

# NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



September 2010



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to the beginning of another year in the N.R.S. It may be the end of summer but our rhodos are already setting bud in preparation for next spring.

Our executive is planning new activities to add to our regular calendar of events. For example, Reinhold will be hosting a cuttings demo/workshop in September – more details follow in this newsletter and at the meeting. You'll be hearing more about other activities as the year progresses.

Our 2012 conference committee is hard at work. You'll be getting regular updates from our conference committee chairs, Chris and Gaylle, both in the newsletter and at our meetings. (You might want to check out this fall's conference in Florence <http://web.me.com/siuslawars/WRC2010/> it's not too late to register).

We'll be kicking off our year with a finger food potluck and a great speaker, Carmen Varcoe. Hope to see you all at the meeting on September 9th!  
John

## EXECUTIVE

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## COMMITTEES

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Raffle	Ann Davey & Val Harvey	
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Bargain Table	Reinhold Gorgosilich	758-6533

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## NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9    BEBAN PARK SOCIAL CENTRE    7:30 pm**

**CARMEN VARCOE**

**'Bhutan, Its Plants and People'**

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## **TWIGS and STEMs**



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### *SEPTEMBER MEETING*

*The September meeting will be a finger-foods potluck. Please bring something to share, your own plate and cutlery.*

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### *PROPAGATION WORKSHOP*

*There will be a propagation workshop on September 19 at 2 pm. Location: Reinhold's house at 4959 Fillinger Crescent, Nanaimo. For further information phone 250 758-6533. Everybody interested is welcome.*

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### *(another) PROPAGATION WORKSHOP*

*I have been asked by Ken and Madeleine Webb of the Victoria propagation group to inform members of the Mid-Island and North Island Rhodo clubs that the Victoria propagation group is planning a one-day propagation workshop in Victoria, around the middle to end of October. If you are interested in attending or need more information please contact me:  
Art Lightburn      250 468-7516*

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### *NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE*

*The November NRS meeting will take place on Wednesday November 10, as Beban is closed on November 11. Mark your calendar now!*

## **OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER CARMEN VARCOE**

On Thursday, September 9th, the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society will present Carmen Varcoe. She will honour us by sharing her experience with "Bhutan Its Plants and People" in a PowerPoint presentation. Bhutan is a very small country that few people know about let alone have visited. Carmen noted a huge diversity in plants and the most hospitable of people.

## **Conference Corner**

**Rhodos in Paradise:  
Destination Vancouver Island  
September 21 – 23, 2012**

Your 2012 Fall Regional Conference Committee have met over the summer and we have some exciting developments to share with our club. We have booked the Coast Bastion Inn as our conference venue. The cost is less and their booking requirements were significantly less than the Conference Centre. This was a difficult decision to make as we were all excited about the Conference Centre venue originally. It is such a beautiful facility. Now that that decision has been made, we're working hard at firming up some of the many details which include speakers, tours, plant sales and social events. We have an outstanding team and we're having a good deal of fun in the planning. Thanks especially go out to those who have willingly volunteered their time and expertise: Gaylle and Allen McRae, John Deniseger, June Bouchard, Gerry Moore, Sandra Dorman, Kathryn Grant, Craig Clark, Mary Parker and Paul Lawry. We are still looking for someone to work with the technical part of the speakers (setting up the technology, microphones, etc.). If you have the time, willingness and expertise in this area, we'd sure like to hear from you!

Chris Southwick 2012 Conference Co-chair

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Keeping our club running smoothly is a team effort. While we have volunteers in place for many of our committees and events, we could use a little help. If you'd like to "chip in" to be part of a committee or organize an event, please talk to a member of our executive.

## Committees and Event coordinators:

- Christmas Auction: **vacant**
- Bargain Table: Reinhold Gorgosilich
- Bus/Garden Tour: John Deniseger
- Conference 2012: Chris Southwick and Gayle McRae
- Local Spring Garden Tours: **vacant**
- Library: Ann Beamish
- Membership: Debbie Gaboury
- Newsletter: Kathryn Grant
- Publicity: **vacant**
- Raffle table: Val Harvey and Ann Davey
- May Truss Show and Plant Sale: **vacant**
- Social/Sunshine: Sandra Dorman
- Program: Glenda Barr

Any help would be appreciated. You might even want to pair up with a friend. The more, the merrier!

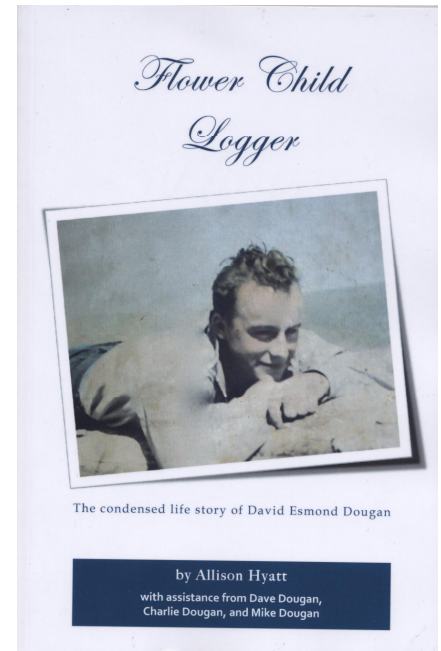
## \$ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME \$

It's that time of year again – membership renewal time! One of the benefits of renewing early is that you don't put yourself in "Journal Jeopardy". The ARS has a policy of charging \$6.00 for the winter issue if a membership is not renewed until after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Journal is a great read, both for experienced rhodo enthusiasts and those just starting out. You don't want to miss a single issue!! Membership renewal for individuals is \$ 40.00 and for family is \$ 45.00.

See you at the meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>, please bring **your cheque book!!** (We'd gladly take cash too!)

This photo shows the cover of small book that I think would be of interest to the rhododendron community of Vancouver Island if not the whole of District 1.

The book covers a rather condensed version of the life of Dave Dougan. Dave and Laurana Dougan had and still have a great influence on the rhododendron culture within our ARS Chapters for over 50 years. In their gardening career they produced three amazing gardens in Nanaimo, Cowichan Bay and on the Malahat. His promotion of rhododendrons and the ARS earned Dave both the ARS Bronze and Silver Medals.



Now in their eighties, Dave and Laurana are now living in Campbell River and I happened to visit them the other day and saw this 90 page booklet on their coffee table. This work was not approached as a money making scheme but a work of love by their granddaughter, Allison Hyatt. The first printing was of only 100 books, thought to be of some interest to family and friends. At a selling price (to cover costs) of \$15.00 it was a sell out in days so another printing is planned.

With Dave and Lauana's blessing I have taken on the promotion of the book to the different ARS Chapters. I am hoping that you will see fit to poll the membership of your respective chapters and let me know what interest there is and the number of books I can get to you.

Thank you.

Al Campbell  
Cowichan Valley Chapter ARS

# **NANAIMO RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**

## **The Salt Spring Island (BC) Apple Festival 2010**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual – Theme: **KIDS AND APPLES - A MAGICAL COMBINATION**

**Sunday Oct 3, 2010**

**9 AM to 5 PM**

Suggested starting location: Fulford Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road



Photo by Derek Lundy



Photo by Ron Watts



Photo by Debbie Burton

### **Featuring: Apple Festival Highlights**

- 1) 316 apple varieties displayed in 2009 at Fulford Hall, all raised organically on Salt Spring
- 2) Historical reenactments include: **Johnny Applesseed** & **Captain Apple** (new SSI superhero).
- 3) 17 farms, many (NNOP) Not Normally Open to the Public, are on the Apple Festival tour.
- 4) Apple Luscious Organic Orchard will have about 100 of the best apple varieties for tasting at their farm, featuring up to 23 varieties of red-fleshed apples.
- 5) Apple baking, orchard tours, apple ID, educational info, apple history and apple sales.
- 6) Leading experts in orchard bee pollination.



**Tickets: \$10 each, students \$5, children under 12- free, (available ONLY on Sunday, Oct 3, 2010).**

### **Become a Salt Spring Island Apple Connoisseur**

Contact info: [www.saltspringmarket.com/apples](http://www.saltspringmarket.com/apples)

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**View Highlights of Past Apple Festivals at**

[appleluscious.com](http://appleluscious.com)