

The Rhodomentum

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society Newsletter
October 2018



FALL IS HERE!

This year, fall came in with a splash! We seem to have jumped from drought to soggy in a very short time. While we don't miss hand watering, we do miss the warmer weather. As usual, some of our rhododendrons are blooming. We'd rather Lee's Scarlet put all its energy into early spring blooming but it seems to be overly enthusiastic this fall. On the other hand, it's a great time to plant or move rhododendrons as part of our regular fall garden work.

The September roundtable proved to be both fun and interesting with lots of discussion. A recurring theme was how to garden in our increasingly warmer and drier summers. Building on that theme, we'll be including periodic articles in the newsletter with ideas and experiences on "growing rhododendrons in a changing climate".

A reminder that we still have vacancies – see details below.

John and June

EXECUTIVE

President	Vacant	
Vice President	Rosina Schmidt	751-3386
Past President	Allen McRae	758-7589
Secretary	Jan Moles	758-2574
Treasurer	Liz Higgins and Sandra Dorman	390-9340 390-0136
Directors		
	Dick Beamish	758-2574
	Craig Clarke	390-4090
	Art Lightburn	468-7516
	Susan Lightburn	468-7516
	Don Noakes	778 441-4783

COMMITTEES

Advertising	Jan Moles / Gerry Moore
Library	Ann Beamish / Sandra Dorman
Newsletter	June Bouchard / John Deniseger
Membership	Krystyna Sosulski
Program	Committee
Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey
Social	Susan Lightburn
Bargain Table	Reinhold Gorgosolich
Website	Craig Clarke
Bus Tour	David & Joyce Mitchell

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society
Box 241, #101-5170 Dunster Road

Nanaimo, BC V9T 6M4

Website: nanaimorhodos.ca

email: rhodomentum@nanaimorhodos.ca

Next meeting: Thursday, October 11th, at 7:30, Beban Park Social Center



Presenter: Harry Burton from Apple Luscious Organic Apples

Everything You Wanted to Know about Apples – including tasting of about 12 varieties!!

Our October Program:



Harry Burton from Saltspring Island: Everything You Wanted to Know about Apples – including tasting of about 12 varieties – because like the old saying: “WHEN YOUR WORK SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, DON’T INTERRUPT.”

The Philosophy of Harry Burton: “I feel very lucky to be an avid apple grower. What a beautiful direction to channel your efforts! A further reward is available for those growers seeking new, old or unique varieties of apples. Then it becomes a passion. You are lost and there is no turning back!”

Twigs and Stems

Calendar of Upcoming Events:



Goodies for October meeting - thank you to the following people:

Chris Southwick; Jamie Dryburgh; Linda Lawry

Late Summer/early Fall at VIU’s Milner Gardens and Woodland:

Fall Plant Sale: September 29th & 30th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Mad Hatter Tea: Saturday October 6th Garden open 10:00 to 5:00 Thursday thru Sunday to October 7th and then Sundays only thru October 28th.

Nanaimo Horticultural Society:

Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 1:00: First Unitarian Fellowship Church of Nanaimo, 595 Townsite Rd –
“Hellabores” Speaker: Margot Moser

Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society:

Wednesday October 10th 7:30 pm at Qualicum Beach Civic Center – How the Big Nurseries do it: Rose and Art Prufer

North Island Rhododendron Society:

Tuesday October 9th 7:30 pm – **Fabulous Gardens and Unusual Plants of Southern Africa: Susan Murray**

Qualicum Beach Garden Club:

<https://qualicumbeachgardenclub.wordpress.com/about-us/meetings/>

North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre: Saturday, October 14th, 11:00 to 4:00 pm: 4th Annual Mid Island Mushroom Festival.

Nanoose Garden Club: Friday October 7th, 1:15 pm at Nanoose Library Hall; **Make Gardening Fit You – Kathy Claxton**



Just a reminder that your ARS membership is due for renewal as follows: \$40 for single, \$45 for family, \$15 associate.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider joining a great team by volunteering for one of the following vacant positions:

- President
- Social/Coffee Coordinator
- Laptop/Projector caretaker
- Publicity



NRS May Monthly Meeting & AGM Minutes Thursday, September 13th, 2018

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with a potluck. The food provided by members and friends was excellent.

1. The past president, Allen McRae, opened the meeting at 7. 25pm by welcoming Pauline from Port Alberni, and two new members.

The following members resigned their posts in committees, with apologies:

- Diana Walker (director)
- Liisa Rullo. (Acting president)
- Doug Kitts (Program committee)

2. Treasurer's Report - Liz Higgins:

Bank Balance, May 10, 2018:	\$ 7,407.73
During the period.:	
Revenue May10 - Sept 20:	\$ 15, 574. 99
Expenditure:	\$ 10,981.38,
Balance Sept 30:	\$ 12, 001. 34
Four cheques have been written, not cashed:	\$ 2, 345.30
Cash balance:	\$ 9,656.03

3. Secretary's Report - Jan Moles:

Nothing to report
No correspondence

4. Program Committee report - Art Lightburn:

Welcome to the Round Table discussion with our two guests:

Dr Glen Jamieson and Terry Richmond; Allan Murray joined the group of experts.

October presentation is on apples, by Harry Burton, and introduced by Doug Kitts.

5. Old business - Allen McRae:

a) **We still need some volunteers to fill vacancies and take on responsibilities:**

- **the post of president needs to be filled**
- **coffee coordinator (currently Susan Lightburn)**
- **caretaker for projector and laptop**
- **publicity (currently Jan Moles & Gerry Moore)**
- **no volunteers as yet**

b) NRS still has for sale:

- Greer books (\$25), Ian Efford Books - photos edited by Susan Lightburn (\$20)
- Available on the front table – think about Christmas gifts – please pay treasurer.

6. New business - Allen McRae:

a) New projector - Art Lightburn discussed its merits:

- The cost was higher than originally expected but it is excellent; also has sound system.
- Allen thanked him for his efforts in acquiring.

b) October 28th mini-conference: John Denisegeer, only 7 tickets left.

John described the speakers and presaged that it was not to be missed.

c) Membership: \$40 for single, \$45 for family, \$15 associate.

Krystyna absent, treasurer collected some membership dues.

7. Raffle: Anne Davey described the 5 beautiful rhodos available for raffle.

8. Coffee, followed by raffle draw.

9. Round table discussion featuring: Dr Glen Jamieson, Terry Richmond and Allan Murray.

Discussion centered on climate change, drought, water conservation and how to best manage our rhodo gardens with that in mind.

NRS Program Committee

This year, we've established a program committee to work together, bring in lots of ideas, and coordinate with other clubs. We got together last spring and again during the summer to start assembling our program for the upcoming year. Our committee members are: Chris Southwick, Art and Susan Lightburn, John Deniseger, Doug Kitts, Glenda Barr, and Dorothee Kieser. You may wish to plan ahead or share this with friends and neighbours:

Date	Speaker	Topic
October 11, 2018	Harry Burton	Everything you wanted to know about apples
November 8, 2018	Wendy Strachan	Naturalist and explorer: Alexander Von Humboldt
December 13, 2018	Christmas potluck and auction	
January 10, 2019	Scott Wiskerke	Pruning – followed by a demo in February
February 14, 2019	Steve Hootman – from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden	TBA
March 14, 2019	Ole Jonny Larsen – all the way from Norway	TBA
April 11, 2019	Margo Moser	Native Plants
May 9, 2019	Graham Sakaki – MABRI research & community engagement coordinator	Mt Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute & Milner Phenology Project

Need a ride to one of our meetings?



Call Chris at 250-390-3415 or 250-616-2742 (cell)

or send her an email at csouthwick@shaw.ca

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
— L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*

GOLD MEDAL AWARD CITATIONS TO TED & MARY GREIG 1966— *Craig sent this to us and thought it would be of interest to club members, particularly given the Vancouver Island clubs' support of the new Greig Rhododendron Species Garden at Milner.*

(<https://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JARS/v20n3/v20n3-goldmedals.htm>)



Fig. 38. Ted and Mary Greig receiving the Gold Medal Award Citation at the Annual Meeting of the Society.
Photo by Orris Thompson

TED and MARY GREIG

Forty years ago, the Pacific Northwest was, rhododendron-wise, a desert, with only a small oasis here and there to serve those interested in our favorite plants. At Royston, on Vancouver Island, such an establishment was at this time born, and over the years has grown to become a headquarters for a continent. All of this is due to the perseverance and energy and knowledge of Ted and Mary Greig who planned, built and conserved a great center of rhododendron culture. To them came the best seed collections of Kingdon-Ward, Ludlow and Sherrif, and Rock. From these raw materials and through the catalysis of the Greigs' labor and loving care, countless valuable species were introduced to America.

Of equal importance they retained their treasures through careful and learned culture, and had replacements available when others lost theirs. The hard-won knowledge has been shared with fellow enthusiasts. Countless Chapter programs have been highlighted by eagerly anticipated appearances of the Greigs. Countless rhododendron shows have been made better by Ted Greig's participation as a judge. Countless pilgrimages, individual and group, have been made to the Royston shrine to be met with unfailing hospitality and profitable sharing of information and experience.

As time for retirement came, the Greigs performed final acts of service to rhododendron culture by making possible the purchase of their fine collection by the Vancouver Park Board, and by making a generous donation of plants to the University of British Columbia.

For all these great gifts we make the best return available to us and award to Ted and Mary Greig the Gold Medal of The American Rhododendron Society. The award is made to pioneers who served and shared in self-exploitation, to friends who've stood the test of time.



2018 Fall Horticultural Mini-Conference

MARS (Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society) and **NRS** (Nanaimo Rhododendron Society) are pleased to offer a day of education and enjoyment with internationally recognized gardening experts.

Seating is limited, so register early – don't miss this information-packed day!

See MARS' website for details about how to register:

<http://marsrhodos.ca/2018-fall-mini-conference/>

- Date: October 28, 2018
- Location: Parksville Community and Conference Centre
132 Jensen Ave E, Parksville, BC V9P 2H2
- Time: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Intro
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM	Washington State University horticulture scientist Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott: Garden Myths – Facts or Fiction
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	Break
11:25 AM – 12:25 PM	Local garden expert and host of HGTV's Bugs and Blooms Donna Balzer: Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Grow Better Food Faster
12:25 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	UBC Botanical Garden associate director and curator Douglas Justice: Following the Footsteps of Explorers in Tibet.
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Host of CFX 1070's Gardening 101 and site manager of Abkhazi Gardens Jeff de Jong: Rhododendrons Need Friends Too!
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Comox horticulturalist Dany Fortin: Crevice Gardening

Refreshments: Free coffee, tea, and treats will be provided. **Please bring your own bag lunch.**

Don't forget to enter to win the **door prize** and check out the goodies offered in the **silent auction**!

Tickets: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door (if seats are still available)

Register soon as there are only a few seats left!!!!



Ann Davey and Val Harvey at the raffle table during our September meeting. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work every month!

Time to think about ordering plants from the Rhododendron Species Garden

(From Craig Clarke)

One of the many benefits of NRS membership is also being a member of the Rhododendron Species Foundation located near Seattle. The RSF membership provides us with an opportunity to access their exceptional collection of species rhododendrons.

The Rhododendron Species Foundation Fall Sale catalogue is now available

online: <https://rhodygarden.org/cms/shop/order-plantsseeds/> Ron Sutton has agreed to put our club order together. Please send your requests to Ron by Wednesday October 3rd at ronsutton58@gmail.com. Ron will be going over to UBC to pick them up during the week of October 22nd.



Useful Links

Victoria Rhododendron Society: <http://www.victoriarhodo.ca/index.html>

Cowichan Rhododendron Society: <http://cowichanrhodos.ca/>

Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society: <http://marsrhodos.ca/>

North Island Rhododendron Society: <http://www.nirsrhodos.ca/ws/>

The American Rhododendron Society: <https://www.rhododendron.org/>

Linda Gilkeson's website: <http://www.lindagilkeson.ca/>

Nanoose Bay Garden Club: <https://www.nanoosegardenclub.ca/>

Wonderful food provided by our members - thanks to all for another excellent "welcome back" potluck!



Master Gardeners Fall Presentation



Making the Case for Nature-scapes
Integrating Native Plants in our Gardens
Sunday, October 21, Beban Park, Nanaimo
with Paige Erickson-McGee, BSc
Habitat Acquisition Trust

Place: Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC
Time: 12:45 to 4 pm \$10 at the door
Please register by October 16th Contact: wendystrachan1@gmail.com
Native plants will be available for purchase



A different seating arrangement for our “panel of experts” roundtable proved very successful, with lots of participation from our members.

Seen in Passing.....



- The end of the drought;
- Lots of buds on our rhodos;
- Greenish grass and colourful leaves;
- Lots of late ripening tomatoes;
- Leaves piling up already....

October Raffle Plants:



R. "Lemon Dream" 3', - 20° C, M

('Creamy Chiffon x degranianum ssp. degranianum 'Exbury')
Abundant, frilly, lemon yellow flowers adorn this lovely rhododendron in mid-May. Growth habit is low and compact with dark green rounded foliage that has a touch of cinnamon indumentum underneath.



Rhododendron fortunei 6', -26C, M, 4/4/4-5

Growth habit open, upright, and tree like. Large leaves up to 8" long. Highly fragrant white to pink flowers in late April to May.

Building on the theme "Growing Rhodos in a changing climate" that ran as a common thread through our September roundtable discussion, we've asked Gerry Moore to tell us about his experiences growing rhododendrons in a more exposed, sunny garden. Thanks Gerry for providing the following article:

THE TRANSFORMATION FROM LAWN TO RHODODENDRONS – by Gerry Moore

We moved to Nanaimo in June of 2006. We found a home that met Linda's criteria and presented us with the opportunity to create a garden as the existing garden was 85% lawn. The property had two lilacs and conifer shrubs along the side of the house and along some of the fence line. The gardens had east, south and west exposures. The west and south exposures were devoid of any trees while



the east had one lilac on the fence line. I

removed all conifers, built a large front patio moving soil to the back corner of property for screening and dug out the grass in selected areas by the end of 2007.

The planning of the rhododendron garden areas began in 2008. I am focusing on the back yard eastern exposure garden which I call the Patio Garden because it is my favorite and has been the most successful.



The Patio Garden:

This garden was developed over 2 years before rhododendrons were acquired and planted. In the interim, perennials, tulips, peonies and others were planted when appropriate. The site had full day sun exposure and the soil used was screened soil from the front patio project plus addition of sandy soil and compost.

In March of 2010, we visited Greer Gardens in Eugene, Oregon. We bought the following: R. "Berg's Queen Bee", R. "Dark Sister", R. *fragrantissimum*, R. "Yaku Fairy" x R. *fragrantissimum*, R. "Silver Skies", R. *tomentosum* "Milky Way", R. "Bambi" x R. *proteoides*., R. "Windsong" and R. "Vibrant Violet". All of the above were shipped in bare root form by Greer. These were planted in the Patio Garden. In addition, we bought and planted R. "Fire Rim", R. "Seaview Sunset", and R. "Hotei".

The sun exposure impacted R. "Fire Rim", R. "Windsong", R. "Dark Sister" and R. "Hotei" between 1 and 2 years.

R. *fragrantissimum* died in 2013 but I had taken cuttings in 2012 and was lucky to have one live, and it bloomed in 2016 (2 blooms), 2017, and 2018. The 4 rhodos impacted by the sun turned around and performed as well or better than the others.



The biggest surprise to me was the success of R. "Bambi" x R. *proteoides* and R. *Yaku* x R. *fragrantissimum* as soon as planted. They have flowered every year! In 2014, we planted a Weeping Higan Cherry that provides some filtered shade.

In maturity today, the Patio Garden has proven to be a beautiful addition that flowers consistently while adding year-round variety and beautiful foliage.

The rest of the Garden:

Given the heavy sun exposure in all areas, we acquired 7 trees: Magnolia Wada's Memory, Chinese Dogwood, Katsura, Purple Japanese Plum, *Acer* "Tsukushi gata", *Acer scolopendrifolium* and Nine Bark for the South and West exposures. In the backyard, we also added 6 trees: 3 Japanese maples, *Styrax japonica*, Magnolia Susan and White Lilac. Overtime, the exposure has been mitigated to a great extent. The Southern exposure presented a major challenge. First of all, I bought bargain rhodos that didn't survive: R. "purpureum elegans", R. "Mrs. T.H. Lowinsky", R. "Ostbo Low Yellow", R. "Rocket" and R. "September Song". I had no success with R. "Trude Webster" in the West exposure and finally lost patience.

Successful rhodos in the South and West exposures from the start were/are: R. "Anah Kruschke", R. "Nova Zembla", R. "Lem's Monarch", R. "Scintillation", R. "Dora Amateis", R. "Horizon Monarch", R. "Grace Seabrook", R. "Mission Bells", R. "Bow Bells".

The drainage was impacted somewhat by natural clay and clay fill. The biggest factor may well have been the learning curve for me. I had always had some rhodos and they did well, but the conditions were totally different. The good news is that I still have my enthusiasm for the rhododendron!



The Renfrew Road *Rhododendron macrophyllum*

Ian E. Efford

Introduction

Rhododendron macrophyllum can be found fairly abundantly in the wild from Central California to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. Its northern distribution consists of four isolated populations in Canada with two on Vancouver Island and two on the mainland. One mainland population is a fairly large one in the Manning Park area. It is concentrated in the Skagit Valley on the west side of the Park [IJC 1971]. Records show that it also occurs as far east as the Armstrong Mountain to the east of Cathedral Provincial Park and it probably occurs on the other side of the border in Whatcom County although this area is not within the recorded distribution in the U.S.A. [see [Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria](http://www.pnwherbaria.org/) records at www.pnwherbaria.org/].

The other mainland population is miles away in Mount Elphinstone Park, which is between Sechelt and Langdale on the Sechelt Peninsula north of Vancouver [Coast Reporter 2014]. There is some question about the natural origin of the Mount Elphinstone population.

On Vancouver Island, there is a population at Rhododendron Lake, which is due south of Parksville and SW of Nanoose Bay [Clarke, C. 2018]. This population is relatively easily accessible at weekends along a logging road. According to June Strandberg, who has visited the site since childhood: “the band of plants grow fairly close to the water in peaty, damp soil along with skunk cabbage and other bog loving plants. It also grows further back in drier, more gravelly soil along with fairly open firs, hemlock etc.”

The one remaining population on Vancouver Island is found SW of Shawnigan Lake along the Renfrew Road which runs WSW to Port Renfrew on the south west coast of the island. It is this population that is of particular interest. Although it has been known about for many years, the Renfrew Road, used since 1953 but, in the early part of this century, the road was turned over to the local logging company and access became difficult.

One reason for visiting this site to collect samples is that earlier DNA analyses by Dr. Ben Hall at the University of Washington suggests that it is not in the same genetic group as either the other one on Vancouver Island, at Rhododendron Lake, nor those found around Manning Park, both of which are genetically similar to the species on the Olympic Mountains. It was related to the maritime populations that can be found around Puget Sounds and along the Oregon Coast as well as the small population from Mount Elphinstone Park [Xi 2006]. He indicated to me at the ARS Conference in Sidney in 2015 that new samples would be analysed by more modern methods and would give a clearer picture of its origin. Since that time, attempts have been made to obtain permission to visit the site from the forestry company that controls the road and the locked gate. Until recently, these attempts failed.

This year, the whole story changed during a discussion at a party with Gerry Burch who had been the Vice President of B.C. Forest Products Ltd, the company that owned the logging rights when this population was discovered. He was instrumental in putting a “no-logging” restriction on the area and forming a small reserve around the plants to protect them. He knows the Chief Forester of Island Timberlands Ltd., the logging company that now controls the area, and was able to obtain permission for a collecting trip to the site. On the 4th May, a small party went to the site. This group consisted of Gerry Burch; Laura Gilbert, a forester from Pro For Consulting representing the forestry company; Ken Marr, the head of botany at the Royal B.C. Provincial Museum; Alan Campbell, a rhododendron

enthusiast who has spent his life in the area and visited the site before the road was privatized; and myself. Each had a different function, Gerry to obtain permission to access the area and to help to locate the site despite the changes in the forest over the years, Alan to direct us to the actual site, Ken to take herbarium samples and tissue samples for DNA analysis, and Laura to make sure that we pulled off the road when a logging truck approached. The area remains a very active logging site.

History of the Reserve

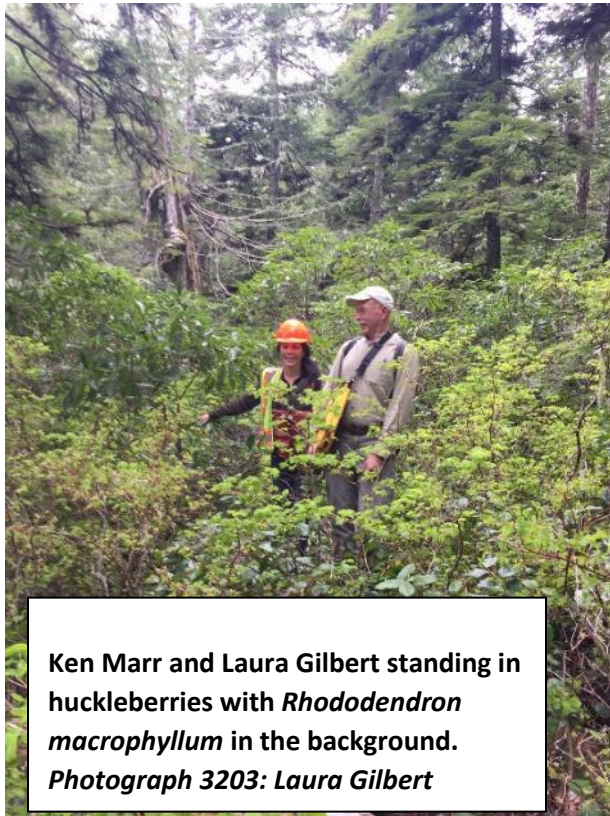
The history of this small reserve has been summarized by Gerry Burch. He states that "In 1965 or so, BC Forest Products Ltd. purchased the holdings of the Kapoor Lumber Co., including the block on which the rhododendron patch existed. The block contained mature timber at this time, and surveys were made by the engineers at the company's Crofton Wood Supply Department to examine these stands and lay them out for harvesting. The engineers reported to the Divisional Manager, Roy Swarder, that an unusual rhododendron patch had been discovered at the south edge of the block. After a field inspection, Roy contacted myself, and suggested that we examine the patch together, with the recommendation that we consider a "buffer zone" of mature trees to protect this patch. We agreed that such protection was necessary. I examined the area after harvesting (in 1970 or so), and during planting of the logged area, found that very little windfall had occurred.

Swarder took cuttings from plants in the patch, which he planted in his property on Shawnigan Lake. When he was transferred to BCFP's Head Office in Vancouver, he transferred the plants to his new property in West Vancouver, where they are now maintained by his widow. I was back to the block around 2005 with Bill Dumont but did not see the reserve identification signs at this time."

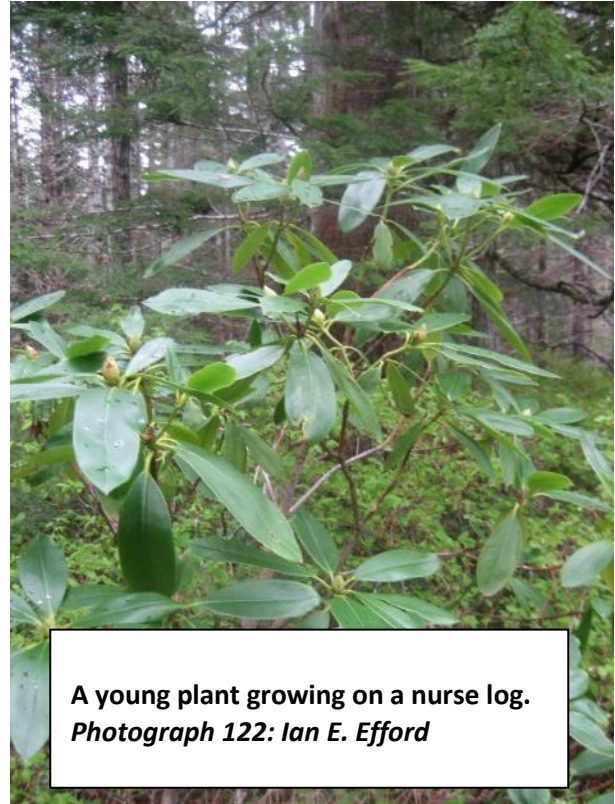
The Site

Between them, Gerry and Alan located the point on the road where there was the closest access to the site and Alan led us through the forest to a stream that drained a flooded area to the west along the road. We crossed the stream on fallen trees and he then led us diagonally up a forested hill. On the south facing brow, we entered an open stand of Douglas Fir and very quickly discovered a patch of *R. macrophyllum*. This patch was about a half of an acre and contained about 50 mature plants ranging up to 15ft in height. We also found some well-grown young plants on nurse logs. The plants were covered in buds but none showed signs of colour. The photos give an idea of the open nature of the forest in this area. The altitude was 503m ABSL and the GPS location was: 48°36' 45.1" N x 123°53'42.1" W. This area benefits from frequent rain and mist from the sea on the exposed Pacific Coast about 25 km away and in line with the prevailing direction of storms during much of the year. These rhododendrons are probably in ideal growing conditions, although it seems strange that the population has not expanded its range over the years.

The surrounding vegetation has been described by Douglas and Desrosters [2006]. They describe it as in the Douglas-fir Zone with a plant community consisting of 40m tall Western Red Cedar [*Thuja plicata*], Alaskan Blueberry [*Vaccinium alaskense*], Red huckleberry [*Vaccinium parvifolium*], Salal [*Gaultheria shallon*] and a dense layer of mosses and lichens dominated by Step moss [*Hylocomium splendens*]. There is also some hemlock [*Tsuga heterophylla*] in the immediate area.



**Ken Marr and Laura Gilbert standing in huckleberries with *Rhododendron macrophyllum* in the background.
Photograph 3203: Laura Gilbert**



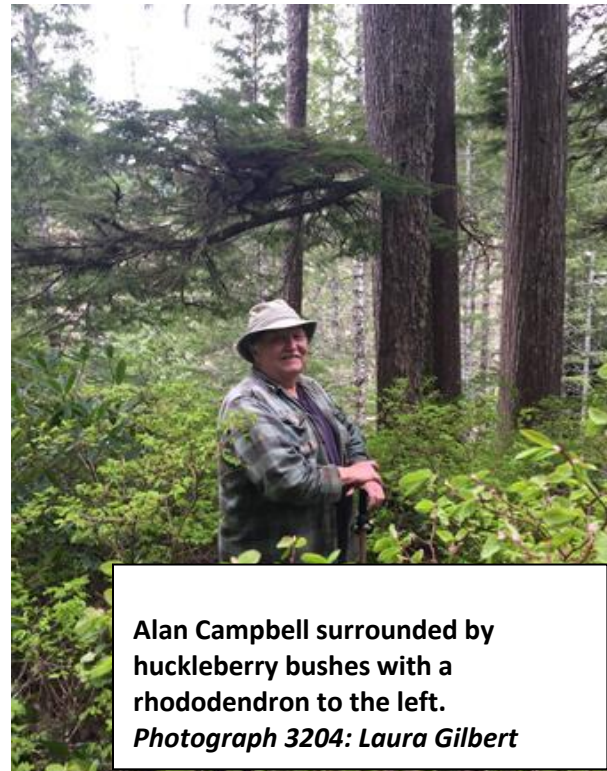
**A young plant growing on a nurse log.
Photograph 122: Ian E. Efford**

There are two large painted signs marking the site, but they are located right in the middle of the population and would be better located at each end of the brow of the hill in the direction from which a visitor is likely to approach.

Results

1. The population was found to be in good health and reproducing although it does not appear to be expanding.
2. Herbarium samples were taken and will be deposited in the herbaria at the Royal B.C. Museum, the University of British Columbia and the University of Washington.
3. Genetic material was collected and preserved before being sent to Dr. Ben Hall's genetics laboratory at the University of Washington. The material will expand the detailed knowledge of the DNA of this species throughout its natural range along the Pacific Coast.
4. At this time, the detailed genetic analysis is not complete.

We are grateful to the Island Timberlands Ltd. for allowing access to this site. I would also like to thank the whole "team" who, together, made the trip possible and provided comments and corrections for this report.



References:

Coast Reporter 2014. The wild rhododendrons of Mount Elphistone May 2014.

[Douglas, G.W. and J. Desrosters 2006. Conservation Evaluation of Pacific Rhododendron, *Rhododendron macrophyllum* in Canada. Can. Field-Nat. 120: 169-174.](#)

Adams, P. et al. 1971 The Future of the Skagit Valley, submission to the International Joint Commission July 1971.

Clarke, C. 2018 Rhododendron Lake. Nanaimo Rhododendron Society website
<http://nanaimorhodos.ca/rhododendron-lake/>

Xi, S. et al 2006. Regional Variation within *Rhododendron macrophyllum*.

J. Am. Rhododendron Soc. 60, 1: 37-41.

*Looking forward to seeing you
all at the October meeting!*

