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REFRESHMENTS

to be provided by:

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or phone 250.479.0210 if you are coming with your wrapped goodies or snacks. Coffee and tea are supplied. Assistance in setting out the food, milk, sugar and napkins, and helping Betty with the cleanup is really appreciated.

Lug your own mug

Upcoming Events

2018	Event	Place
Sep 3 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion Propagation 101 with Ken Webb A Guide to Propagating Rhododendrons for Beginners.	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Sep 17 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Oct 1 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion Milner Gardens History & New Species Garden with Geoff Ball	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Oct 15 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Nov 5 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion Jeff deJong	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Nov 19 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Dec 3 5:30	Christmas Potluck Dinner - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road

2019

Jan 21 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Feb 4 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Feb 18 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Mar 4 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Mar 18 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Apr 1 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Apr 15 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
May 6 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
May 20 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Jun 17 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Jun 30 Noon	VRS Summer Picnic	TBA
Sept 2 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road

Editor's Notes



by Theresa McMillan

Sunday, June 24, was one of the type of days we've been having many of this year: June-u-uary. Mixed sun and shade and strong cooling winds.



So the tables and plastic covers had to be set up with objects on top to keep the tablecloths from flying away. Our clothing was summer bright but not short sleeved or sleeveless and hats had to have fasteners.

Ken and Madeleine's garden was as rhodo rich and lush as ever. And a number of pots of tempting plants awaited in the shade for the raffle to be held later.

Heather Dickman provided our traditional fruit punch. Our salmon barbeque chefs

were Roy Blackmore and Lloyd Ralph. Lloyd took care of the entire cleanup, for which we thank him heartily.



NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS

You can send any of your pictures, passages or paragraphs to the newsletter by emailing the Editor, victoriarhododendron@gmail.com.

Thank you.



NOTES FROM THE BOARD August 2018

by Brenda Macdonald

The minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting were adopted as read.

The treasurer's report was adopted as presented. Included in the report were the figures from the plant sales. There were actually several sales during the months of April and May, including events at Nanaimo and Cowichan, totaling 416 plants and a net income to the club of >\$3500.00. These plants sales are the major source of income for the VRS and as usual, the club is deeply indebted to all those who volunteer their time and effort to make them happen. As in 2018, the first and largest of the 2019 plant sales will be held at the Marquardts.

The membership report was adopted as presented. Including Associates, there are currently 109 members in the Victoria Rhododendron Society.

The VRS will host a table at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific's annual "Arts & Music in the Gardens" event, taking place on August 25 and 26.

Progress is being made in setting up a propagation and nursery area for the use of the VRS within the HCP campus. Further information for all members will be offered at the regular September meeting.

The functions of the executives and board members and the various ancillary tasks inherent in running the VRS, were discussed at some length. It is clear that the smooth operation of a club of this size demands that we have people willing and able to act as back up, not only to the executive members (running the meeting, taking minutes, handling the finances, keeping track of membership) but also the vital tasks of running the website and handling the Audio and Video equipment at the meetings. The Executive and Board members will be making a concerted effort over the next few months to ensure that those persons currently performing

these duties have sufficient support. It is unfair and unrealistic to expect that those stalwarts currently doing so much for the club will continue to do so, on some kind of full-time permanent basis.

The pricing of sale plants and remuneration to growers was reviewed. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that those members growing plants for our annual sale would receive 80% of the sale amount and 20% going to the club. Growers would be responsible for all costs associated with growing their plants (material, pots, soil, fertilizers, etc.). They would also be responsible for labelling and presentation. Any unsold VicRS members' plants brought to various sale sites must be taken away after the sale.

Plants started by members and grown on in the proposed new propagation and nursery area at the HCP would be VicRS property. VicRS will be responsible for the growing costs while there and will receive 100% of the sale price of those plants.

Our January monthly meeting faces many constraints: snow, darkness, proximity to (or even coincident with) New Year's stat holiday, difficulty in booking speakers on that date, membership vacation schedules and even ordinary post-Christmas fatigue. The January meeting is usually not well attended. The Executive concluded that the January monthly meeting should be deleted from our regular schedule.

Dean Goard, who was elected President in March 2018, found he was not able to fulfill his duties and resigned his position. Lois Blackmore, Past President, stepped in to fill the gap. Brenda Macdonald, elected Vice President in March 2018 took over the responsibilities of President effective at the August, 2018 Executive and Board meeting.

To the members of the Victoria Rhododendron Society:

I am deeply honored to be the recipient of the ARS Pioneer Achievement Award. Receiving this award was far from my wildest imagination but then who is always talking about believing in possibilities?

Over the many years that I have been hybridizing, I have found much pleasure in observing what nature and I have created. It is most gratifying to have that work acknowledged by the ARS. But it isn't the awards that motivate me to continue, it's the people who share the love of rhododendron who do that, the people who wrote letters in support of the nomination for the award, the people who are interested in obtaining plants, cuttings, pollen and seed from my hybrids, and who contact me for information. I am most grateful to them - without them, my work would be meaningless. Everyone of you has contributed in one way or another to the joy in my work and to this award. I sincerely thank each of you.

Special gratitude is due to Lois Blackmore who spearheaded the concept and did an inordinate amount of footwork here in Victoria and to Mike O'Hara who did the same for the East Coast. Credit also goes to Roy Blackmore, Carolyn and Tony Marquardt, Calvin Parsons and Ken and Madeleine Webb who played a significant role in making this a reality.

Best wishes to the Victoria Rhododendron Society chapter for their dedication to perpetuating not only my hybrids, but for appreciating the beautiful plants from all the gardens in the world.

Sincerely,
Jim



Jim Barlup
Rhododendron Hybridizer

Interesting links

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR YOUR GARDEN

Courtesy of Amanda Rhodes

Identification Guide for Rhododendrons Pests:

<https://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JARS/v38n3/v38n3-antonelli.htm>



Getting Rid of Lace Bugs:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/plant-problems/pests/insects/what-are-lace-bugs.htm>



How to Deer-Proof Your Garden:

<https://www.critterfence.com/resources/how-to-deer-proof-your-garden>



Drought-Proofing Your Rhododendrons:

http://rosebay.org/chapterweb/rosebay/f01_drought_proofing.htm



**Welcome
New Member
Tom Grogan**

BIG NEWS PARTNERSHIP



The Gardens at HCP and the Victoria Rhododendron Society have had an ongoing partnership since the 1985 creation of the HCP Rhododendron Garden. Because of our partnership, we will reduce your HCP membership fee by 25% if you provide us with a current VRS Membership card when taking out a new or renewing your existing HCP Membership.



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