cheque or cash. See you at the meeting, Allen.

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## NEXT MEETING

October 14, 2004

Beban Park – 7:30 p.m.

## SPEAKER

Ingeborg Woodsworth (bio on page 2)

of

Mayo Creek Gardens

"Rhododendron Gardens in my travels around the World".

Our  
November meeting  
will be  
November 2, Tuesday  
at  
Beban Park  
Rooms 7 & 8



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**OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**

**SNACKS**

ROSINA  
DEBBIE GALLOWAY  
ANNE WILLIAMS

**RAFFLE**

JOHN & JUNE

**\$ TABLE**

YVONNE

**Ingeborg Woodsworth**

My involvement with rhododendrons goes back to my teens when I was secretary to the Hameln (Pied-Piper city) Garden Club.

I am a professional landscape designer and consultant, nurserywoman, and educator who has studied Vascular Plants and Fungus of the Pacific Northwest over the past 40 years. Currently teaching related courses at Malaspina University/College and active member in the B.C. Landscape & Nursery Association.

A member of Vancouver Island Garden Association. Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Soc. librarian, former vice-president as well as treasurer for several years.

My gardens, MAYO CREEK GARDENS are OPEN to the Public from 10 to 5 pm every Sunday from June to Sept. and by appointment. Look for SPECIAL EVENTS in the Gardens in the local newspapers, i.e.  
Strawberry Tea - in June  
Edwardian Afternoon Tea - in July  
Art and Motion in the Garden - in August  
Focus on Mushrooms - workshops – in September  
Salmon/Mushroom Festival - in October  
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**Growers of Specialty Rhododendrons**



**WE NOTED WITH DEEP SADNESS THE PASSING IN AUGUST OF JOSIE ROBERTSON, AFTER A TERRIBLE BATTLE WITH CANCER. JOSIE HAS BEEN AN NRS MEMBER AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE 2002 NRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. JOSIE WAS FULL OF LIFE AND ENTHUSIASM AND WAS LOST TO US TOO SOON.**

### DARTS HILL GARDEN PARK

What says autumn better than a colourful walk about on a cool crisp October day!

Come visit the fabulous Darts Hill Garden Park located in Sunny South Surrey. The fall season is a wonderful time to visit the garden with its huge variety of mature trees and shrubs that are ablaze with spectacular fall colour.

Looking for seasonal interest in your own garden? Be prepared to be overwhelmed with the choices available to the West Coast Gardener. Be impressed by the many exotic fruit that can be found at this time of year. Darts Hill is home to many unusual and rare plants as well as good old fashioned easy to find favourites. Guides will be on location to answer all your questions.

Parking is available on site at 16th Avenue at 170th Street. For more information please check out our website [www.dartshill.ca](http://www.dartshill.ca) or call 604.501.5050.

Please note: No Pets. Limited Wheelchair Access.

### Victoria Flower Arrangers' Guild

"Christmas Floral Fantasy" will be held at: Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria

Friday, November 19, 2004 - 12 pm to 8 pm

Saturday, November 20, 2004 - 10 am to 5 pm

Price at the door is \$5.00 per person - Advance ticket sales are \$4.00 per person

We serve tea for \$3.00 per plate - wheel chair accessible.



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## Nanaimo Rhododendron Society – General Meeting September 9, 2004

President Allen McRae called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There were 30 members and guests present.

Allen acknowledged the passing in August of NRS member Josie Robertson.

Secretary's report: M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the May Annual General Meeting.

Correspondence received: from Malaspina University-College Foundation naming Crystal Hooper as the recipient of our Bursary; from Crystal Hooper thanking NRS for the bursary; from Milner Gardens with a copy of the booklet *The Rhododendrons of Milner Gardens and Woodland*; various newsletters.

Treasurer's report: General account is \$3,353.04. Legacy account is \$156.23. The library fund is \$162.05.

### Committees

**Program:** tonight is Les Clay; October - Ingeborg Woodsworth; November 2 - Steve Hootman (Rooms 7 & 8); December – Christmas Party and auction.

**Social:** the sign-up book for goodies was circulated.

**Library:** Chris reminded members to return borrowed books. She highlighted two books in our collection: Peter Cox *The Larger Species Rhododendrons* and Kenneth Cox *Rhododendrons: A Care Manual*.

**Advertising:** Michael has received calls from 4 people about NRS.

**Newsletter:** There was some difficulty downloading the newsletter this month. If you have trouble please contact Craig Clarke. Submission for the October newsletter need to be in by September 22.

**Membership:** Debbie has developed a membership form.

**New Business:** NRS helps support the Haley Garden at Bowen Park. Six new North American species plants have been ordered from the Species Foundation. Glenda has suggested that we organise a public tour of the Haley Garden in the Spring.

Craig has placed a club order with the Species Foundation. The next order will be in the Spring; the list will be available in December and members will have the opportunity to order through the club.

Les Clay brought plants for sale.

The nametag draw was won by Chris Southwick. Door prizes were won by Mary Hardy, Richard White, Philip Paull and Kathryn Grant. Raffle winners were Glenda Barr, Allen McRae, Ann Davey, Karen (guest) and David Scobey.

The next executive meeting will be at Kathryn Grant's on September 23.

Philip Paull thanked the club for sending him a get well card.

Les Clay gave a demonstration of propagation by layering, grafting, and gave a fascinating look into the world of tissue culture.