

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



September 2006  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back after an exceptionally dry summer. If you have the water available, make sure that your plants are well watered until the fall rains begin in earnest.

Paul Lawry and I attended the District 1 President's meeting in Lion's Bay on August 20<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, Ron Knight showed some slides of the recently discovered population of *R. macrophyllum* on Mt. Elphinstone near Roberts Creek. I will provide more information on this in a future issue of the newsletter.

The ARS 2006 Western Regional Conference is to be held at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa from Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be an interesting meeting with several scenic tours of the area. The Rhododendron Species Foundation will be bringing plants to the plant sale.

Also, note that the RSF fall plant sale catalogue is available online at <http://www.rsf.citymax.com/f/2006FALLLIST.pdf>. If members wish to purchase plants, let me know by the time of our October meeting. The plants will be delivered to UBC during the first week of November.

I'm sorry I will be away at the time of our September meeting.

Craig

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## NEXT MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2006    BEBAN PARK    7:30 PM**  
**DONNA HILL**

“Native Plants for the Rhodo Garden”

Test your knowledge of the native rhodos and discover which cover and companion species you can use to add diversity to your garden  
Discover the benefits of planting with native species. Be prepared to get involved in this engaging presentation!

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## **TWIGS AND STEMS**



Goodies for September meeting:

### Executive members

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**Donna will bring a few native plants for sale at the September meeting**

### Membership Fees are due!

Please bring your membership to the fall meeting or mail to the club address on the first page of the newsletter.

Individual - \$35

Family - \$45

Associate - \$15

### Property for Sale

Our friends Philip and Joy Paull have their property for sale – perhaps you know someone who would like to purchase 3 acres of property with home and over 600 rhododendrons. There is a good water supply. Please contact Phil and Joy at 250.245.8667

### Christmas Floral Fantasy

Will be held at Cadboro Bay United Church

Hall 2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria

Friday Nov 17 12 pm to 8 pm

Saturday Nov 18 10 am to 5 pm

Price at the door is \$5

Advance tickets are \$4

Tea served for \$3 per plate

Wheel Chair accessible

Video and demonstrations throughout the day

For more information contact

Julie Noble at 727-0832

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
May 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:40. There were 40 members and guests present. President Allen McRae welcomed members and guests, including Ron and Carla Knight.

President's comments: Thanks to Paul Lawry, Chris Southwick, John and June Deniseger for organizing the bus trip to Port Alberni. Our plant sale is this Saturday. NRS will have a club table to sell plants with all proceeds to NRS. Please donate plants if you can and bring flowers for the truss show. Reminder of Fall ARS conference at Harrison September 22 – 24. Fraser Days May 27 in Ucluelet.

Secretary's report: M/S/C/ to adopt minutes of April meeting. Correspondence received: Malaspina University-College Research and Scholarly Activity report; Russell Farms offering 10% discount to NRS members; newsletters.

Treasurer's report: balance in general account \$1,782.97. Library fund \$102.32. Annual financial statement was read, copies available to members to pick up. M/S/C to adopt the Annual Financial Report.

Phil and Joy Paull will have open garden on May 20 from 9 am to dark. Phil and Joy are selling their home and moving to Quesnel and would like to say goodbye to everyone. Please park on the road: 1305 Spruston Road. Three cheers were given for Phil and Joy.

Library: please remember to bring books back before the summer.

Ron Knight has brought plants for sale tonight.

Plant sale and truss show volunteers needed. Bring trusses Friday night between 7 – 9 or Saturday before 8 am.

Our entire membership fee goes to ARS with none left over for club operations. M/S/C to raise individual membership to \$35, family to \$45 and associate to \$15.

Wind-up party will be at Allen and Gayle McRae's June 24, 4 pm. Please bring potluck, there will be a barbeque if you want to cook something. 3570 Oakridge Drive.

Elections were conducted by Donna Porter. New Board of Directors:

President	Craig Clarke	Debbie Gaboury
Vice President	Paul Lawry	Michael Miller
Secretary	Kathryn Grant	
Treasurer	Linda Lawry	
Directors	Val Harvey	
	John Deniseger	
	Chris Southwick	
	Glenda Barr	
	Ann Beamish	

Thanks to Darleen Budd for doing nominations.

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Next executive meeting at Michael Miller's. New board members welcome.

Plants were donated for the raffle by Craig Clarke, Ron Knight, Philip Paull.

Doorprizes were won by Beryl Riches, Michael Miller, John Deniseger, Joy Paull.

Raffle winners were Michael Miller, Val Harvey, Ann Beamish, guest, Barb Little, Darleen Budd, Joyce Clarke.

Ron Knight gave a very entertaining talk on propagating from cuttings.

## NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – 2005

General Account Balance at December 31, 2004

**\$3,664.70**

### INCOME

Membership	1630.00
December Auction	951.25
Raffle	533.08
Dollar Table	101.50
Bank Interest	1.33
Coffee Table	87.82
Plant Sale	6071.23
Greer's books	94.00
Donations	10.00
Library donation	50.00
Transfer of legacy acct	156.37
Miscellaneous (bus tour)	1460.00

### EXPENSES

Phone/Coffee	17.17
Office	595.90
Rent	829.76
Bank Charges	20.00
ARS Membership	1573.25
U.S. Exchange	275.90
Speakers	405.53
Newsletter	150.36
Raffle	215.45
Donations	595.00
Plant Sale commissions	4277.20
Plant Sale expenses	924.70
Greer's books	610.71
Bowen Park	54.80
Name Tags	21.60
Insurance	42.50
NIRS booklets	125.00
Minister of Finance	25.00
Door Prize (show)	30.00
Year End Party	49.20
Bus Tour	1273.95
Shelving	42.99
Bronze Medal	54.00
Technet (website)	91.20

**TOTAL INCOME 11,146.58**

**TOTAL EXPENSES 12,301.23**

General Account Balance at December 31, 2005

**2,510.05**

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## 10 Top Fall Bloomers for the Perennial Garden

From Marie Iannotti  
Your Guide to Gardening

### **Keep the Color Going**

The trick to designing your garden with perennial flowers is making sure you have something wonderful in bloom all the time. Each season has its stars and fall blooming perennials have some of the best. Fall blooming perennials have all season to grow, so many of them are tall and stately. Fall bloomers also tend to blossom in the jewel tones of the season, deep purples, rusts, scarlet and gold. For fall bloomers to be hardy in your garden, you need to plant and establish them earlier in the season. Here are some top picks for fall blooming perennial stars.

1. **Aster novi-belgii** (Michaelmas Daisy) In shades of pink, purple, blue and white, these delicate daisy-like blossoms start popping open in late August and continue on until frost. Pinching in the early summer turns these Asters into mounds with dozens of flower buds. Asters will tend to creep throughout your garden, but their airiness allows them to blend particularly well with other flowers. Zones 4 – 9
2. **Caryopteris (Blue Mist Shrub)** Caryopteris is a sub-shrub that is often grown in the perennial garden. Caryopteris slowly blossoms in August with dazzling blue flower clusters. Just try and keep the butterflies and bees away. Caryopteris is cut back in early spring, like a Buddleia, and the gray-green foliage is attractive all season. Zones 5 - 9
3. **Chelone (Turtlehead)** Nick-named for their blossoms shaped like turtles heads, Chelone is a carefree fall blooming perennial whose only real dislike is excessive dry heat. Chelone behaves itself, growing in a dense clump with attractive foliage and red, pink or white blooms. Zones 2 - 9
4. **Chrysanthemum** There are many varieties of mums, not all particularly hardy. The plants sold in the



fall as 'Hardy Mums' should have been sold to us in the spring, to be reliably hardy in the north. However we wouldn't have had the patience to plant them and wait. Mums and pumpkins are the flag bearers of fall. Try and get your potted mums in the ground ASAP. Keep them well watered and mulch once the ground freezes and you'll stand your best chance of having truly hardy mums. Zones 3

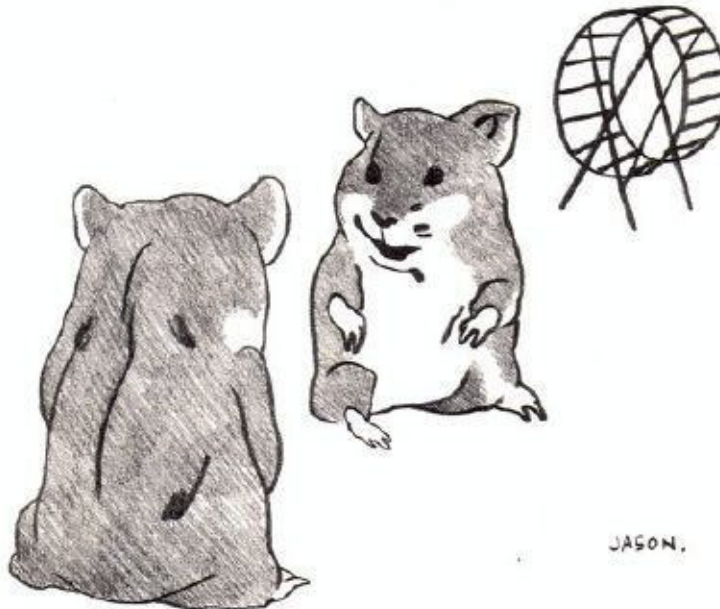
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5. **Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)** Joe Pye is one of those natives we take for granted because we see it by the side of the road, but it makes a wonderful backdrop to a garden border. The newer Eupatoriums have been bred shorter and less weedy but the dense mop heads of mauve flowers still blend in beautifully in the fall garden. Zones 2 - 9
6. **Helenium (Sneezeweed)** Helenium is making a resurgence in gardens. They look like small russet-toned coneflowers, in reds, yellows and oranges. Many helenium can grow quite tall and will need to be staked or pinched. Like clematis, they like cool feet and hot heads. Helenium is also a good choice for poorly drained areas. Zones 3 - 9



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7. **Helianthus (Perennial Sunflower)** Helianthus is a good natured, jolly plant, branching and flopping on its neighbors. The brilliant gold fluffy daisy-like flowers make an instant focal point and attract butterflies and birds. Helianthus tend to be sterile and can be reproduced by division. Zones 3 - 9
8. **Heliopsis (False Sunflower)** Heliopsis is very similar to Helianthus. Heliopsis tends to begin blooming earlier in the season and stays on for 8 or more weeks. Newer varieties have been bred smaller and sturdier, for less flopping. Zones 3 - 9
9. **Sedum (Stonecrop)** Sedum 'Autumn Joy' comes as close to perfection as any plant can. It looks good all year, requires minimal attention and attracts few problems. It's only drawback is that it is not deer resistant. 'Autumn Joy' has been joined in the garden by a growing number of fall wonders like: 'Bertram Anderson', 'Brilliant' and 'Matrona'. No fall garden is complete without sedum. Zones 3 - 9
10. **Solidago (Goldenrod)** Goldenrod is finally getting the respect it deserves, especially with introductions like 'Fireworks' and 'Golden Fleece'. Unlike the native solidagos that spread everywhere and never stood up on their own, these newer varieties are sturdy and cock full of fall blooms. Zones 3 - 9



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Cannon's Double

ARS western regional fall conference

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## 'RHODODENDRONS AROUND THE WORLD'

**Spirit Tours A & D** All three Boat Tours are full. Please choose either Tour B - Minter (Friday or Saturday) or Tour C - Ferncliff (Friday) - Tour C is full on Saturday

**Spirit Tour B** There is still plenty of space on Tour B - Minter (Friday or Saturday)

**Spirit Tour C** Tour C on Saturday is full.  
Please choose either Tour C - Ferncliff on Friday or Tour B- Minter (Friday or Saturday)

**Bonsai Demo.** Bonsai Demonstration on Friday is full.  
There are only a few spots available for the Bonsai Demonstration on Saturday

We now have over 200 participants registered  
Don't miss out on this year's A.R.S. Western Regional Conference

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