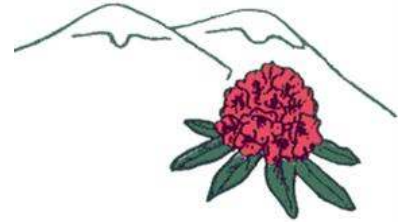


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This Month:

Bernie Guyader On The Smaller Rhododendrons



Rhododendron 'Patty Bee' is a favourite of the rock gardener.

Come and learn from the experience of a long time rhododendron and rock garden expert. Bernie will share information on his favourite cultivars, their care and siting, suggested reading...and mistakes he has made along the way.

MARS Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
Qualicum Beach
Civic Centre

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 11

**MARS Mother's Day
Weekend Garden Tour
May 7 and 8**

**14 wonderful gardens plus
music, art, floral arts and
lots more**

Tickets \$15

**at Cultivate, Kendor,
Arrowsmith Greenhouses,
Mulberry Bush Book
Stores all in Qualicum And
Parksville**

**Colyn's Nursery in Port
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The Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society
presents the
Mother's Day Weekend
GARDEN TOUR



Rhododendron 'Qualicum's Pride'

May 7 & 8

**14 Beautiful and Creative Gardens to Enjoy
in Qualicum Beach and Parksville for \$15**

Plus: Art, Music and Floral Arts

Tickets Available at:

**Qualicum
Beach:**

- *Mulberry Bush Book Store
- *Arrowsmith Greenhouses
- *Milner Gardens and Woodland
- *Ken-Dor Garden Centre

Parksville:

- *Mulberry Bush Book Store
- *Buckerfield's
- *Cultivate Garden & Gift

Port Alberni

- *Colyn's Nursery and Garden Centre

For more information, phone 738-0138 or marsrhodos.ca

Upcoming Programs...

❖ *May 2016*

- *Bernie Guyader on The Small Rhododendrons*

Dates to Remember...

❖ *May 7 & 8, 2016*

- *MARS 25th Annual Mother's Day Garden Tour*

Getting to Know Bernie Guyader

After retiring from the RCAF in 1977 and settling down in Courtenay, I decided to get serious about one of my hobbies, gardening. My father-in-law was a member of the Alpine Garden Club of BC and after hiking in the local hills, I thought I would like to get involved in alpines and rock gardens.

I joined the AGCBC and had access to their seed exchange and was able to grow some of these plants. I started a small nursery where I was able to produce enough plants to sell at plant sales and also to the Horticultural Center of the Pacific. I also joined the Scottish Rock Garden Club, who also had a great seed exchange.

When a group of nursery people thought we should have a garden club, I was approached to be on the executive, I was elected

President and the Comox Valley Horticultural Society was formed.

I worked for Harry Wright in his landscape maintenance business and when he got interested in rhododendrons, I tagged along. I discovered dwarf rhododendrons and thought they would fit perfectly into my rock garden which I was about to construct. After the North Island Chapter was formed, I joined the Rhododendron Club.



I was involved with moving the remaining Greig rhododendrons from Royston to Filberg Lodge. We then planned and put in the Courtenay Rhododendron garden. When Ucluelet decided to honor George Fraser I donated, and helped collect and deliver the rhododendrons to Ucluelet for their George Fraser recognition.

I continue to be a member of NIRS and the CVHS.

In Our Members' Gardens....



Camelia in the garden of Karen Bennett and Kel Roberts



Family Portrait: Hummers Sharing a Feeder????
In the garden of Karen Bennett and Kel Roberts – I wonder what they are feeding them!



Rhododendron 'Bruce Brechtbill' in the garden of Jane and Ray Walker



Rhododendron 'Taurus' putting on a great performance at Jane and Ray Walker's garden



Rhododendron 'Cosmopolitan'
tended by Ray Walker

Mid Island Floral Art Club

Thursday, May 12 at 1:45

**St. Stephens United Church Hall
150 Village Way, Qualicum Beach**

Demonstration:

Lavish Floral Arrangements

**Guest Presenter: Leanne Opel
Manager, Qualicum Foods Floral Department**

Guests: \$6.00

For Info call Joanne [250-757-8969](tel:250-757-8969)



Rhododendron 'Spring Fragrance' is a hybrid of Frank Fujioka. Huge pink buds open white with a subtle fragrance – and the leaves are a dark green, wavy and very attractive.

Photo: Linda Derkach

The Eaglecrest Garden Club

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00

**Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
747 Jones Street, Qualicum**

Speaker: Connie Kuramoto

on

**Cuttings and Propagation
Techniques**

New members and guests welcome.

Non-members: \$3.00

Contact: Susan 594-7468



Rhododendron 'Taurus' looking pretty happy
in the garden of Kathy and Guy Loyer.

The plants and birds were photographed by their owners.

Blooming Now....



Rhododendron 'Lem's Cameo' in the garden of John and Arlene England – certainly one of the most beautiful hybrids ever!



Rhododendron 'Conroy' catching the last rays of the sun



Rhododendron 'Cotton Candy' – a large shrub almost touching the eaves!



Rhododendron smirnowii



Rhododendron 'Percy Wiseman' waiting to bloom proves that rhododendrons have many beautiful stages – from bud to blossom to new leaves!!

Photos: Linda Derkach



Rhododendron 'Cunningham's White' is one of the new "ironclads" – standing a few feet from the ocean and cold north winds, this lovely plant never fails to bloom and looks good all year.



Rhododendron 'Medusa' is a prolific bloomer over a long period of time. Luscious orange/coral blooms clothe this attractive plant making new fans each spring.



Rhododendron smirnowii has lovely mauve/pink blossoms and white indumentum on the leaves.



Rhodohypoxis is happy in very well-drained soil amended with grit and perlite. Best to overwinter in a cool greenhouse.

Photos: Linda Derkach

Lorne Hepting Takes Best in Show - Twice

Marilyn Dawson

Lorne Hepting won best-in-show for both categories at the Rhododendron Show and Sale on Saturday, April 23. His large leaf entry was *Rhododendron* 'Horizon Monarch' and small leaf was *R.* 'Fred Robbins'. Because many blooms are about three weeks earlier than in previous years, there were many new stars, particularly pinks and yellows. Other winners were:

Blue Collection:

1. *R.* 'Elsie Watson' - Ted Beaks
2. *R.* 'Blaney's Blue' - Kathy Loyer

Foliage, large leaf: no entries.

Foliage, small leaf:

1. *R.* 'Insigne' - Lorne Hepting

Pink:

1. *R.* 'Noble Mountain' – Lorne Hepting
2. *R.* 'Queen Nefertiti' - Al Bieberstein
3. *R.* 'Hallelujah' - Al Bieberstein.

Red:

1. *R.* 'Halfdam Lem' – Al Bieberstein
2. *R.* 'Fred Robbins' - Lorne Hepting
3. *R.* 'Jean Marie de Montague' - Marilyn Dawson

White:

1. *R.* 'Spring Fragrance' - Al Bieberstein
2. *R.* 'Yeti' - Doug Kitts
3. *R.* 'Teddy Bear' - Don Bridgen

Yellow:

1. *R.* 'Horizon Monarch' - Lorne Hepting
2. *R.* 'Trewithen Orange' - Lorne Hepting
3. *R.* 'Sunspray' - Joanne Hamilton

Tender:

1. *R.* 'Princess Alice' - Ann DeBrincat
2. *R.* *edgeworthii* - Ann DeBrincat

Species small leaf:

1. *R.* *yunnanense* - Al Bieberstein
2. *R.* 'Yaku Angel' - Doug Kitts
3. *R.* 'Ken Janeck' - Skip Cockburn

Spray:

1. *R.* *augustinii* - JudyMilliceap
2. *R.* *yunnanense* - Kathy Loyer
3. *R.* 'Windbeam' - Al Bieberstein

Lax Truss:

1. *R.* 'May Day' - Doug Kitts
2. *R.* 'Cinkeys' - Don Bridgen
3. *R.* 'Baden Baden' - Marilyn Dawson

Hammerhead:

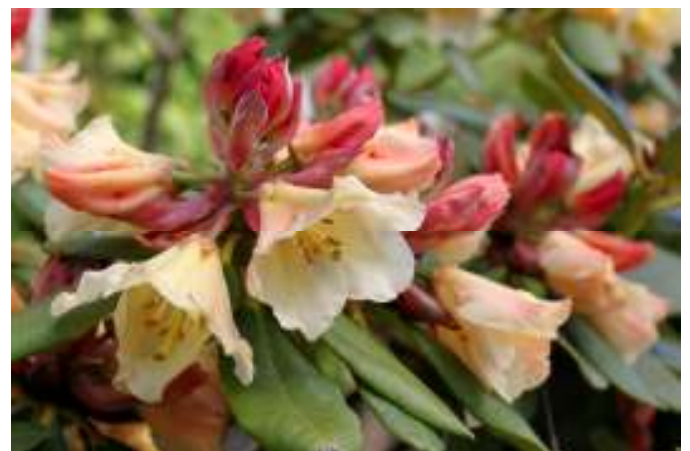
1. *R.* 'George's Delight' - Al Bieberstein
2. *R.* 'Jean Marie de Montague' - Al Bieberstein
3. *R.* 'Elizabeth' - Marilyn Dawson

Novice: Sherry Thompson

There were no entries for the Species, large leaf category.



Rhododendron edgeworthii is a spectacular fragrant species that – with our warmer winters – can be found in many rhododendron collections on the island.



Rhododendron 'Horizon Monarch' – with its attractive foliage and orange buds opening to yellow - shows why it was best in show!

Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society
General Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm at
Held at the Civic Centre in Qualicum Beach

Before about 60 members and guests, President Linda Derkach introduced guest speaker Bill Dumont of the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society who gave a presentation on a bus tour he had organized through southwest England. There were 47 people on the tour, mostly from Vancouver Island who visited 17 gardens including Kew, Wisley and the Chelsea Garden Show. As well there were visits to such historic sites as Lanhydrock Garden with its Augustinian abbey dating back to 1530, Tintagel, the site of the legendary castle of King Arthur and the lost garden of Helligan with its impressive huge rhododendrons.

Rhododendron Demo: After the break Don Bridgen gave a brief lesson on entering a truss (bloom) at the show, showing examples of the different categories, lax truss, spray etc. Even a hammerhead! He explained how to clean up an entry and when and how to choose a bloom for the judges' table.

BUSINESS: After the break, members heard details of the upcoming Rhododendron Show and Sale and the Mother's Day Garden Tour.

1. Ray asked for volunteers to turn up Friday, April 22 to help with the setup which included the MARS plant sale table. Plants should be brought no later than 4 pm so they can be priced. Plants should be identified.
2. Those entering blooms to be judged were asked to have lists ready, hybrids and species separated and preferably in alphabetical order. Lists will be taken in order.
3. A cleanup crew will be needed after the 2 pm close. The potluck starts at 5 pm at Ray and Jane Walker's home, 824 San Malo in San Pareil.
4. For the Garden Tour on Mother's Day Weekend, Chair Kathy Loyer was busy handing out sitters' instructions and their tickets. All 14 gardens have sitters.

PRIZES: Raffle prizes were won by Mazie Walsh, Ross Renwick, Sherry Thompson, Don Bridgen and Tony Ansdell.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 pm
Recorded by Marilyn Dawson

Two Local Beauties

In Qualicum Beach village, *Rhododendron* 'Paprika Spiced' puts on a spectacular show. The rest of the year, she probably is not noticed – and her leaves are not the most attractive – but for three weeks in April and May she is the star attraction.



And in Parksville, *Rosa banksiae* 'Lutea' never fails to thrill those who pass by. A lovely climbing rose, *R. banksiae* produces huge clusters of tiny yellow flowers, has no thorns and is usually disease free – and early blooming. *Rosa banksiae* was in bloom everywhere at the ARS Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia in April.



Photos: Linda Derkach

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