



Newsletter



Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society

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President's Message

Sitting here in enforced inactivity, more or less, due to recent surgery, I peruse the Internet on various topics. I am still astounded at the depth and breadth of information available at our fingertips. Remembering that, in the not so distant past, finding information required much more detective work and networking. Looking at our membership I think this is true for most of us. If it was a book we were after, a trip to the library or bookstore was in order. We first had to determine what book it was we needed, and then order it if it was not instantly available in the stacks or shelves. It could be upward of some months before the promised item arrived. Perhaps we would ask someone else who would know about a certain topic, and then set out to meet the font of knowledge, or write a letter with our query.



Peter Lewis's Stunning Fall Garden

CVRS Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

7:30pm St. John's Church

Linda Derkach

Rhododendrons in the Land of
the Long White Clouds

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Sometimes it was trial and error on our own parts to determine what would work or not, and in conversation with other enthusiasts we would have our efforts validated, or learn the meaning of barking up the wrong tree.

Another advantage of the modern information age is the visual data of all the different species or hybrids. No longer do we have to wait five years for a plant to bloom to decide we don't like it that much anyway, we can see it on screen in glorious colour and detail.

Now information is instantaneous, and the problem is not so much determining what and where to search, but how to narrow results, and the validity of those results!

The American Rhododendron Society website of course has some valuable information and is easy to search. Click on the "Links " tab of our own website to go on your own virtual search journey. Who knows what you will come up with?

Barrie Agar, President

November Guest Speaker

"Rhododendrons in the Land of the Long White Cloud"



Linda Derkach was one of the presenters at the 34th Western Regional Rhododendron Conference recently held in Newport, Oregon. She will take us on a similar whirlwind tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand, highlighting the creative efforts of New Zealand's passionate gardeners and their amazing accomplishments. From subtropical to cool temperate, everything grows well in this unique part of the world.

Linda Derkach is President of the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society and is additionally serving as our ARS Secretary. An avid, lifelong gardener, Linda belongs to the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners and the Alpine Gardeners of Vancouver Island. She is also very active as an advocate for people with intellectual disabilities in British Columbia.

Letter *from the Editor*



Following the excellent presentation by Paul Wurz at the October CVRS Meeting, no doubt all members of the CVRS are interested in becoming renowned hybridizers. If our fellow chapter members in the Lower Mainland, Washington and Oregon can be so very successful in this endeavor, Cowichan Valley members most certainly could do so as well!

One term that Joe Hudak used in a discussion about a beautiful rhododendron in Paul Wurz's photo presentation was that of **tetraploid**. This term yielded questioning frowns, and a violent poke in my ribs with the directive: "Put an article about **tetraploidies** in the next newsletter." As the editor, I have to admit that this is the type of assertiveness that I love. Thanks to Rose, for the suggestion and to Joe for the article.

Our feature is a short Profile of Peter Lewis and Toti. You will be encouraged to read more about the exceptionally knowledgeable and creative CVRS Executive Member and volunteer Program, Tour, and Speaker coordinator.

The Executive has defined new parameters for the

CVRS Newsletter and, as you may have noted, changed its name from **Rhodoholic** to **Newsletter** in response to member feedback. However, the Executive is open to suggestions for names that reflect the positive energy and knowledgeable enthusiasm of its members.

The newsletters will be fewer or shorter in length. They will include the photos, stories and experiences of members; information describing upcoming events; one or two feature articles; and informative reports. Lengthy articles may be divided into a number of installments. Furthermore, handy links to highly informative websites will be listed and members will be encouraged to further research information suggested in the newsletter articles. What will be reduced is the practice of featuring the "alphabet" rhododendrons and the free advertisements for other and private organizations' activities.

The next **CVRS Newsletter** should arrive in your homes at the end of January, 2017.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

Verna



R. moupinense

Photo by Garth Wedemire

Tetraploids Unravelled

Joe Hudak

Much of the information in this article has been taken from two articles published in the American Rhododendron Journal, the Fall 1996 article by August R Kehr, and the Summer 2008 article by Jeff R Jones et al.

All living things are made up cells. Within the cells are distinct entities called chromosomes. Commonly there is one set of chromosomes from each parent, and therefore, two sets of chromosomes in each cell. Such organisms therefore have a two-fold number of chromosomes and these are referred to as *diploid* ("di" meaning *two*). Any plant with more than two sets of chromosomes in its cell is called *polyploid* ("poly" meaning *many*). Thus a polyploidy is any plant with more than two sets of chromosomes in its cell. "Tetra" means *four*, so a *tetraploid* is a cell with four sets of chromosomes.

Polyploidy has many beneficial effects on plants. From a horticultural viewpoint one of the greatest values is that they have larger and heavier textured flowers. Because of their heavier texture, the flowers last longer than normal flowers. Lesser value is that the leaves are larger and the stems are thicker. When using these plants in a cross breeding program it is challenging to project the characteristics of the progenies. Often the seed takes longer to flower and the flowering time is often later than the related diploid.

In the 1930's, it was discovered that by treating seed material with *colchicine* it was possible to mess with nature. Colchicine is obtained from the fall crocus or meadow saffron and is a very potent *alkaloid**. Anyone who has had gout is familiar with

this drug. The standard dose for gout is two 0.6mg tablets every two hours until gout is relieved or adverse symptoms of nausea and ringing in the ears develop. In plants, this chemical is a mitotic inhibitor. *Mitosis* is the term used to describe the process of a normal cell dividing in two.

Polyploidy is considered to be the major pathway for plant evolution and can contribute to reproductive isolation. In nature, polyploidy can arise naturally through multiple pathways including spontaneous chromosome doubling. For example, wheat arose from the combination of three natural wild species. When nature has a hick-up and the cell has an uneven number of chromosomes the organism cannot reproduce. The Gravenstein apple has 51 chromosomes so cannot be reproduced from seed and must be grafted on to hardy rootstock. In the animal world the horse has 32 x 2 chromosomes and the mule has 31 x 2 chromosomes. When mated they produce an animal that has $32 + 31 = 63$ chromosomes so a mule is born and is sterile. A mule is the cross of a female horse with a male donkey, but if you reverse the cross and have a female donkey and a male horse the resulting sterile hybrid is called a hinny. Hinnies are smaller and not as strong as mules, but are more docile. Another oddity that nature has created with odd number of chromosomes is the Brown Turkey fig that we grow locally. The banana also has an odd number of chromo-

*alkaloid

any of a class of nitrogenous organic compounds of plant origin that have pronounced physiological actions on humans. They include many drugs (morphine, quinine) and poisons (atropine, strychnine).

somes; the little black specks are the remnants of seed.

When we look closely at our rhododendrons, we can see that some have very heavy stems and thick leaves – 'Lem's Monarch' and other members of the 'Walloper Group' are tetraploids. If you go to the seed exchange site at the American Rhodo-

dendron Society, and look at Jim Barlup's list, many of his crosses are flagged as "probable tetraploids". We are searching for a list of probable *metalloids* but as of press time we have not found a list. If any one has come across a list please forward to the newsletter editor, Verna, so she can insert the list into the next newsletter.

In Spring 2002, Journal American Rhododendron Society (Volume 56, Number 2) Jim Barlup wrote an article "Let's Talk Hybridizing: Hybridizing with Elepidote Polyploid Rhododendrons". Several paragraphs of his article are reprinted here, this powerful hybridizer's experiences in experimenting with tetraploids

Once you identify the plants that seem to be tetraploids, you can try to make crosses between these plants. Usually the offspring will be tetraploids. If you cross a diploid with tetraploid pollen, you may get wonderful seed pods, but germination is very difficult. I have found the germination rate with 'Point Defiance' crosses to be less than 3 percent, if they germinate at all. The results may be a diploid or a tetraploid. A cross of 'Janet Blair' with 'Point Defiance' produced one plant that appears to be a diploid. A cross of 'Calsap' with 'Point Defiance' pro-

duced five plants, probably diploids. The seed from at least thirty other such crosses did not germinate. Frank Fujioka crossed Jim Elliott's 'Flirt' ('Britannia' x *R. degronianum* ssp. *yakushmanum*) with 'Point Defiance' and germinated one seedling. It has a huge, beautiful truss and is probably a tetraploid, but the pollen appears to be sterile. Ned Brockenbrough crossed 'Nancy Evans' with 'Point Defiance' and got just a few seedlings, but among them were 'Horizon Monarch' and 'Patricia Jacobs', both beautiful tetraploids. This year I managed to cross 'Mindy's Love' ('Nancy Evans' x 'Lionel's Triumph') with 'Trude Webster' pollen and had very good germination. There are some very strong growing plants in this group of seedlings, which appears to be a mixture of diploid and tetraploid seedlings.

I continue to use pollen from what appears to be tetraploids (such as 'Trude Webster' and 'Point Defiance') on low growing hardy plants such as 'Ingrid Mehlquist', 'Fantastica' and *Rhododendron degronianum* ssp. *yakushmanum*. Yes, I do get seed pods from some of these crosses, but so far no seed has germinated. One of my goals is to work with a dwarf tetraploid. So far all of the possible tetraploids that we have to work with are large growers. We only need one breakthrough with a dwarf,



'Legend' ('Point Defiance' x 'Lem's Monarch').
Photo by Jim Barlup

semi-dwarf or low grower to start a whole new generation of plants. Don Wallace crossed 'Orange Mar-malade' with 'Point Defiance' and has what appears to be a low growing tetraploid plant. Unfortunately, the pollen appears to be sterile. I consider his cross a major accomplishment. A cross of *R. proteoides* with 'Point Defiance' or 'Trude Webster' pollen would be of great value to hybridizers if it turned out to be a dwarf tetraploid. One must have visions for the future.

Briggs Nursery worked with colchicine treated plants in an attempt to obtain tetraploid forms of known plants. At this point, two elepidote plants have been tested and have obtained that status: 'The Hon. Jean Marie de Montague', now known as 'Briggs Red Star', and 'Nova Zembla', now known in its tetraploid form as 'Supernova'. 'Supernova' has accepted pollen from 'Gentle Giant', 'Trude Webster' and 'Gargantua', and I currently have seedlings growing from those crosses. The pollen of 'Supernova' has not worked so far on other tetraploids, but it is too early to know if it is sterile or viable. I have not worked with 'Briggs Red Star', but I have a plant budded for hybridizing in 2002. New excitement!

There are many mysteries in this field of endeavor. 'Gargantua' (a registered name) is a seedling of *Rhododendron decorum* ssp. *diaprepes* and has been tested and supposedly thought to be a triploid yet its pollen is the most powerful and fertile of this whole group. Clint Smith and Loyd and Edna Newcomb have made successful crosses using 'Gargantua' pollen. This year 'Gargantua' set seed with pollen from four different tetraploids. The seed has germinated and the seedlings are growing well. There were no takes using diploid pollen. I am not a scientist. I do not know the answers to this intriguing puzzle. I am thankful that plants cannot read so they don't know what they are supposed to do. All I know are the results. Harold Greer has crossed plants that appear to be diploids with 'Trude Webster' as the seed parent. ('Trude Webster' x 'The Hon. Jean Marie de Montague') produced 'Very Berry*', and ('Trude Webster' x 'Lydia') produced 'Grand Slam'*. I

consider both of these hybrids to be tetraploids. I tried fourteen different diploid pollen crosses on 'Trude Webster' this past year. No seed set. I'll try again next year. However, crosses with 'Gargantua' and 'Point Defiance' set large seed pods. I also got smaller pods from 'Summer Peach' ('Whitney's Late Peach'* x 'Phyllis Korn'). Does this mean that my 'Phyllis Korn' cross has polyploid capabilities? Will the seed germinate?

From my limited observation, it appears that 'Trude Webster' pollen applied to dwarf diploids would be the most logical way to obtain a dwarf or semi-dwarf tetraploid plant. The pollen takes are considerably more than with 'Point Defiance' and germination is easier to obtain. In December 2001, I planted eight crosses using 'Trude Webster' pollen on probable diploids. It will be interesting to see what germinates and whether they appear to be diploid or tetraploid. It is usually obvious as polyploid seedlings have triple the growth rate. I will continue to use 'Point Defiance' pollen on diploids even when I know that germination is close to impossible. It is a challenge.

Tetraploid plants to consider for hybridizing would be 'Horizon Monarch', 'Virgo*', 'Very Berry*', 'Point Defiance', 'Lem's Monarch' or any plant from the Walloper Group. 'Gentle Giant', 'Reverend Paul', 'Canadian Beauty' and her siblings seem likely possibilities. My own plant of 'Legend' ('Point Defiance' x 'Lem's Monarch') has accepted tetraploid pollen and set seed. 'Point Defiance' is not an easy plant to get pollen from but it appears in some trusses. I'm sure other hybridizers could list even more possible tetraploids. If you find a plant you think is a tetraploid, try 'Point Defiance' or 'Trude Webster' pollen on it. It just may work. If it fails try again another year. A cold wet spring can certainly affect a plant's ability to set seed. I continue to test questionable pollen and questionable plants for three or four years to determine if either is viable or sterile.

Peter Lewis and an Artist's Palette

The spillway opens and the torrent cascades down his cheeks, his shoulders shudder like rapids and the twiggy stem of his beret totters back and forth on the crest of an unsteady wave. Around the table, where Peter is seated, six friends rock back and forth in uproarious laughter. Two female voices had just erupted simultaneously. "No! "Don't you dare, Peter." "If you mention that Christmas thing one more time, I'll . . ." These vicious threats were followed by rapid justifications as to why Peter's simple "Listen. Listen here. There's something I think



we should talk about" released spraying protests. True, this description may be watery and weak, but the central character is not. Peter Lewis's energy surges and surprises at unexpected times and, he acknowledges, simply should not be ignored. He can make things happen.

More often though, he will say, "I'm all about water. That's what I do."

Peter is a jet pump, charging people around him to laugh---laugh heartily. His gift of comic timing, the functional delivery and tempo, rhythm and flow, pace and pause, offers descriptors equally suited to describe his stunning water features. Whichever came first---Peter the renowned water feature designer and artist, or Peter the humourist---is irrelevant! The fountain of Peter is a delightful treat for anyone wandering nearby.

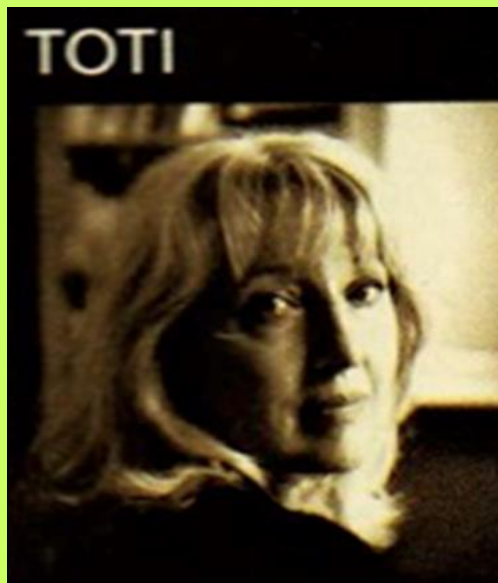




Throughout his life, Peter has been a natural *Quester*, drawn to following streams from the Lynfi River, to the Serpentine Lake, to the North Saskatchewan River, to the Koksilah River, and ultimately to his own personal underground stream, which he describes as “an embarrassment of riches”.

Peter’s life revolves on creativity. He shares his stunning property near the Koksilah River with Toti, and until recently his dog, Niko. Here Peter created the atmosphere where his water features harmonize with the ebb and flow of the Nature’s seasons, alternately lifting and calming spirits.

Nico, Peter Lewis’s 25 year-old-companion, until only a few weeks ago, faithfully protected this most beautiful garden



Toti, his partner is an artist and he encouraged her to contribute her talents to the 2015 ARS Spring Convention in Sydney, B.C. More of Toti’s work can be seen at toti.ca



Artwork by Toti graced the cover of Seaside Magazine, May 2015 supporting the ARS Rhododendron Convention in Sydney last year.



Rhododendron 'Toti'

Newly registered by hybridizer,
Jim Barlup in 2016.
(Named in 2015)

R. 'Ingrid Melquist' (s) X R. 'Snow
Candle' (H)

More information: *Newly
Registered Cultivar Names
Journal American
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Exceptionally successful creative people like Peter continually stimulate with their energies as their ideas and imaginative visions tumble out, spontaneously or, perhaps, rather intentionally. More importantly, they determine that these will eventually become real. Peter has proven that planting seeds of creative thought well in advance is an essential part of the process to ensuring successful outcomes. The vision he presented that afternoon in June, around the table of coffee and treats, of a more intimate Christmas Party atmosphere is emerging in the planning of this special event for December 4th of this year. Peter admitted that he will probably be in Alberta that day, but he seemed content to experience a “virtual reality” of improvements.

If you have not yet read Peter's article, "Going With the Flow" in Journal American Rhododendron Society, Summer 2016, Volume 70 Number 3, this could be the perfect time to collect it, settle in front of your fireplace next to the window, just inside your own "water room", your "hole of the artist's palette", and read his inspiring piece. If you are alone, open your umbrella and sit under it and invite " . . .the magic dell where streams, rhododendrons and waterfalls all abound . . .inwardly to your soul."



2016-17 Coming Events/Speakers

SPEAKERS:

November:

DENNIS BOTTEMILLER of the Rhododendron Species Botanic Garden: "Success With Rhododendron Cuttings"

- Wednesday, November 8 at NIRS, Comox
- Thursday, November 9 at MARS, Qualicum Beach
- Friday, November 10; 7:30 pm at NRS (Nanaimo Rhododendron Society), Beban Park, Nanaimo

CHRIS HODGSON: "Gardens of Cornwall and Devon"

Thursday, November 17; 7:30 pm
Vancouver Rhododendron Society
Van Dusen Botanical Gardens

February:

PANEL OF EXPERTS: (Bring your questions)
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at CVRS Duncan

March:

LOIS BLACKMORE: "The Rhododendrons of Jim Barlup"
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at CVRS Duncan



April:

PHILIP MACDOUGALL from Maple Ridge, BC

- Tuesday April 11, 2017 NIRS, Comox
- Wednesday April 12 MARS, Qualicum Beach
- Thursday April 13 NRS, Nanaimo

EVENTS:

CVRS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Note Important Changes to Date, Time, and Venue

Sunday, December 4, 2016 1-4 pm at
Elaine Kitchen's lovely home

See details on next page of this newsletter

2017 ARS SPRING CONVENTION
"Rhododendrons in the Redwoods"
April 27- 30, 2017 Eureka, California

FAVOURITE WEBSITES:

RHODODENDRONS INTERNATIONAL

<http://www.rhododendron.org/ri-index.htm>

Rhododendrons International is a **new** journal, available online at no cost, that contains articles of interest to rhododendron enthusiasts worldwide. Volume 1 has descriptions of all of the world's rhododendron societies in articles prepared by the respective societies.

R. 'Midnight Mystique'

Hybridizer: Fujioka 1986

Ht: 5 ft Midseason

'Midnight' x 'One Thousand Butterflies'

Christmas Is Coming Soon

It's less than a month to our great annual
CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SUNDAY, December 4th, 1 - 4 pm

Where: Elaine Kitchen's (3875 Riverside)



To encourage ALL of you to come, the Christmas Party will take place during daylight hours on a Sunday!

Sharing transportation not only spreads the Christmas Spirit, it is trendy!

We have many drivers most eager to share their rides! Email Verna at vlbuhler@shaw.ca or call any member of the CVRS Executive to set up your UBER lift.

Choose your own participation level (there really are **no** "must-do's", except for the first one on this list)

- * **Sit back, relax, and enjoy the Christmas chatter, laughter, and wonderful food!**

If you wish:

- * **Bring a Christmas snack to share with friends**
- * **Bring four (4) quarters to vote for your favourite photos.**
- * **Bring a food item to donate to the local food bank**
- * **Bring an unwrapped gift (approximate value of \$10-15) for the gift table draw. Proceeds go to the salvation army**

For your creative outlets:

- * **Photo contest - bring one or two 8x10 copies of your best rhododendron photo.**
- * **Story telling contest - Prepare a 3 - 4 minute tale/story using the following 9 words at least once: Hallelujah, Trump, Scintillation, Honey Butter, Teddy Bear, Starbright Champagne, Clayquot Warrior, strigillosum, Snow White**

Please check out our new Christmas party setting

Rhododendrons In The Redwoods—Annual International Convention

**American Rhododendron Society
Eureka, California
Red Lion Hotel And Sequoia Conference Center
April 27-30, 2017**



THURSDAY, APRIL 27

At the Red Lion Hotel

9 AM – 5PM: Board of Directors meeting
9 AM – 10 PM: Registration desk open - Lobby
10 AM – 7PM: Plant and art sale open – tent and Humboldt Room
6 PM – 7 PM: No host social hour - Evergreen Room
7 PM - 9 PM: Welcome and introduction – Evergreen Room
Welcome: Eureka Chapter President Max Abrahamsen
Introduction to the Redwoods: District 5 Director Tim Walsh
“All in the Family - Ericaceae”: Bruce Palmer
Keynote Address: Mike Stewart

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

At the Red Lion Hotel

8 AM – 2PM: Tour S-1: South Bus Tour: Trinoskey Garden, Anderson Garden, Humboldt Botanical Garden and Founders' Grove
8 AM – 2 PM: Tour N-1: North Bus Tour: Magnuson Garden, Singing Tree Gardens, Wells Garden and Stagecoach Hill
10AM – 6 PM & 9 PM – 10:30 PM: Plant and art sale and photo contest: Tent and Humboldt Room
9 AM – 6 PM: Registration desk open: Lobby

At the Sequoia Conference Center

3 PM – 3:45 PM: “Japanese Garden Design” by Eureka Chapter Member Paula Trinoskey
4 PM – 4:45: PM: “Soils” by Kellogg representative Giselle Schoninger
6 PM – 7 PM: No Host Social Hour
7 PM – 8:30 PM: Buffet dinner
Keynote Address: Dr. Peter Raven

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

At the Red Lion Hotel

8 AM – 2 PM: Tour S-2: repeat of Tour S-1: South bus tour: Trinoskey Garden, Anderson Garden Humboldt Botanical Garden and Founders' Grove
8 AM – 2 PM: Tour N-2: repeat of Tour N-1: North bus Tour: Magnuson Garden, Singing Tree Gardens, Wells Garden and Stagecoach Hill
8 AM – 2 PM: Tour A: Architectural tour of Eureka and Ferndale with breakfast at the Carson Mansion
10 AM – 6 PM & 9 PM - 10:30 PM: Plant and art sale open; photo contest closes at 4 PM: Tent and Humboldt Room

At the Sequoia Conference Center

3 PM – 3:45 PM: “Hybridizing with a purpose” by Eureka Chapter member Don Wallace
4 PM – 4:45 PM: “Gardening in Normandy” by Marc Colmbel
6 PM – 7 PM: No Host Social Hour
7 PM – 8 PM: Buffet dinner by Marcelli's
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Society business meeting
9 PM – 10 PM: Keynote Speaker: Steve Hootman

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

At the Red Lion Hotel

8 AM – 12 Noon: Plant and art sale open: Tent and Humboldt Room
9 AM – 10 AM: Organizational roundtable for chapter officers: Evergreen Room
10 AM – 12 Noon: Hybridizers' Roundtable chaired by Don Wallace: Evergreen Room

Dennis Bottemiller
November 8,9,10, 2016
(Vancouver Island ARS Chapter Meetings)

Success with Rhododendron Cuttings

*Dennis has been the Propagator and Nursery Manager for the **Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden** in Federal Way, Washington, for 17 years.*



In that capacity, he has been rooting cuttings and growing seedlings of plants collected from all over the world. With the RSBG surrounding him, he is inspired with the largest collection of species rhododendrons in North America. Dennis works his magic with tiny seeds and cuttings. Think of all the variables that Dennis needs to take into consideration when propagating plants from a diverse range of temperatures, altitudes, soils and amounts of moisture.

When you want to propagate a certain rhododendron to create a copy of the original, taking cuttings is a very reliable method of propagation. Dennis will focus on the parent plant from which the cuttings come so that there is a greater success in getting the cuttings to root. He will illustrate some of the variables in plant growth, culture and physiology, which can be manipulated to our advantage. Dennis will show that paying attention to the details will pay off in the end.



**We love to snack!
Anytime or all the time!
THANK YOU to all our
AWESOME TREAT
PROVIDERS!!**

COOKING/BAKING AHEAD for CVRS Meetings

November 2: Joyce Rodgers Group

December Christmas Party: Any and/or All

January: Take a break/Research recipe for 2017...?

February 1, 2017: David Annis

March 1,2017: TBA

April 5, 2017: TBA

May 3, 2017: TBA

MISSING PHOTO IMAGES SOUGHT

Some entries in the searchable database of rhododendrons and azaleas at the ARS web site do not have a photograph to accompany the text description. Perhaps you have one of the missing images in your personal photo album. Can you provide a digital image of a flower truss for any of the following cultivars?

Rhododendron hybrids:

'Autumn Violet'	'Olympic Sun'
'Carol Amelia'	'Peking'
'Conewago Improved'	'Peter Behring'
'Cunningham's Sulphur'	'Queen of Bhutan'
'Freeman R. Stephens'	'Scott's Valentine'
'Homestead'	'Sir Frederick Moore'
'Inca Gold'	'Star Sapphire'
'Lenape'	'Strawberry Swirl'
'Mountain Marriage'	'Way Ahead'
'Oklahoma'	'Weber's Pride'

Azalea hybrids:

'Amoenum Obstusifolium'	'Hino-red'
'Billie Dee'	'Hino-white'
'Canby'	'Linda Jean'
'Carlson's Coral Flameboyant'	'Mariko'
'Fluffy'	'Pink Pancake'
'Ginger'	'Princess Royal'
'Goldcrest'	'Snow Cloud'
'Greenwood Orchid'	'Uki-funei'
'Gumpo White Sport'	'Yamato'

If you can provide any of the missing photos please contact **ARS web master**, Bob Weissman, at weissman@arsoffice.org

It's Happening in CVRS Member Gardens



"Rhododendron 'Midnight Rose' as pretty in bud with the red foliage, as it is in bloom" Carrie Nelson

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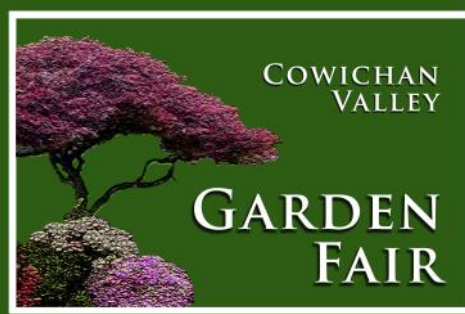
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