

The Victoria Rhododendron Society

Newsletter



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Meeting:
Christmas Pot-Luck
Dinner, Raffle, and Winners of Photo Night
6:30 MONDAY, December 10, 2012

GARTH HOMER CENTRE, 811 DARWIN STREET,
VICTORIA, B. C.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

(more details on page 2)

We are asking our members to bring the 2/3 savories and 1/3 sweets for the Pot-Luck as we did last year.

As well, bring in your \$25 for the 2013 VRS fees, if you haven't paid them yet. Thank you.

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NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

The Victoria Rhododendron Society has volunteered to host the American Rhododendron Society Convention here in May 2015.

On October 14, we had a meeting at Calvin Parsons' home for a discussion of the details. The date will be May 6-10, 2015, and the place, Mary Winspear Community Cultural Centre in Sidney.

The theme will be international expertise. Co-chairpersons will be Lois Blackmore and Calvin Parsons.

The Organizing Committee Members are:

Lois & Roy Blackmore – VicRS
Bill & Theresa McMillan – VicRS
Ken & Madeleine Webb – VicRS
Ian Efford – CVRS
Mary Parker – Director District #1
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Marilyn Dawson – MARS
Ken Gibson - MARS
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*The Victoria Rhododendron Society's Annual
Pot Luck Christmas dinner
Will be on Monday, December 10 at the Garth
Homer Center
At 6:30 p.m.*

*Members A to M, please bring a savory
Or a salad
Members N to Z please bring
A dessert*

*The Club will provide a cooked ham, & turkey
Punch, serviettes, tea and coffee, sugar,
milk & cream,*

*Please bring your own dishes, cutlery and
cups*

*Raffle donations of crafts and plants would
Be much appreciated, as well as non-
perishable foods. All proceeds
Will be donated to the Mustard Seed food
Bank.*



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Note: The organizing committee members are from ARS District 1, which includes Vancouver Island and the Vancouver area. There are the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society, the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society, the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society, the Fraser South Rhododendron Society, and the Victoria Rhododendron Society.

Mary Parker is the Director of District 1 and Glen Jamieson is editor of the American Rhododendron Society Journal.

At this time we are seeking recommendations for exceptional International speakers. Please email or contact Lois (loisb@shaw.ca) or Calvin (waterlily@shaw.ca) with your suggestions.



Silvered leaves: ginkgo, rhododendron, and acer

Photography Contest Results

Single Truss:

First Place: *R. wardii*, Bill McMillan

Second Place: tied Phyllis Korn, Betty Gordon and
Trewithan Orange, Norma Senn

Third Place: Grace Seabrook, Peter Barriscale



R. wardii, Bill McMillan

Whole Rhodo:

First Place: Prince Abkhazi, Peter Barriscale

Second Place: Unique Marmalade, Bill McMillan

Third Place: Fantastica, Bill McMillan



Prince Abkhazi, Peter Barriscale

Foliage:

First Place: *Pachy X Pachy*; Peter Barriscale

Second Place: *Vireya*, Bill McMillan

Third Place: tied *Mist Maiden*, Peter Barriscale and
R. schlippenbachia Bill McMillan



Pachy X Pachy; Peter Barriscale

Companion Plant:

First Place: Clematis, Norma Senn

Second Place: Magnolia Susan, Peter Barriscale

Second Place: Hosta Brite Lights, Bill McMillan



Clematis, Norma Senn

Garden scene:

First Place: Moon Bridge, Royal Roads, Bill McMillan

Second Place: Owen, Asheville, NC, Norma Senn

Third Place: three tied for third

Best In Show:

First Place: Moon Bridge, Royal Roads, Bill McMillan

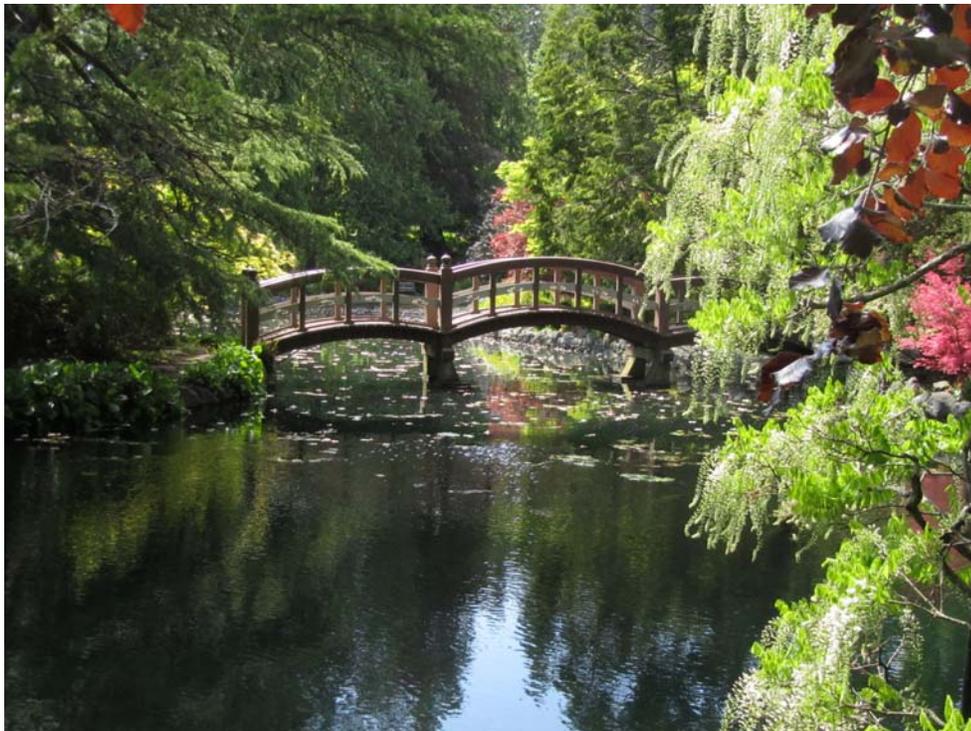
Second Place: Prince Abkhazi, Peter Barriscale

Third Place: tied Vireya, Bill McMillan and Pachy X Pachy;
Peter Barriscale

Rosette Winners

Best In Show: Moon Bridge, Royal Roads, Bill McMillan

Aggregate Points: Bill McMillan



Moon Bridge, Royal Roads, Bill McMillan

The Victoria Rhododendron Society was pleased to bestow its highest award, the **Bronze Medal**, to two dedicated volunteers, **Lois Blackmore** and **Jacqueline Bradbury**.

For many years, Jacq, who was a VRS Board member, then Vice President, and President for three years when the previous president became ill.

For the 2005 ARS Convention, Jacq was in charge of the floral displays, and has overseen the floral displays at our Christmas pot-luck dinner.

As well, Jacq has sold many interesting companion plants at our monthly meetings.

Lois has led the VRS through a difficult transition in our show and sales. Lois very thoughtfully received the executives' ideas for new directions and successfully developed a model that works. Lois's positive attitude has been contagious.

Lois has also successfully arranged to have hundred of Jim Barlup's cuttings grown in B.C.



Lois Blackmore, winner of the 2012 Bronze Medal and Theresa McMillan, winner of the 2011 Bronze Medal



Jacqueline Bradbury, winner of the 2012 Bronze Medal and Ann Whittaker, winner of the 2011 Bronze Medal



You're invited....

Brian Minter

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
Doors Open and Plant Sale:
7:00 pm**

Presentation: 7:30 Sharp!!

Everyone Welcome!

\$5 for non-members

“Taking Your Garden to the Next Level”

Well-known nurseryman, plantsman and speaker Brian Minter returns to Qualicum Beach.

He presents a whole new program in January for the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society

The VRS Propagation Workshop, October 13 2012

by Bill McMillan

Some 40 participants from the island and the lower mainland came to the Propagation Group workshop on October 13. Most of the Chapters in ARS District 1 were represented. The workshop was arranged by Ken and Madeleine Webb with help from many of the members of our Propagation Group.

Talks took up the morning with a break for lunch and continued into early afternoon. After an introduction by Ken, topics covered in the workshop were propagation by seeds (Dean Goard), producing new hybrids (Lloyd Gilmore), Jim Barlup's hybrids (Lois Blackmore), grafting (Ken Gibson), propagation procedures at the Rhododendron Species Foundation (Dennis Bottmeiller), and pruning (Bill McMillan).

Afterward, there was a lively discussion and an opportunity for hands-on seed planting. Then participants practiced taking cuttings from the Webb's garden and many placed the cuttings in the Webb's propagator, hopefully, to root. Of course each participant was invited to take a plant from the large collection of rooted cuttings that Ken and Madeleine have amassed. The enthusiasm of the participants made the effort really worthwhile.

The workshop was held outside on the Webb's large deck. Although the weather was not great, a large tarp and heaters provided good protection. A delicious lunch was prepared by Madeleine and Sandy Campbell and after the workshop many of us had a Chinese food dinner at Fonbo's restaurant before the mainlanders headed

for the ferry and the rest of us for home.

A more detailed outline of the workshop and related material is being prepared for the Spring or Summer edition of the ARS Journal.



The group studying rhododendrons to be used for cuttings



Mary Parker preparing cuttings

VRS 2013 Calendar



Key to the Symbols

General Meetings

Garth Homer Center
811 Darwin Street
Saanich



Propagation Group Meetings

(contact Ken Webb
to be added to the email list)



VRS Shows and Sale

Show April 27 Tillicum Mall
Sale May 11 Abkhazi Garden
Show May 25 Westshore Mall



Summer Picnic

See May Newsletter for
details on location and time



ARS Convention May 1-5

Seattle Airport Marriott,
SeaTac, Washington

Conflicting Statutory Holiday

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Western Regional Conference, Newport, Oregon

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