



NEWSLETTER



Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society

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President's Message

A few years ago a colleague of mine asked me if I had a favorite rhododendron. This was my reply.

An early to mid-season rhododendron that makes me smile is *Rhododendron schlippenbachii* also known as Royal Azalea. I don't know if saying the name makes me happiest or seeing its welcoming beauty first thing in the early spring that is so mood uplifting. The papery, delicate trusses of 3-6 saucer shaped, pink blooms peak out from beneath the mature *Cedrus atlantica* and are framed by a number of soft whitish pink to greenish cream flowers of *Helleborus orientalis*. This *Rhododendron* is a member of the *Ericaceae* family, subgenus *Pentanthera* (deciduous) *Azalea* group. It grows in acidic soil and thrives on a carpet of needles spread from the *Cedrus atlantica* above and the leaves surrounding it from the towering *Quercus garryana* a near distance away. It has broadly obovate dark green leaves with a paler green underside. They are in whorls of 5 that appear to dance at the branch tips. It grows well in zone 5 and has a strong Asian style that hints at its roots of origin, Korea and China. It

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puts on a remarkable show of fireworks as its grand finale in autumn. Flames of red and orange reach up into the tree above before displaying its fifteen foot frame of bare grey branches and appearing to meditate for the winter. And now we rest, until once again the Spring Dance begins.

And yes, this April it did not disappoint.

May is an active month for the club. Open Gardens begin April 30. Al and Sandy Campbell will host the first of our three open gardens on April 30. The second is on May 1 at Siggie and Maria Kemmler and the following Monday May 4, Liz and Al Murray have invited the members for a stroll around their garden.

In the midst of our open gardens the club will be hosting the Cowichan Valley Garden Fair at the Cowichan Exhibition. This is our primary fund raiser for the year and we are encouraging everyone to come out on May 3 and volunteer. Continue to get those posters out in high traffic areas and spread the word via your emails and Facebook.

We have organized "Movie Night" for the May 7 general meeting. "Heaven with the Gates Open" will be showing at St. John's Anglican Church Hall (regular meeting venue) and it will not disappoint. Members on the California, Oregon Bus Tour from May 6 to 12 will be looking forward to a rerun of the movie on their return.

Sharon Tillie has generously offered to host the June 21st picnic in her garden. We encourage all members to attend. We have some very important items to vote on at the picnic. We will address the motion made regarding the Milner Species Garden as well as the 2014/2015 Executive. Two special items donated to the club from U Vic. will be included in the picnic raffle. "Are you curious?"

When you are working in your garden or touring others this Spring go crazy snapping those photos and consider entering your favorites in the District 1, 2015 Convention photo contest. Photos taken after May 1, 2014 can be entered. They do not have to be highly technical and the rules are very basic. Visit the web site www.rhodos.ca and scroll down to the District 1, 70th annual ARS 2015 Convention for more information. There are great gifts to be won.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Garden Fair on May 3.

Sandra Stevenson



May 7 Meeting

A special presentation film called

“Heaven with the Gates Open”

The famous 200 acre Exbury Gardens in Hampshire, England which belongs to a branch of the Rothschild family. It is situated in the village of Exbury, just to the east of Beaulieu across the river from Bucklers Hard.



“From the near derelict mansion and grounds in 1919, these gardens are now amongst the finest in the world”. Exbury Gardens were the inspiration of Lionel Nathan de Rothschild. It was his vision, his dedication and his resources which have created one of the finest woodland gardens in the country.

It is a garden for people young and old, horticulturalist or enthusiastic gardener, or just a lover of beautiful places. From botanical rarities to masses of spectacular colour, there is something for all to enjoy – a place to escape from the cares of the world.

Lionel de Rothschild was a keen collector of plants, particularly rhododendrons and azaleas. He was also a highly successful hybridizer of many different species and Exbury is still filled with his creations. This tradition has been continued by his descendants, his sons Edmund and Leopold and grandsons

Nicholas and Lionel, who actively continue to develop the gardens to this day. This excellent film is narrated by Lionel de Rothschild-don't miss it.

Following the film there will be a propagation demonstration for deciduous azaleas.



ARS Journal Online-Try it Out!

The spring issue of the Journal ARS is now available on line at
<http://www.arsoffice.org/protect1/users/online.asp>.

Instructions:

1. Access the ARS Office website: www.arsoffice.org
2. Click on “View Spring 2014 Journal “online edition
3. If you already have a username and password, click on “login”. If you do not have a username and password, click on “Register Now” and follow instructions for obtaining them.

2014 Rhododendrons of the Year – ARS

Twenty-eight rhododendrons selected for their adaptability in eight regions of the ARS have been awarded Rhododendron of the Year (ROY) honors for 2014. The purpose of the awards is to educate the public about the wide range of rhododendrons that can be grown successfully in people's gardens. To be selected for a ROY award a plant must have excellent foliage and flowers, have an attractive plant habit, prove itself hardy for the specific region and be pest and disease resistant. The following are the ROY awards for the District 1 Region suitable for the Cowichan Valley.

Elepidote Rhododendron: 'Fire Rim'

R. 'Nancy Evans' x R. 'Pink Petticoats'

Flower light yellow with purplish-red edge, deep red nectarines red filaments and style, openly funnel-shaped, frilly edges, 3" across. Ball-shaped truss of about 20 flowers. Blooms early midseason. Leaves elliptic, concave with wavy edges, broadly acute apex, cuneate base, 5" long, dull, olive green, retained 2 years. Dense grower. Grows to a typical height of 3 ft. in 10 yrs. Plant and bud hardy to 5° F (-15° C). Hybridized by Barlup.



Lepidote Rhododendron: 'Ginny Gee'

R. keiskei, prostrate form x R. racemosum

Flower white with pink mottling at edges both inside and on reverse, tubular funnel-shaped to widely funnel-shaped, wavy lobes, 3/4" - 1" across. Flowers fade to light pink or white. Held in terminal clusters of multiple buds each with 3 - 5 flowers. An early midseason bloomer. Leaves elliptic, acute apex, cuneate base, 1 1/4" long, dark matte green, retained 2 - 3 years. Some reddening of leaves in winter. Compact, very dense growth habit. Grows to an approximate height of 2 ft. in 10 yrs. Cold hardy to -10° F (-23° C). Hybridized by Berg.

Evergreen Azalea: 'Komo Kulshan'

R. kiusianum selection

Flower vivid purplish red, lighter in center, funnel-shaped, 1" across. A late midseason bloomer. Leaves elliptic, textured, about 1" long, mid green. Has a spreading growth habit. Grows to a height of 2 ft. in 10 yrs. Cold hardy to -10° F (-23° C).



Photo by Sally and John Perkins



Photo by Sally and John Perkins

Deciduous Azalea: 'Homebush'

Parentage unknown

Flower vivid purplish pink on a base of rose madder, openly funnel-shaped, slightly recurved lobes, about 1½" across, semi-double. Tight, ball-shaped truss with 12-16 flowers. Holds color well in sun. Blooms late midseason. Leaves elliptic, broadly acute apex, cuneate base, light green. Upright, open growth habit. Grows to a typical height of 6 ft. in 10 yrs. Cold hardy to -20° F (-29° C). Hybridized by Waterer (Knaphill).



Special Gifts for first 100 Customers
Don't miss it!!

Giant Plant Sale and Garden Equipment

Saturday May 3 10 am – 2 pm
Cowichan Exhibition Grounds Duncan

- Free Coffee and Donuts for first 200 customers
- Free admission-lots of free parking
- Doors open at 10 am sharp, come early for best selection!
- High Quality Plants from 11 nurseries
- More than 3000 rhododendrons for sale
- Rare, hard to find rhodos available
- Many Companion and other beautiful plants for sale
- Truss (flower) display of local rhodos in bloom
- Variety of unique vendors and garden suppliers
- Planting, growing, maintenance advice from experts
- Many excellent buys on quality plants
- We'll help load your plants
- Cash/cheque only please – ATM on site

www.CowichanValleyGardenFair.com



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www.facebook.com/CowichanValleyGardenFair

Cowichan Valley Garden Fair May 3 – 10 am to 2 pm

Fair Setup: 4 pm to 7 pm May 2 – Mellor Hall –Cowichan Exhibition

8 am to 10 am May 3

Fair Staffing: 10 am to 2 pm May 3

Fair Cleanup: 2 pm to 3:30 pm

Items Needed:

- Named trusses for truss show
- Wheelbarrows, carts
- 10 to 15 potted plants for the members sale table

May 3, 2014 Cowichan Exhibition

10 am to 2 pm



Exhibitors Confirmed as of April 28, 2014:

- Highway Rentals/Stihl Power Equipment – Gold Sponsor
- Home Hardware Duncan – Gold Sponsor
- Garden Lore - companion plants, summer bulbs and veggie starts
- Mayo Creek Gardens- rhodos and other plants
- Dinter Nursery-selection of quality plants
- Perennial Ridge Farms- wide variety of quality plants
- Hidden Acres Rhodos-rare and unique rhodos
- Fern Garden-hardy ferns, perennials, grasses, fig trees
- Cowichan Valley Rhodo Society-plant sales, raffle, truss show
- Island Passions Nursery- palms, callas, bamboos, lilies
- Russell Farms – selection of quality plants
- Victoria Rhodo Society-plant sales, rhododendrons
- Keith Muir –azaleas, rhodos, roses and mixed shrubby plants
- Nature's Garden Seed Company-seeds, related items, wildflowers/trees
- Cowichan Valley Garden Club - May 10 plant sale/Providence Raffle
- Island Tractor - Kubota fine tractors
- Jemico Enterprises-landscaping soils and materials
- Lee Valley Tools-quality garden tools
- Cowichan Valley Bonsai Club-club info and bonsai displays
- Cowichan Valley Naturalists- club info
- Cowichan Valley Land Trust-club info
- Simply Fish – liquid fish soil additive
- Al's Asian Treasures – garden statues and gates
- New Society Publishers – Garden Books
- Cowichan Landscaping and Irrigation-irrigation and landscaping supplies
- Cowichan Compost-Bokashi and Kitchen Composting kits
- Bloomfield Cedar Furniture-garden furniture and supplies
- Lots of Pots/Wood Products-birdhouses, feeders, hand painted pots
- Huckleberry Garden Art-glass garden birdbaths, totems, suncatchers

Upcoming Events 2014

April 30: Garden Tour - Al and Sandy Campbell

- Anytime after 5:30
- 1995 Shawnigan Lake Rd. Shawnigan Lake, 743-3597

May 1: Garden Tour - Siggi and Maria Kemmler

- 5:30 pm onward
- 3730 Gibbins Rd, 250 746-8751

May 2: Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Spring Show

- 1 to 9 pm and also May 3 - 9 am to 3 pm.
- Cadboro Bay United Church – 2625 Arbutus Road, Victoria
- Plant and seed sales, spectacular show of rock and alpine plants
- www.virags.ca

May 3: Cowichan Valley Garden Fair and Plant Sale

- 10 am to 2 pm
- Cowichan Exhibition. Rhodos and many other plants- free entry and coffee
- www.CowichanValleyGardenFair.com

Plant Sale and Open Garden

- 10 am to 12 noon. Evelyn Weesjes – 10629 Derrick Road, West Saanich
- Excellent selection of rhodos, ferns, shrubs and perennials.

May 4: Finnerty Gardens – University of Victoria - Plant Sale

- 11am to 2 pm
- Good selection of rhodos and perennials.
- www.uvic.ca/finnerty

May 5: Garden Tour - Allan and Liz Murray's Garden

- 5:30 pm onward
- 1951 Doran Rd. Cobble Hill, 743-9190

May 5 and 6: MARS Bus Tour – Victoria and Saanich Peninsula

- Contact Linda Derkach at lindaderkach@shaw.ca 250 752 3545

May 7 - 12: Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society California Bus Tour

- Day's Inn San Bruno San Francisco
- 5:30 pm Welcome Wine and Cheese Reception

May 7: Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society Monthly Meeting

"Heaven with the Gates Open" A film on the world famous Exbury Gardens owned by the Rothschild family followed by a propagation demonstration on deciduous azaleas. See page 3 for more information.

May 10: Cowichan Valley Garden Club Annual Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale.

- 10am to 2 pm - Duncan United Church 246 Ingram Street.
- Lots of great plant goodies-come early for best selection!
- www.CowichanValleyGardenClub.com

May 10 and 11; Victoria Conservatory of Music Garden Tour

- 10am to 4 pm
- vcm.bc.ca/Victoria-garden-tour

May 16-18: ARS Annual Convention

- Cleveland, Ohio

May 18: Plant Sale and Open Garden

- 10am to 2 pm – 5450 Old West Saanich Road – *Carmen Varcoe and Friends*
- Wide selection of woodland perennials, hydrangeas and Pacific Coast Iris hybrids.

June 21: Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society Annual Picnic

- 11 am to 3 pm
- Sharon Tillie's Garden - 4372 Sunrise Road, Duncan, 250-743-8254

July 4 and 5: BC Iris Society – Japanese Iris Convention – Chateau Victoria

- www.bcirissociety.com

September 26-28: ARS Western Regional Conference

- Everett, Washington
- www.ars.org

Dinters Classes for Gardeners

- presented by their staff or visiting experts. The seminars last about one hour and there is no charge or registration required.
- For more details, visit www.dinternursery.ca/seminars.htm

Glendale Gardens and Woodlands Upcoming Workshops:

- see <http://www.hcp.ca> for full details and costs of all Glendale events.

Marigold Nurseries Seasonal Workshops and Events:

- see <http://marigoldnurseries.com/seasonal-hints/seasonal-workshops-events> for details



One of the many sights on the upcoming California Road Trip in Redwood National Park.

One More Seat on Bus Tour Available

We still have one empty seat on the CVRS Bus Tour to California and Oregon from May 7 to 12. The cost is \$1380 for the single accommodation opening. If you are interested please contact Bill Dumont at 250 743 9882 immediately. The cost to ride the bus from Victoria to San Francisco is an extra \$125 or you can make your own arrangements to fly one way at a cost of about \$250 from Victoria.

2015 Sidney ARS Convention Photo Contest

The contest is open only to ARS members in good standing as of the contest closing date that attend the Spring 2015 ARS Convention. Judges and their immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members are not eligible.

All contestants fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding in all matters related to the contest. The conference organizers have the right to publish runner up and winning photos.

Official Rules: All photos submitted must be digital and have been taken between April 15, 2014 – April 15, 2015. Entries must be received by midnight PST, April 26, 2015. All entries should prominently feature either rhododendrons, azaleas and/or vireyas in the composition.

Competition categories:

1. Macro/Close Up of a portion of a stem, leaf or flower
2. Foliage (no flowers)
3. Single flower or truss
4. Single plant, Group of plants or Vistas, either in gardens or in the wild
5. Other, for creative or artistic effects of any kind that involves these plants. This could involve the use of software products like PhotoShop
6. Peoples' choice for best of show.

Photo Guidelines:

1. The Photo must be in .jpg, .jpeg, or .gif format;
2. Images submitted should be sent by email and be of as large a size as possible. To allow full screen projection, they should be at least 1024 to 1280 pixels in length and 480 to 768 in width, which



Amber Peach

would correspond to a dpi of at least 300 for a 3 x 5 in (7.6 x 12.7 cm) photo;

3. Cropping of digital images and minor adjustments to exposure and color balance is permitted for entries in all categories. Advanced image editing features available in software products like Photoshop should not be used except for entries in category five;
4. The Photo caption and/or description must not exceed 200 characters in length. Provision of some details about the camera and settings for each entry is desirable, and for submissions in category 5, include a brief explanation of how the image was created;
5. The photo cannot have been submitted previously in an ARS contest (chapter contest submissions are acceptable);
6. Limit of two entries per category by any contestant.

Please email entries by midnight PST, April 26, 2015, to Glen Jamieson at ars.editor@gmail.com with the subject line stating "Sidney Convention Photo Contest Submission".

Some Useful Rhodo Remedies



Abe Arnott

Powdery Mildew Combating Recipes

- 1) Add 2 tablespoons light horticultural oil (i.e. Sunspray), 1 heaping tablespoon Baking Soda and 1 tablespoon Palmolive Green detergent to 4 liters of water; mix well and spray on the foliage in late evening (ARS Journal v.63@4, p.196. 2009). This was developed to combat black spot in roses by Cornell University.
- 2) Try spraying with 20 ml/l of $MgSO_4$ (Epsom salts). That is equivalent to 2.7 oz/gallon.
- 3) You can also try foliar spraying with either diluted Skim milk (1:9) or a baking soda solution (20 ml/l - 2.7 oz./gal).

For Chlorosis - various mixes

- 1) 1 tablespoon $MgSO_4$ (Epsom Salts) in a gallon of water
- 2) 1 tablespoon Chelated Iron + 1 tablespoon $MgSO_4$ - in case Fe deficiency is the problem
- 3) 3 tablespoons Fish Fertilizer + 2 tablespoons $MgSO_4$ + 1 tablespoon Chelated Iron in 8 liters of water (Art Lightburn).
- 4) 1tblsp each of ammonium sulphate, iron kelate and magnesium sulphate (Epsom salts) in 4.5 liters (1 gallon) of water (Alec McCarter)

** for each mix spray the leaves and the soil.

For Vine Weevils

- 1) Nematodes are effective but temperature dependant
- 2) Try watering soil and pots with 1 cup of Lysol (I used the antiseptic form from Costco) in a US gallon (4 liters) of water.

Bill McMillan – Victoria RS and Horticultural Centre of the Pacific

Updating your Rhododendron Garden

At the April club meeting Paul Wurz of Hidden Acres Rhododendrons in Campbell River, www.hiddenacresrhodos.com gave an excellent presentation on updating your garden with some of the newer hybrids from some of his favourite breeders. Paul is also the current President of the North Island Chapter of the ARS.

Paul's first class presentation was projected with the CVRS's new digital projector which showed the true colours of more than 70 specially recommended hybrids from Brockenbrough, Fujioka, Lofthouse, Thompson, Barlup and many fragrant and odds and ends selections.

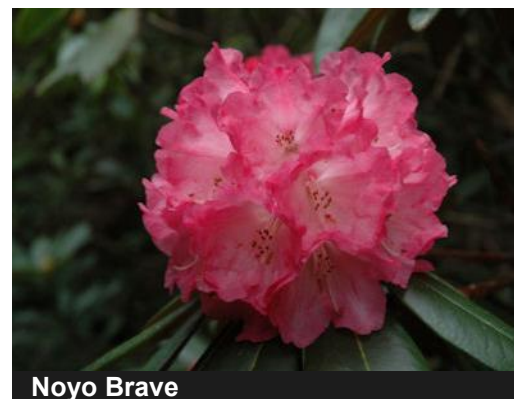
This month's newsletter features many of the following list of rhodos from Paul.



Paul with some of Murray's magnolias

Old Favourites

1. Fantastica
2. Noyo Brave
3. Hotei
4. Nancy Evans
5. Nancy Evans x Whitney's
6. Yellow Petticoats
7. Mindy's Love
8. Marie Starks
9. Yellow Rolls Royce
10. Mary Drennen
11. Saffron Silk



Noyo Brave



Lemon Dream



Horizon Lakeside

Brockenbrough Rhodos

1. Horizon Monarch
2. Horizon Lakeside
3. Horizon Snowbird
4. Horizon Serenity
5. Horizon Jubilee
6. Paprika Spiced
7. Apricot Fantasy

Fujioka Rhododendrons

1. Seaview Sunset
2. Silver Skies
3. Starbright Champagne
4. Burgundy Lace
5. Opal Luster
6. Pink Pinwheels
7. Pomegranate Splash
8. Cherries & Merlot
9. Spring Fragrance



Yellow Rolls Royce



Starbright Champagne

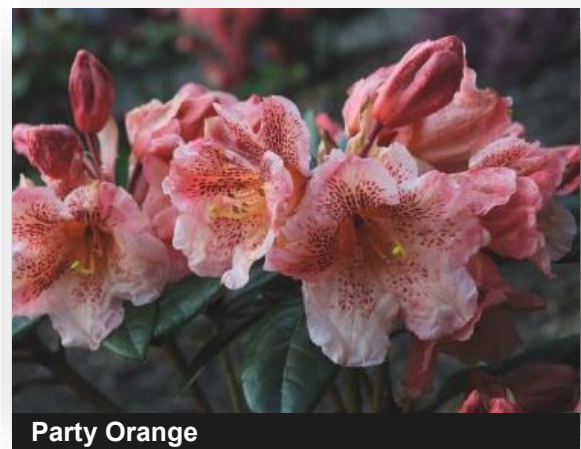


Apricot Fantasy



Lofthouse Rhododendron

1. Viennese Waltz
2. Canadian Sunset
3. Party Orange
4. Magic Moments
5. Sierra Sunrise
6. Chubby Cheeks
7. Tara-To
8. Ryan – O
9. Pure Class



Thompson Hybrids

1. Ring of Fire
2. Mango Tango
3. Black Widow
4. Many Moons

Barlup Hybrids

1. Cimarron Sun
2. Mindy's Love
3. Fire Rim
4. Silk Ribbon
5. Capistrano x Nelda Peach



Black Widow



Ring of Fire



Silk Ribbon



Loderi Pretty Polly



Towner Crest

Fragrant Rhododendrons:

1. Angelo
2. Babylon
3. Faggetter's Favourite
4. Hans's Fortunei
5. Loderi Pretty Polly
6. Loderi Venus
7. Newcombe's Sweetheart
8. Puget Sound
9. Qualicum Pride
10. Ripple Rock
11. Seymour Narrows
12. Towner Crest
13. Van Nes Sensation
14. Yeti

Some Odds & Ends

1. California Blue
2. Cinnkeys
3. Conroy
4. My Mindy
5. Ken's Mindy
6. Manda Sue
7. Melrose Flash
8. Mi Amor



Manda Sue



California Blue

Odds & Ends cont'

- 9. Nelda Peach
- 10. Oliver Twist
- 11. Pacific Sunset
- 12. Princess Abkazzi
- 13. Saphrano
- 14. Lem's Cameo x Big Sam
- 15. Starry Night
- 16. Superflimmer
- 17. Sungold
- 18. Double Winner



A Rhododendron Species Garden for Vancouver Island

Notice of Motions to Members

Members of the CVRS have been active with a District 1 ARS committee that has been working to establish a species garden on Vancouver Island at the site of the Milner Garden in Qualicum Beach. After lengthy discussions and negotiations by the committee several motions were presented at the April CVRS meeting for a formal vote at the CVRS Picnic on June 21 at Sharon Tillie's garden.

The motions are:

CVRS Support for New Species Garden

Moved: Ian Efford

Second: Siggie Kemmler

"That the CVRS enthusiastically supports the development of a rhododendron species garden at Milner Gardens in accordance with the terms and conditions of a draft agreement between ARS District 1 and Vancouver Island University"

CVRS Financial Commitment to the Establishment of the Milner Species Garden

Moved: Ian Efford

Second: Don Loewen

"That the CVRS make an initial contribution of \$5000 to the establishment of the new species garden at Milner gardens with payment to be made from Society term deposits on their maturity availability"



Roles of the Participating District 1 Rhododendron Societies

- be an active collaborative partner in the project.
- each chapter to provide a representative (and alternate) to sit on the MGW Rhododendron Species Garden Advisory Group (see appendix).
- pursue funding to support the initiation of the project.
- create a collective “trust account” to manage funds to be used for the species garden project only - species garden related proposals for funding would be submitted to the MGW Rhododendron Species Garden Advisory Group for approval as required.
- provide technical advice regarding plant selection, acquisition and maintenance.
- provide advice on initial and ongoing garden design.
- pursue funding to assist in ongoing maintenance costs.
- provide volunteer support to assist in the establishment and maintenance of the species garden, and
- provide a long term commitment to this project

CVRS Financial Statements to March 31, 2014

Current Account	2034.68
Bursary Account	4.46
Term Deposits	14785.71
ISCU Share	5.00
Total Deposits	16829.85



April 2014 District 1 Meeting of Directors and Chapter Presidents



Why should I attend the July 4th and 5th Japanese Iris Convention in Victoria?

This is the first time this convention has been held outside of the continental United States so it is more accessible to British Columbians than ever before.



If you are a fan of Japanese irises then you can come and see the very latest introductions and seedlings being evaluated for introduction. If you know very little about these stunning plants it is your opportunity to learn about their characteristics and culture.

At the Judges Training you can learn how to evaluate the quality of a Japanese iris by highly knowledgeable American Iris Society judges. This is a great way to learn how to select quality plants for your garden. You do not have to be in the American Iris Society iris judging program to take this training.

This is a short convention packed with learning, fun and great value. It will take only one evening and a day of your time plus travel.

The Chateau Victoria is our convention hotel so very close to the Inner Harbour. You can stay longer to enjoy this wonderful city at the convention room rate for three days before and three days after the convention.

The registration fee of \$145.00 (\$175.00 after May 31st) is less than the cost to the BC Iris Society who are hosting this event. The fee includes dinners Friday and Saturday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, buses to the Host Gardens, speakers and the opportunity to buy at auction many of the Guest Irises. It is good value for money! The convention rooms are only \$119.00 per night at The Chateau Victoria. Chef Garret is providing excellent meals using local and organic ingredients where possible.



These will be served in the Vista 8 Rooftop restaurant which has stunning views of the city. For more information contact Ted Baker at <tedebaker41@gmail.com> or 250 653 4430. Registration forms are at <bc-iris.org>.

See you at the convention!

2013-2014 Executive

- President: Sandra Stevenson
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- Past President: Ian Efford
(efford@shaw.ca 250-597-4470)
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Bill Dumont
(250-743-9882)
- Membership: Marie Jacques
- Newsletter Editor: Bill Dumont

Members at Large

- Bernie Dinter, Joe Hudak, Elaine Kitchen, Christopher Justice

Convenors

- Sunshine: Mary Gale
- Tea: The Team
- Raffle: Hilda Gerrits
- Club Liaison: Alan Campbell
- Library: Joyce Rodger
- Programme Co-ordinator: Alan Campbell/Sandra Stevenson
- History: Ian Efford
- Garden Tours: Alan Murray
- CV Garden Fair: The Team
- Facility Liaison: Roy Elvins
- Christmas Party: The Team
- Bus Tour: Bill Dumont



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Greer's Garden Plant Orders

Whether you are coming on the CVRS bus tour or just want to order plants from this famous nursery you can go on line to www.greergardens.com or call 1 800 548 0111 to make your purchase. If placed by May 11 your order to Canada will be inspected and shipped to a contact in Port Angeles and the CVRS will arrange shipping from there to Cobble Hill where they can be picked up. Greer's has many different species and plants available, some very rare. Here's your chance to get that special plant.