

The Victoria Rhododendron Society

Newsletter



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Meeting:
Christmas Pot-Luck
Dinner, Raffle, and Winners of Photo Night
6:30 MONDAY, December 9, 2013

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

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

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

As well, bring in your \$35 for regular 2014 VRS fees or \$25 for local VRS fees if you haven't paid them yet. Thank you.

By Theresa McMillan

Over the years, our **Christmas raffle** has made the Holiday season more enjoyable for so many people. The sale of the goods and the boxes of non-perishable food benefits the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

The beautiful fresh sprays of conifers and several other plants of winter interest, tied with bright ribbon, can hang from outside doors or lie along mantle tops. Often there are jars of home-made jams or jellies. Bottles of wine or home-made candy or cookies, good books or toys of crafts or plants or surprises.....

The raffle tables tempt people who are enjoying punch, then the fine selection of pot-luck salads, savories, meat, vegetables, several deserts and coffee or tea. There is a Christmas puzzle to amuse us, and outside is the usual December cold and dark.

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*The Victoria Rhododendron Society's Annual Pot
Luck Christmas dinner
Will be on Monday, December 9 at the Garth
Homer Center
At 6:30 p.m.*

*Members G to Z, please bring a savory
Or a salad
Members A to F 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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WINNERS OF OUR NOVEMBER'S PHOTOGRAPHY EVENING

People who attended the Nov. 4 meeting were treated to a power point presentation set up by Calvin Parsons and containing some 300 pictures submitted by the members. Each person had a ballot, and voted on seven categories. The results, and first place photos, follow.

Colour Prints

1st - Anne Allen, 'Percy Wiseman'

2nd - Anne Allen, 'R. decorum'

3rd - Anne Allen, 'Butter Brickle'



R. "Percy Wiseman" by Anne Allen



Happy Holidays!

Single Rhododendron Truss

1st - Peter Barriscale, 'Blaney's Blue'

2nd - Betty Gordon, 'R. davidsonianum'

3rd - Bill McMillan, 'George's Delight'



R. "Blaney's Blue" by Peter Barriscale

Whole Rhododendron Truss

1st - Kathy McKay, 'Ella's Favorite'

2nd - Betty Gordon, 'Nancy Evans'

3rd - Nadine Minckler, 'R. augustinii'



R. "Ella's Favorite" by Kathy McKay

Foliage

1st - Susan Lightburn, R. *Sinogrande*

2nd - Peter Barriscale, 'Pachy X Pachy'

2nd - Bill McMillan, 'R. *argipeplum* x
R. *argipeplum*



R. *sinogrande* by Susan Lightburn

Companion Plants

1st - Norma Senn, Magnolia
2nd - Peter Barriscale, Clematis
2nd - Betty Gordon, Daintiness
2nd - Bill McMillan, Hosta June



Magnolia by Norma Senn

Garden Scene

1st - Bill McMillan, Klondike Gold

2nd - Peter Barriscale, Butchart Maple
2nd - Norma Senn, Finnerty Gardens

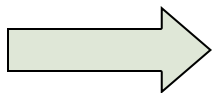
Best In Show

1st - Bill McMillan, Klondike Gold

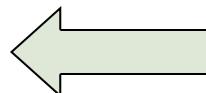
2nd - Norma Senn, Magnolia
3rd - Susan Lightburn, *R. sinogrande*



R. "Klondike Gold" from Bill and Theresa McMillan's garden in Colwood



RHODODENDRON BOOKS FOR SALE



When the Peace Arch Rhododendron Society merged with Fraser South, the libraries were merged also and we ended up with duplicate copies of some very nice rhododendron books.

They have library stamps but generally have been very lightly used and are in very good condition.

The executive decided to try to sell them on ebay, but to give our Fraser South members and members of other District One chapters the opportunity to buy them before posting on ebay.

Below are the draft descriptions which eventually will be posted on ebay, for those books we don't sell locally.

PRICES FOR DISTRICT 1 MEMBERS WILL BE 10% LESS THAN THAT LISTED (That discount is the 10% commission we will have to pay ebay, if they are sold through ebay.) Also for District 1 members, payment can be by PayPal, check or Visa or Master Charge. Members on the Island will still have to pay shipping, or arrange for someone to pick the books.

First come first served!!!

ARSSStore.org - The new ARS Online Store

Every purchase benefits the ARS

At the October 4, 2013, American Rhododendron Society Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized the creation of an online ARS site that would not be selling items but would link to other providers. The online store was authorized to develop a relationship with Amazon as an affiliate store. The online store was also authorized to use the ARS logo and name to sell "ARS" merchandise. Product providers accessed through the ARS online store at ARSSStore.org pay referral fees directly to the ARS on sales made from ARSSStore.org referrals. These fees from sales referrals go 100% directly to the ARS. ARSSStore.org has no expenses, only earnings.

The store has three divisions:

- **ARS Logo Merchandise:** featuring knit, woven and denim shirts, caps, visors, and computer briefcases.
- **Amazon Merchandise:** featuring Rhododendron & Azalea Books, Garden Books, Garden Tools, and any other item sold on Amazon.

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2014 VRS activity calendar (page 8) when you print it.

VRS 2014 Calendar



Key to the Symbols

General Meetings

Garth Homer Center
813 Darwin Street
Saanich

Propagation Group Meetings

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



VRS Shows and Sale

Show April ** TBA

Show May ** TBA



Summer Picnic

See May Newsletter for
details on location and time



ARS Conventions



Conflicting Statutory Holiday

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