

# THE RHODOVINE

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## Christmas Pot Luck

Wednesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Doors open 5pm** early birds mingle.  
**Dinner 6.30pm** to allow plenty of  
time for all members to arrive.

**Maria Bieberstein** is organizing a great party this year. No need to bring dishes or cutlery the Rotary house has enough and her willing helpers will clean up after dinner. There will be a turkey dinner provided by Ann De Brincat, Terry and Verna Richmond. Ann raises the turkey with her own fair hands. Terry and Velma will cook the turkey and provide Terry's famous gravy and stuffing. Buns, coffee and tea are provided.

### Bring

1. A pot luck dish to share.
2. Your favorite drink
3. Food for the food bank.
4. A wrapped gift \$5-\$10 range to exchange.

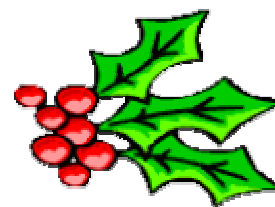
Back by popular demand are Louise Dwyer and Bill Saunders. Bill will lead the annual singalong.

Maria said  
"I know it's a busy time of year, but I do hope to see a good turnout. We always have fun and a good meal. It's also a good time to get to know club members,"  
Marilyn Dawson



MARS Meetings  
Second Wednesday of the Month  
7:30 pm  
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

December Meeting  
**Christmas Pot Luck**  
**Wednesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 500 pm** at  
the Rotary House on the corner  
of Fern and Beach, Qualicum  
Beach.



Next Meeting  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Speaker to be announced next**  
**Rhodovine**

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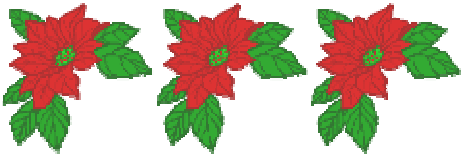
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### President's Message

*This is the time of year that we put our gardens to bed and have time to think about planning the projects for next year, both for our gardens and for our garden club.*

*Reflecting back on the past year, I believe that it's been a good year for our club. We have a competent executive who are fun to work with. We certainly have had a lot of energetic and enthusiastic committee volunteers, who have through their efforts, once again made us a very successful organization. A number of our executive and committee members have been involved for some time. They have paid their dues. Other people need to step up to the plate. For us to continue to be as successful, we need more members to either volunteer for a committee or let their name be put forward for our May elections.*

*I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and good health and happiness to you and your family. Hope to see a large turn out for our Christmas party on Dec.6/06*

## Merry Christmas

Ron McMaster

### Rhodo Newsflash

- **The capability to register a rhododendron name on line has been set up at the ARS public web site. You can access the internet registration form at [http://www.rhododendron.org/name\\_registration.htm](http://www.rhododendron.org/name_registration.htm). The new on-line application has been tested and approved by Jay Murray, who hopes it will encourage more growers to register their plants. It would be good if you can let others in District 1 know about the new on-line capability.**
- **We received a letter from Bill Dale requesting that we each donate one or more rhododendrons to the George Fraser Committee so they can plant them along the highway entering Ucluelet, Ron encourages us to bring them , any size, to the January general meeting. He will arrange to get the rhododendrons to Ucluelet.**

### For Sale

#### Down to Earth shovels

Just think of that bright red shovel under the Christmas tree!

And how appreciated it will be -

Happy Holidays, Tana

Down-to-Earth Shovels (250) 549-4242

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## Events

### Milner Christmas Magic

Dec 1 - 3, 8 - 10 & 14 - 19, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

A family oriented festival of lights and music in the Garden.

Admission by donation. Bring your flashlight.

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Website: [www.milnergardens.org](http://www.milnergardens.org)

The Mid Island Floral Arts group has asked the Club to pass on this information about their tea-

They are presenting their **Floral Christmas Tea** on Friday, December 15th between 2 and 4 pm. This will be at the St. Stephen's Church Hall on Memorial/Village Way in QB. Admission is \$10 at door. Traditional Christmas Floral Displays will be drawn throughout the afternoon

## 2007 ARS Annual Convention

### **Rhododendrons at the Golden Gate 2007 ARS Annual Convention South San Francisco, Calif. April 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

The Northern California Chapters of the American Rhododendron Society invite you to attend the 2007 annual ARS convention, "Rhododendrons at the Golden Gate," April 12 through 15, with an optional post-conference tour April 16 through 18.

The convention will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel in South San Francisco and the host committee has planned a variety of activities.

### The Schedule

#### **Thursday, April 12:**

- ARS Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Golden Gate Park tour, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Dinner, Michael McKechnie, executive director, San Francisco Botanical Garden 6:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, April 13:**

- East Bay Garden tour, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- South Bay Garden tour, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Dinner, Dr. George Argent, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh; Dr. Robert Raabe, UC Berkeley, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, April 14:**

- North Bay tour, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Santa Cruz tour, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Doug Thomson, curator, Dunedin Botanic Garden, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday, April 15:**

- Hybridizers' Roundtable, 8am – 10 a.m.
- Executive Directors Open Forum, 10 a.m. – noon.
- Beach Blanket Babylon and dinner, 3:30pm – 10pm

**MOUNT ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 8, 2006.

**MEETING** called to order at 7:40 pm.

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Mary Thomas, Joyce Zeghers, Carol Henderson, Sandy Atkins, Anita Steineckert and Karin Steineckert.

**MINUTES** of the last general meeting, October 11, 2006, were approved as circulated; no corrections necessary.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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Letter from Bill Dale .

A card from Charmaine Hambly, thanking us for helping her move all the rhododendrons from the former Vickers property, except for the four plants that she kept.

**2006 / 2007 MARS EXECUTIVE and COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:**

- 1) Meeting Coordinator: still require a volunteer for this position
- 2) Back-up for Librarian: still need a volunteer
- 3) Barbara Kulla still requires a helper with refreshments for each meeting and directing clean-up after meetings. She now has casual help but would like a regular volunteer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tony Ansdell gave the October 31, 2006 financial report and it was accepted. Our GIC has matured and Tony is now applying to put the money into ING Direct.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Tonight's door prize was Rhododendron 'Yaku Angel'. The raffle prizes were Rhododendron 'Party Orange', the evergreen azalea 'Hino Crimson', a Choisya ternata (Mexican orange), a Vaccinium vitis – idaea (Lingonberry) donated by Arrowsmith Greenhouse and a 3 kg package of Norm Todd's rhodo fertilizer as a substitute prize.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Barbara Kulla: this evening's goodies were brought by Mary Gillespie, Ed Mosier and Marjorie Zimmerman.

**SUNSHINE:** Maria Bieberstein: sent a card to Ann Robertson.

**GARDEN TOUR:** Will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**TRUSS SHOW and SALE:** Bert Harding and committee are working on the show. They will be asking after Christmas for lots of volunteer help at the show.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Bert Harding reminded us that this is the last meeting to pay for ARS memberships (\$30) and still receive all the ARS Journals. Please pay tonight or contact Bert before Dec. 1, 2006. Cheques leave a better paper trail for our records than cash however. However, pay either way.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Maria Bieberstein reminded us it will be a pot luck dinner at Rotary House on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 6:00 pm. Terry Richmond will be bringing the turkey, stuffing and gravy so please bring something else. Maria said to bring a wrapped \$5 to \$10 gift and a non-perishable food donation for the SOS

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Oceanside Garden Show, Saturday and Sunday April 28 and 29/07. Our two tables are reserved. Barbara Kulla and Marilyn Dawson have agreed to run this program and will need lots of help to collect the plants for sale and to man the tables for two days.
2. I have agreed to assume the position of District #1 Alternate Director and to remain the treasurer for District #1 as well. That becomes effective after the ARS board meeting in April/07. I will continue on as past president for the 2007/2008 year, as called for in our constitution; therefore, we will be looking for a new president this coming May. If you have someone you would like to nominate please let me know (Ron McMaster 250-954-3210)

3. District #1 meeting at Milner gardens March 11/06: this meeting has been confirmed and what we agreed to was that the meeting room and garden tour is free, but they will cater our lunch and charge us approximately \$15.00 plus tax per person. That way they receive a donation for their services.
4. It has been arranged through Bert to speak to the Qualicum Beach Newcomers club this next spring. Bert will be there 'talking up' memberships and Glen Jamieson will be the guest speaker.
5. On Nov. 11 and 12/06 the City of Parksville is hosting, with funds received from ARTS NOW, an event called "The Celebrations Workshop with Oceanside Cultural Coalition". The Celebrations Workshop is, essentially, a "special events planning 101" course. During this workshop the attendees will be able to gain valuable new skills that will enhance their events, and they will be able to meet with other groups and cultural organizations from the Oceanside District, where they will be able to network and share their success stories with others. Dolly Hopkins, Artistic Director from Public Dreams Society in Vancouver, has put together a workshop program that will provide help for planning our events. Marilyn Dawson and Judy McMaster will be representing MARS, along with a couple of other members.
6. John England (our Milner Gardens liaison) announced the "2006 Milner Christmas Magic" event. They will be open Dec. 1 – 3, Dec. 8 – 10 and Dec. 14 – 19 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It will be a family oriented festival of lights and music in the winter garden with over two miles of festive lights, holiday displays, live music, refreshments, special Christmas gift shop, Santa Claus, a Teddy Bear Cottage and story telling. Entry by donation. 2179 W. Island Hwy., Qualicum Beach; 752-6153.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Tonight's guest speaker was Linda Derkach giving a presentation on "Winter in the Garden". Kathy Claxton from Arrowsmith Greenhouses brought a number of example plants which were for sale during the coffee break. There were many types of structure, texture, colour and fragrance. The garden does not have to be a boring, dead place during the cold season.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Don Bridgen won Rhododendron 'Yaku Angel'.

**RAFFLE:** Carol Hansen won the Lingonberry; Bobbi Hudson won the Azalea 'Hino Crimson'; Richard Kuhn won Rhodo 'Party Orange' and Brenda Moore won the 'Mexican Orange'.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:30 pm.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** December is party month 6th December.  
The next general meeting will be January 10, 2007.

Secretary,  
**Ann De Brincat**  
President,  
**Ron McMaster**

**Membership** due date is the 30<sup>th</sup> November .Call 752-3923 or email [ruber@shaw.ca](mailto:ruber@shaw.ca) .

**Submissions for the Rhodovine**

Send your favorite garden photo, remedy, article, story or recipe to the newsletter editor before the last Wednesday of the month. Email [annierobertson@shaw.ca](mailto:annierobertson@shaw.ca) or give them to Ann Robertson at the next meeting .



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**