

The Victoria Rhododendron Society

Newsletter



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Meeting:

7:30

MONDAY, January 12, 2015

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

Gordon Murray “Trilliums”

Gordon Murray’s first trillium was a gift from a neighbor in 1988. She thought it was Asian! In fact it was Trillium kurabayashi and Gordon was hooked. Since then, he has grown many trillium species and has been hybridizing them since about 2003.

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REFRESHMENTS for February’s meeting to be provided by:

Murray, Allan and Liz

Nelson, Carrie

Newcome, Florence

Parker, David

Parsons, Calvin

Raven, Art

Renouf, Janet

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.

The Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner

By Theresa McMillan

On a dark and stormy night, December 8, a fairly large group of brave club members drove into the parking area of Garth Homer Centre, pulled plants and raffle items, canned goods, casserole dishes from their trunks, and dashed through the rain into our warm meeting room. The numbers of members attending was down from last year, due no doubt to bad driving conditions and strong winds around Victoria.

Amazingly, we brought \$400 to the Mustard Seed Food Bank, and several boxes of foodstuffs.

And we had a real feast! In contrast to other years, when the dessert table had few donations, this year the dessert table was full of tempting goodies. On other tables were

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the usual tasty salads, casserole dishes, plates of ham and turkey (thanks, Ken and Madeleine).

To earn your place in the buffet food line, you had to work on a puzzle on (surprise!) rhododendrons devised by Peter Barriscale. Who knew that Peter Falk (as well as being a rhododendron) was an actor playing "Columbo" in a T.V. show?

While we waited for dinner, we bought raffle tickets, scanned the raffle tables to make our choices, and hoped to win some of the wide variety of articles donated for the raffle.

After dinner, tickets were drawn by Jacq and Norma chose the tickets for the winner of each item and to speed up the process, Kathy helped distribute the prizes.

At the end of the party, one member at each table won an attractive Christmas center table arrangement.

Then we went back out to our (at last) less stormy night and better driving conditions to go home.



So many choices!



Wonderful raffle choices—thank you to those who donated them!



Thanks to Norma, Jacq and Kathy for running the raffle.



Working on Peter's very tricky puzzle (our table needed help!)



Keenly watching the raffle (and hoping!). Note the VRS clothing options (arranged by Ian) at the front—jackets, vests with our logo can be ordered.



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!

MORE HELP IS NEEDED!!

We need many more volunteers!

Sign-Up sheets will be available at all our meetings until the Spring.

Upcoming Events

January 19 2015 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting	TBA, call Ken Webb, 250-744-1785
February 2 (note: first Monday)	Rafe Mooney Plants with Winter Interest	Garth Homer Center

VRS 2015 Calendar



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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)



ARS Convention
May 6-10



Summer Picnic
See May Newsletter for
details on location and time



ARS Conferences



Conflicting Statutory Holiday

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SUMMER BREAK

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