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MEETING 7:30

MONDAY, January 8, 2018

Couvelier Pavilion at the HCP Gardens

505 Quayle Road, VICTORIA, B. C.

Wildflowers of Switzerland and Austria

By Anne Allen and Ian Duncan

Wildflowers of Switzerland and Austria by Bike

Touring Switzerland and Austria would delight anyone; however, touring on a bicycle is so much better. Anne and Ian did just that; a five week trip provided a wondrous array of forest and lakeside trails, wildflowers, panoramic views, river paths winding ahead and constant interruptions for "Photo Stops".

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REFRESHMENTS

for the next meeting to be provided by:

Frank & Ann
Buffam

Verna Buhler

Lynn Collicutt

Ruth Cook

Jan Dammel

Carol & Bill Dancer

Please EMAIL Betty Gordon at bbgordon@shaw.ca or (250.479.0210) if you are coming with your wrapped goodies and snacks. Coffee and tea are supplied. Assistance in setting out the food, milk and sugar, napkins and helping Betty with the cleanup is really appreciated.

Lug your own mug.





by Lois Blackmore

NOTES FROM THE BOARD DECEMBER 2017

Typically the Board does not meet in December. However, our December Board meeting was dealing with the changes to the Victoria Rhododendron Society Constitution and Bylaws, as determined by the new Societies Act of British Columbia. Bill Gordon and Linda Gilmore took on this task and brought forth the recommended changes to our constitution and bylaws. The changes were discussed, voted upon and received unanimous support by the board members present. The changes will be presented at our

Annual General Meeting in March 2018.

Madeleine Webb has been asked to Chair the Nomination Committee. As a VicRS member, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to sit on the Board of Directors for 2018/2019, please contact [Madeleine Webb](mailto:kenwebb@live.ca) at kenwebb@live.ca or 250-744-1785.



Thank You!

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Much Appreciated!**

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Editor's Notes

by Theresa McMillan

We had our second Christmas potluck dinner at the Couvelier Pavilion of the H.C.P.

Last year had been threatened with snow, which luckily didn't fall until AFTER the party, but this year was the usual cold dark damp of early December.

This year lacked our usual lush and beautiful swags and table centerpieces because of Jacq Bradbury's accident this fall. We all wish her a speedy recovery. This year, Jacq's group made table centerpieces using magnolia leaves and a gold ribbon. Thank you all.

Another difference this year was the lack of a puzzle, whose solution would determine the first table to sample the delicious food. Last year, a group of puzzlers had a long time to choose their selection because so many other groups were not so lucky.... It was a HARD puzzle.

This year, tables were numbered so that the salads, appetizers, meats, and desserts were dispatched in a timely manner.

The raffle had a large number of entries, everything from homemade jellies, knitted hats and Christmas gifts to a few plants and seeds. Proceeds in the amount of \$461.00 from the raffle and a 105 lbs. of donated nonperishable food were delivered by our Bill Gordon to the Mustard Seed. Thank you Bill.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the potluck dinner run so well, from the set up of the round tables and white tablecloths, to the raffle donations and all the food for our feast, and the clearing up afterwards.

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A Special Thank You To

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for the Christmas pictures.

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[A Rhodo Christmas](#)

by Dean Goard

My son Kyle and I were so late in getting a tree, i.e. late Christmas afternoon, that there were none that appealed to us as we drove by. So I jokingly said, why not have a Rhodo Christmas tree and it got out of hand, so I brought in the rhodo and set it up by the TV and it was done.

It has now been returned to the garden.



International Rhododendron Conference.
"North America Meets Europe"



Alert! 7 Spots left on Pre-Tour 1, Holland
Pre-Tour 3, Denmark & Sweden, is full
Post-Tour, Finland is full

Status Report: December 17, 2017

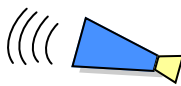
Number Registered	People	Single Rooms	Double/Twin Rooms	Capacity*
Pre-Tour 1, Holland New Maximum of 48	41	3	19	40 to 48 people
Pre-Tour 2, Germany	45	3	21	100 people max
Pre-Tour 3, Denmark-Sweden FULL	53	5	24	53 people max
Convention in Bremen, Germany	117	15	51	200 people max
Post-Tour, Finland FULL	45	3	21	25 to 45 people



Victoria Rhododendron Society

**Membership
Renewals
Are Now
Overdue**

Upcoming Events

2018	Event	Place
	 Happy New Year 	
Jan 8 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion Wildflowers of Switzerland & Austria by Bike with Anne Allen & Ian Duncan	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Jan 22 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Feb 5 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion Gardens of South Africa with Norma Senn	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Feb 19 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Mar 5 7:30	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The Couvelier Pavilion What's Blooming in the Garden with Carol Dancer	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Mar 19 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Apr 2 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion TBA	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Apr 16 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Apr 21 TBA	Preparation for Plant Sale - Plant placement and tagging	4640 Cordova Bay Road Victoria
Apr 28 10:00-4:00	Plant Sale at Marquardts' Farm **One day only**	4640 Cordova Bay Road Victoria
May 7 7:30	General Meeting - Flower Show	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
May 7-30	ARS Convention - North America meets Europe - May 20-26 With optional Pre & Post-Tours ranging from ~ May 7 – May 30	Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden
May 21 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Jun 18 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Jun 24 Noon	VRS Summer Picnic	TBA
Sep 3 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Sep 17 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Oct 1 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Oct 15 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Nov 5 7:30	General Meeting - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road
Nov 19 7:30	Propagation Group Meeting Call Ken Webb 250-744-1745	TBA
Dec 3 6:30	Christmas Potluck Dinner - The Couvelier Pavilion	Gardens at HCP 505 Quayle Road