

NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



October 2012



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the start of the 21st year of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. And what a start it is with the hugely successful and well-attended Western Regional Conference. The weatherman did his part in welcoming the locals and out of town delegates to three days of an enjoyable “Rhodos In Paradise”. I had the privilege of sitting in on some of the last conference committee meetings and watched a very competent and dedicated team in the finalizing of the last details of a complex program – and the food was great! Thank you very much.

Our club is experiencing many changes in the Executive this year, and we are looking for members to assist some of the Committee Chairs. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your club events and functions. Come and meet the
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EXECUTIVE

President	Art Lightburn	468-7516
Past President	John Deniseger	390-3605
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Secretary	Ann Beamish	758-2574
Treasurer	Burkhard Dressler	758-1738
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	Debbie Gaboury	758-1204
	Reinhold Gorgosilich	758-6533
	Craig Clarke	390-4090
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	Susan Lightburn	468-7516

COMMITTEES

Advertising	<i>vacant</i>	
Library	Ann Beamish	758-2574
Newsletter	Kathryn Grant	245-7879
Website	Craig Clarke	390-4090
Membership	Debbie Gaboury	758-1204
Program	Glenda Allard Barr	390-2822
Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey	
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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, October 11 BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE 7:30 pm

Bernie Dinter

“Colour in your garden through the year”

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TWIGS and STEMs



GOODIES FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Joyce Mitchell Jan & Edith and Glenda volunteered to bring goodies this month.

Milner Gardens Mad Hatter Tea

Oct 6 1 PM - Special High Tea \$18.95

Reservations are necessary, please [email](#) or phone 250 752 8573 Ext 224 and leave a message.

Wear a Wonderland character or period costume, a Mad Hat, or come as you are.....but do not be late for this very important date

Victoria Propagation Workshop Oct 13.

The Victoria Propagating Group is holding another workshop at Madeleine & Ken Webb's place - 5008 Old West Saanich Road.

Lunch and coffee breaks included in \$25 admission. It will start around 9:30 am and finish with dinner at a nearby restaurant (not included). Email kenwebb@live.ca or phone 250-744-1785.

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club members and new friends while having fun.

On The Horizon

- This year will be a return to the very successful public garden tour of Spring 2011

- Club programs focusing on increasing our profile in the community, possibly a rhodo bed at the [Farm at Cedar Woods](#).

- For administration, a password - protected directory of club files under the *resources* tab on our website

- The ARS is initiating a student membership program for the chapters to encourage horticulture students to become part of the Society – details to follow.

For those of you who haven't renewed your 2012-2013 membership, please do so at the next meeting as renewing will make our Treasurer (Burkhard Dressler) and membership committee's (Debbie Gaboury) job easier.

The Thursday Meeting will include an introduction to the new executive and a big Thank you to the executives taking a rest. There will be a brief report and review of the successfully completed conference.

See you ALL on Thursday, October 11th

Art Lightburn

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Seen In Passing

Larger than normal population of Bumble Bees this Spring and Summer – all sizes and colour.

A much appreciated display of foliage growing in driftwood at the ARS Fall Conference.

John & June making repeated trips to the Bowser Area.

A tired but jovial group taking the ferry to the “Dinghy Dock” for a wind down dinner.

Osakasuki and Virginia Creeper starting their Fall colour show.

More than usual Fall Rhodo Blooms.

Many magnificent *Dahlias* gracing the tables at the ARS Fall Conference last weekend.

Our Renewed Website

As mentioned at the meeting last month by John Deniseger, our club web pages have been renovated.

We owe a big thank you to Garth Wedemire for converting the site to the open source **WordPress** software, making it easier and more convenient to maintain.

Garth also updated the format of the pages. This is the first major revision in the style since Craig and Diane Gauthier-Ball first built the website in the mid 1990s and published it on Hedgerows.com. Ten years ago it moved the rhodos.ca site hosted by Garth for ARS District 1 chapters.

Garth gave Craig an introduction to WordPress so he is starting to update the pictures and text. A couple of new pictures were added to the page on Rhododendron Lake.

The [Resources](#) tab leads to the club documents page that Art mentioned in his President’s message. Watch for more updates in the months ahead.

Garth Wedemire Award

Garth Wedemire received a District award of exceptional contribution from chapters in District 1.



Mary Parker & Ken Webb at the presentation for Garth. Photo by Susan Lightburn.



Closeup of the award. Photo by Susan Lightburn.

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Conference Corner

Some images from the 2012 ARS Western Regional Conference



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Minutes of the September 13th general meeting

Meeting started shortly after 7:00 PM. Number of people attending: 40

1. President's report:

- Welcome back everyone!
- Fall 2012 is an important time for the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society! First of all, we're celebrating our 20th anniversary this month.
- We're also hosting the Western Regional Conference this month, September 21-23.

2. Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence: The Salmon and Mushroom Festival 2012 will be held at Lake Cowichan Hall on September 29th and 30th.
- An invitation from Ingeborg Woodsworth at Mayo Creek Gardens to come to the Lake Cowichan Rhododendron Garden which will be open on Sunday, Sept. 23rd.

3. Social/Sunshine:

- Thank you every one for your contributions to tonight's finger food potluck! Great food as always!
- Sad news: Heddy Luther, a past member of the NRS, passed away on September 6th. There will be a service on Wednesday, September 19th. Our sympathies to her husband Oliver and to her family.

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- Please sign the book of who will bring goodies to the meetings this coming season.
 - Sandra acknowledged members who are leaving the NRS Executive at the end of this month: Chris Southwick, Gerry Moore, John Deniseger and June Bouchard. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work over the years.
- 4. Program:**
- The program for October will be Bernie Dinter with a talk on “Colour through the Year in the garden”.
 - Watch the newsletter for details on upcoming presentations.
- 5. Membership:**
- The time to renew your membership is now: \$40.00 for singles and \$45.00 for families. \$15 for associates.
 - See Debbie at the break.
 - Thank you Debbie for taking care of membership for so many years.
- 6. Conference Update:**
- It’s coming very soon after 3 very fast years of planning.
 - The organizing committee met regularly through the summer.
 - Many other people have helped and continue to help but we still need more volunteers – a sign up sheet was circulated.
 - More than 250 plants have been donated – each registrant will receive a free plant. Thank you Al Campbell from CVRS, Ken Webb and Bill MacMillan from Victoria, and our own Reinhold Gorgosilich for their generous donations.
 - The plant sale is open only to the conference registrants on Friday but open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. A lot of quality plants, some rarely seen here. Share this information with your friends.
- 7. Library:**
- Thank you Ann Beamish and Linda Lawry for re-organizing the library over the summer.
 - Ann is preparing a list of all books in the library.
 - If you have one of the NRS library books, please bring it back for others to enjoy – it’s never too late to return a library book! 😊
- 8. Our web page:**
- Thank you Craig Clarke and Garth Wedemire who have updated our web page by converting it to WordPress. It looks great – check it out!
- 9. New members plants:**
- New members can get a free plant.
 - See Reinhold at the break if you’re new and haven’t received your freebie yet.
 - Thank you Reinhold for providing those plants for us.
- 10. Farm at Cedar Woods:**
- The NRS will be involved once the conference is over.
 - Watch for details.
- 11. Raffle:**
- Many happy winners!
 - Thank you Allan and Liz Murray for donating lovely plants to the raffle.
- 12. Our program for tonight:**
- An inspiring presentation by Connie Kuramoto on winter plants and some water wise gardening.