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Next meeting at 7:30

Monday, October 6, 2014

Mary Winspear Centre,

Sidney, B.C.

The ARS 2015 Convention: Details and a call for volunteers

NOTE: we meet the first Monday because the second is Thanksgiving. The venue change will allow you to see the site for the ARS convention

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Lightburn, Art and Susan

Lindquist, Susan

Lynn, Dave and Agnes


Mackas, Dave; Burns, Karen

Marquardt, Tony and Carolyn

Massa, Mo and Johanna

Please email Betty Gordon at bbgordon@shaw.ca

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

Sorry that the newsletter lacks articles this month, Theresa has been ill and I undertook to get 'something' out. Bill. 

The September talk.

By Bill McMillan

Our scheduled speaker had a family emergency and the Executive Director / Curator of the Rhododendron Species Foundation, Steve Hootman, kindly filled in for him.

The Species Foundation, in Federal Way, north of

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Tacoma, has vastly expanded its propagation and seed growing capabilities. Consequently, a wide range of species rhododendrons, selections, like Golden Comet, and unusual hybrids are now available. They also have a wide range of big leaf species, like sinofalconeri.

Tree and brush clearing have opened up new areas and many changes are under way. The new stumpery is developing nicely and a wide range of vireas is on display in the Rutherford Conservancy. Some, like saxifragoides, are even relatively hardy.

Some interesting new species that recent plant hunting expeditions have found include: glanduliferum; an alpine, relatively hardy macabeanum; yuefengense and the similar platypodum or brevicaudatum, which is new to cultivation.

Many companion plants are also available now, including paeonies, lilies, arisaemas, podophyllums, rogersias and trilliums.

Rhododendrons in the wild are under heavy pressure from developments, logging, agriculture and local uses, such as firewood and Yak food. The species foundation provides a repository and source for endangered species.

[Press Release – Weyerhaeuser is moving, NOT the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden](#)

Jim Barlup

Jim was born in Kansas. Later, the family moved to Pennsylvania, where he met Judy. They were married in 1953. After serving in the army, they moved to California, where he attended an academy of photography. He was the lone photographer of the Beach Boys first live album taped at the Santa Monica Auditorium in 1963.

They fell in love with the west coast and moved to Seattle. Jim made his first cross in 1975. After moving to Bellevue, while looking for rhododendrons to landscape their property, he discovered there were few orange rhododendrons. Consequently he began what became a life long quest to create new hybrids. He was awarded the ARS gold medal in 2004 for his sharing of knowledge, expertise and materials with the rhododendron world. He and Judy still reside in Bellevue and he continues to create new hybrids every year. He has 192 registered hybrids. These can be found on Hirsutum.info.

We awarded Jim and Judy honorary VRS memberships.
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We need help to make the ARS 2015 Convention a success!

As you can see below, we need volunteers for many areas, please sign up at the October meeting and help if you are able!



70th ARS CONVENTION May 6-10, 2015.

District #1, Victoria Rhododendron Society

Sidney-by-the-Sea: Vancouver Island's Hidden Little Treasure

Come join the spectacular seventieth celebration of the American Rhododendron Society, members worldwide, international speakers!

2015 Updates & Info:

1. Check out our website for more details at **www.2015rhodo.ca**
2. Members Billeting: Please consider having one or two of the 2015 attendees stay at your home. We are trying to encourage participants to stay with local members so that they experience our hospitality instead of sitting in a hotel room by themselves. We will have a sign-up sheet available for September for those that can accommodate some guests during our convention.
3. Photos: please keep collecting photos of rhodos and your garden. We would like to have many photos to use on our website to promote the garden tours and the variety of rhodos available in our area.
4. Volunteers: Volunteers will be needed to make this convention a success. Consider signing up in October for many opportunities like: bus captain, greeter, hospitality desk, flower arrangements, info desk, rhodo selling, keynote speaker guide, and many, many more!

Fall Blooms—Colchicums



C. autumnale



C. bivonae



C. cilicium



C. speciosum 'Album'



C. 'Waterlily'

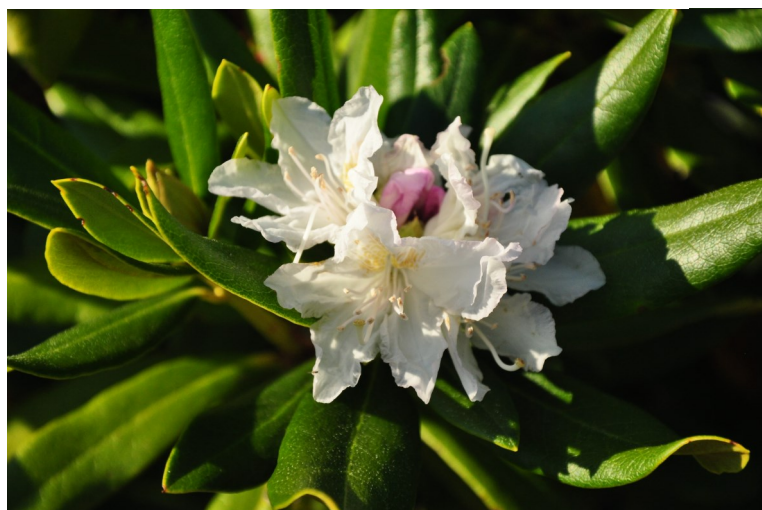
Fall Blooms—Rhododendrons (Confused!)



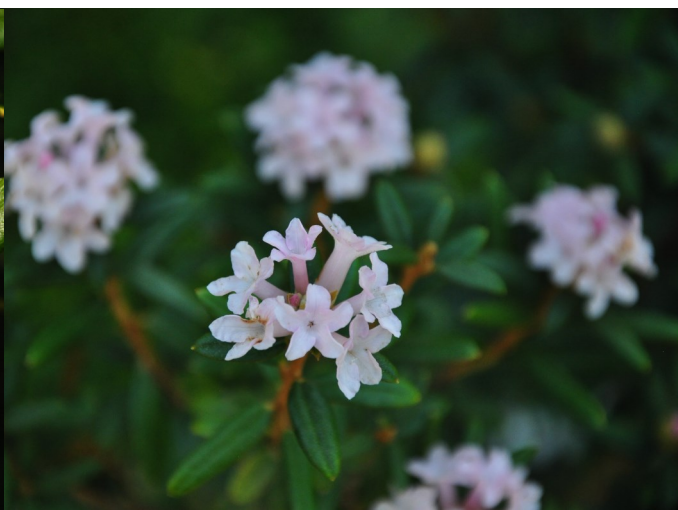
R. minus hybrid



R. 'Black Sport'



R. Cunningham's White



R. trichostomum



R. trichostomum

almost full bloom—highly confused!



R. 'Blue Diamond'

Photography Evening

November 10, 2014

Categories

1. Prints

All entries to be 5" x 7" mounted on a black mat, no frame. Two categories, black & white and colour prints. Mounted pictures are to be entered November 10, the night of the show.

2. Digital Entries

Email your digital photos to Calvin at VicRS@shaw.ca. Calvin will prepare a PowerPoint presentation with all entries.

On the subject line, please enter the category the photo is intended for and the name of the rhododendron or plant or scene:

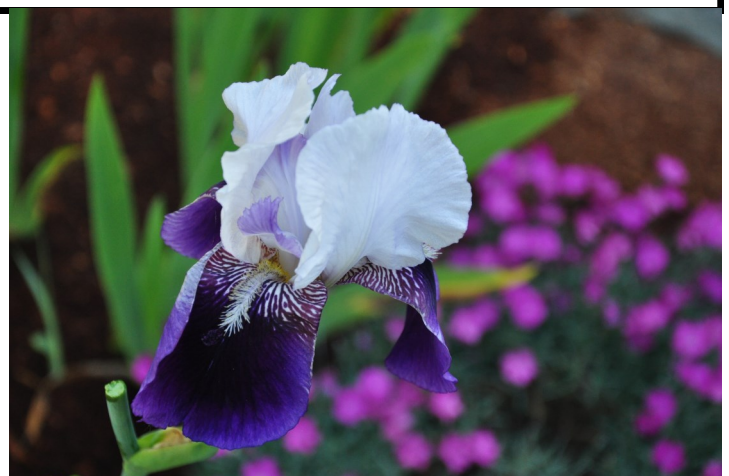
1. Single Rhododendron Truss
2. Whole Rhododendron Plant
3. Foliage Rhododendron
4. Companion Plant
5. Garden Scene
6. Creative/Artistic photos – photos altered by technology

Please enter only two photos per category. Deadline for digital photos is November 1, 2014

It's intended to be a fun evening, and you don't have to be a really experienced photographer to enter. We hope all of you who take pictures will submit entries!



Category 1: R. crassum



Category 4: Bearded Iris

Membership Renewal Reminder

Please renew at a meeting or by mail

Mail to: The Victoria Rhododendron Society, P.O. Box 5562 Station B,
Victoria, B.C., V8R 6S4

☐ I wish to receive my Newsletter by E-mail

☐ I agree to be on the circulated club membership list

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City and Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone _____

The fees are: Full (ARS Member)- \$35, Friend (Local) - \$25, Associate - \$10 for 2015

The Barlups Awarded Honorary Membership

Jim and Judy Barlup were awarded an honorary membership in the Victoria Rhododendron Society this summer in recognition of their very generous contribution of rhodos for our 2015 ARS Convention in May 2015. Our chapter members benefit immensely from Jim's inspiration and dedication to rhododendron hybridization.



Upcoming Events

2014	Event	Place	Fee
Oct 6	VRS Monthly General Meeting	Mary Winspear Centre 7:30 PM	
Oct 12 – 19	<u>Pre-conference Tour</u> New Zealand International Conference 2014	Dunedin, New Zealand	\$NZ 2700 share pp-3300 single
Oct 20 – 24	New Zealand Rhododendron Association <u>70th International Rhodo Conference 2014</u> Registration <i>Registration After Sept. 1 = \$NZ100</i>	Dunedin, New Zealand	\$NZ 455
Oct 25 – 27	<u>Post-Conference Tour</u> New Zealand International Conference 2014	Dunedin, New Zealand	\$NZ 770 share pp-1000 single
Nov 10	VRS Photography Night	Garth Homer Centre 7:30 PM	
Dec. 8	VRS Christmas Potluck Dinner	Garth Homer Centre 6:30 PM	