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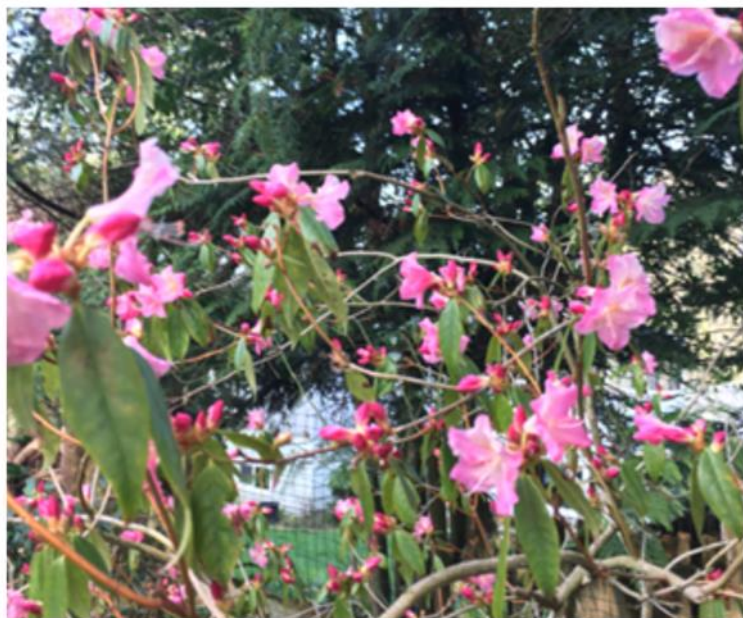
Message from the President

Ali Morris, CVRS President for March

Hi Friends,

My favourite time of the year is Spring; therefore, excitement about gardening comes easily. This must be the case for most gardeners, I would think. Already the winter aconites and some early snowdrops are finished blooming in my garden.

Hellebores, crocuses and woodland anemones are in full swing. Trilliums are pushing up those fat snouts, and so are many more companion plants. *Rhododendron* 'Airy Fairy' is an almost



GUEST SPEAKER

March 4th; 7:30pm

Dr. Norma Senn

Plants of Western Australia

(More details on page 3)

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deciduous, very early blooming variety that grows upright, approximately 4 feet in height. It is a delicate and graceful sight each spring.

But most importantly, I see the buds on many of my rhododendrons swelling, ready for another great show! Some varieties look like they are wrapped in fur coats; *Rhododendron* 'Snow Lady' comes to mind.

Others have buds that are soft and fuzzy as though still sporting their winter toques.



Rhododendron strigillosum presents its bud above a wide perky skirt of up to 7-inch long, dark green, slightly recurved and finely bristled leaves. It already is revealing its red promise.

Our CVRS raffle table and our sales table at the Garden Fair are both great sources for adding some interesting plants to our gardens. Many of my rhododendrons that are rarely found in nurseries have come from these; I treasure every single one.

And of course, I do have an ongoing wish list! For at least five years I was looking for a fern that comes from England. It is infertile, so propagation is achieved by tissue culture, and therefore was rarely available. I finally found one on a trip to Oregon. Yes, I was so pleased! Now, I see it is available in many nurseries. Well, much of the fun is in the hunt, isn't it? In case you would like to know the name of this fern, it's *Polystichum setiferum polyblepharum* 'Bevis'. It's a keeper!

Spring is also the time when we get ready for our annual Garden Fair. This is a great opportunity to divide our beautiful perennials and to share those with our club.

To keep my garden rejuvenated, I like to dig up my favourite plants (not the ones I want to get rid of. . .). I cut off good chunks, add some new soil and fertilizer, replant these portions, and water them in. Yes, even on a rainy day these plants need water, because roots can't grow through air pockets. I then cut the remaining parts of each plant into smaller pieces. These I pot up, label, water, and place in a sunny location, ready for the CVRS Garden Fair.

My experience is that the one-gallon pots sell best, so you may wish to keep that in mind when preparing your plant donations. When members donate their divided plants, the CVRS profits the full value of each sale. With your help we will have a very successful Garden Fair again.

Happy gardening,

Ali Morris

Guest Speaker:
Wednesday, March 4th

DR. NORMA SENN

Topic: Plants of Western Australia

Dr. Norma Senn is currently a member of the Victoria Rhododendron Society. She enjoys a full range of gardening. Because she has a small urban garden, she is particularly interested in smaller rhododendrons. One of her goals was to find and grow as many of Warren Berg's introductions as possible, since so many of these are such good plants for the small garden.

Formerly, Dr. Senn was a member of the Fraser South Rhododendron Society. She served on the executive, as President and Past President, of the Chapter. As a member of the Fraser South Rhododendron Society, she was a regular contributor to their newsletter, *The Yak*. In 2004, she received the Fraser South Rhododendron Society Chapter's Bronze Medal Award.

Norma Senn earned her degrees in Horticulture and Botany from the University of Wisconsin. Her Ph. D. thesis was on the uptake of calcium and magnesium in beets. Dr. Senn worked for the University College of the Fraser Valley in Chilliwack for 21 years. She held the position of Director of Agriculture Technology at the University College of the Fraser Valley. One of the things she especially enjoyed while working for UFV was having the opportunity to participate in several international projects that led to her having the chance to work in Viet Nam and Bangladesh.

Prior to becoming Director, she was a program instructor in horticulture. In the early 1980's, Norma worked for the BC Ministry of Agriculture where she was Urban Horticulturist and then Nursery Crops Specialist for the province. As part of her responsibilities at BCMA, she set up the first Master Gardener programs in Canada. Norma was pleased to have been named an "Honorary Certified Master Gardener".



Letter *from the Editor*



Hi Fellow Gardeners,

How refreshing it is to stroll through the garden on these frosty mornings and realize the bravery of plants sending their fine leaves and buds to face the new season. I wonder why they are up so soon, as I have not yet cleared up all the folded plant debris of last season's energy. The shoots ignore my thoughts and continue to push through whatever remains, as if to suggest that it's time to do more than simply observe and appreciate them.

And it is. Every day the task list lengthens, and the tasks completed seem almost insignificant.

Grapes have been pruned and the new canes tied down. Fruit trees are slowly shaping up, and shrubs, each in turn, receive their restorative pruning and shaping. Plant debris and weeds that fill bin after bin, are loaded and hauled to the nearby compost.

We all know that this is just the beginning, because we step back and admire the last two hours' transformation, and then look toward the other garden beds and nod. There are still a few spaces where we can add the plants we already purchased in our eagerness. Those truckloads of bark mulch must be ordered now, to prepare the new rhododendron beds to plant my exuberant purchases at the ARS Fall Conference and the irresistibles that will appear at Spring sales over the next several months.

Our calendars in Spring are doubling-up with events that we will attend and those we would like to attend but can't quite fit into 24-hour days. Enjoy the choices listed in this newsletter.



Research a few of the rhododendrons that won't be in bloom at the time of the sales and prepare your special list so that you can look for them hiding behind the April bloomers.

I am preparing a list for some special *Rhododendron* species that I hope to find at the ARS Conference in Vancouver Washington. Although I haven't completed any details of my plan for this road trip, visiting the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, as well as several others, is on the list. I reprimand myself for not exploring our gorgeous Pacific Coast more often, so this time I will leave my gardening tasks behind for a week and inhale the wonders. I do hope that many of you make a point of participating in the ARS Conference. You will not regret a moment of that time.

Until we meet at the March meeting,

Verna Buhler

New *Rhododendron huanum*

and how to learn more about rhododendron species

By Verna Buhler

Information for this article was largely drawn from the Rhododendron Species Foundation website. The purpose of this article is to inform members of the distinction between the ARS and the RSF and to encourage members who may wish to access information about species rhododendrons to register for membership with the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Furthermore, It may inspire CVRS members to plan a trip to Federal Way Washington to visit this incredible collection of very unique rhododendrons.

Rhododendron huanum is one of the new species rhododendrons available at the Rhododendron Species and Botanical Garden located in Federal Way, Washington. Every spring a list of the plants available from the Rhododendron Species Foundation is sent out to members. I receive this and I highlight the plants to would like to find. If you have never received this list, there may be a simple reason for that.



It is easy for new members to be confused by the relationship between the American Rhododendron Society and the Rhododendron Species Foundation in Washington. I certainly was---for several years in fact, even though I had direct access to inside stories. I signed on to fill a vacant position as Secretary on the CVRS Executive the first day I attended a monthly meeting and began asking questions immediately. I asked highly informed questions, only to have members observing me with gentle quizzical looks, trying to make sense of them. Eventually, their unspoken thoughts became clear to me: *"You know nothing, Verna B. . .but keep trying."*

The world of the rhododendron is vast, perhaps because the Genus is so massive and complex. That's what draws us in to be lifelong rhododendron admirers, collectors, and protectors.

Some of us may believe that if we are members of the **Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society (CVRS)** we are also members of the umbrella organization, the **American Rhododendron Society (ARS)**. Yes, we are. In fact, the greatest portion of the CVRS annual membership fee is sent on to the ARS. We therefore receive the publications from each: the **CVRS Newsletter** for nine or ten months of the year, and the **Journal of the American Rhododendron Society (JARS)** four issues during the year.

We may also assume that we are members of the **Rhododendron Species Foundation**. In this case we are incorrect. This realization came about for me in an embarrassing manner. I had caught sight of the incredibly informative *Rhododendron Species* annual publication and much too assertively questioned why I had never received one during my years in the Rhododendron club. When I was asked if I was a member of the Rhododendron Species Foundation, I explained that every year I paid my CVRS membership dues.

“Good for you. Did you also join the RSF?” encouraged the experienced rhododendron collector.

“Well, didn’t I?” Apparently, no, I hadn’t. So, therefore no informative publication for me. I joined the Rhododendron Species Foundation.

The Rhododendron Species Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, research, acquisition, evaluation, cultivation, public display, and distribution of Rhododendron species. The Foundation

provides education relating to the genus and serves as a unique resource for scientific, horticultural and general gardening communities worldwide.

Many rhododendrons are endangered in the regions where they occur naturally. Some are endemic, native or restricted to the area where they are found; therefore, they may be both rare and vulnerable.

The American Rhododendron Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage interest in and to disseminate information about the genus Rhododendron. Members’ experience ranges from novice to expert. Society activities include public education, plant sales, flower shows, seed exchanges, and scientific research. The Society provides a medium through which people interested in rhododendrons and azaleas can communicate and cooperate with others via its publications, events, local and regional meetings and international conferences.

Rhododendron huanum:

Steve Hootman is excited about a” fantastic new rhododendron introduced from [his] first expedition to China.”

“[T]he species R. huanum . . . occurs in scattered populations in the mountains of southern Sichuan, northeastern Yunnan, and adjacent northeastern Guizhou. Although this species has long been known to botanists (it was officially described in 1939), it was never successfully introduced into cultivation in the west until 1995 when Peter Cox and I found it growing with an amazing assemblage of plants in the Jin Pin Mountains of South Sichuan. Among the plants observed (in a very quick late afternoon survey) were Berneuxia thibetica, Lonicera crassifolia, Primula moupinensis and the following species of Rhododendron – argyrophyllum, ririei, lutescens, strigillosum, orbiculare, insigne, ochraceum, and asterochnoum (the last two named species were also first collected for introduction at this time). In cultivation, this species forms a well-shaped rounded shrub with attractive smooth green leaves. The new growth and foliage of huanum is particularly attractive as it emerges a glossy olive-green with bright, red-purple perulae and petioles. The lilac or reddish-purple flowers of this species are what really [fascinate]. They appear in mid-April and have the bonus of darker nectar pouches. It is a color not seen in any other species. The poise of the flowers adds to their charm, hanging from their long pedicels to display their large, brightly-colored and fimbriated calyces most effectively.”



When you visit the RSF look for the plants grown from seed in 1995. You will find these growing along the main road between the Big Leaf Garden and the *Meconopsis* meadow. Yes, a rare collection of *Meconopsis* grows effectively, multiplying each year. So well, in fact, that it is worth a trip to our neighbour country to attend a special annual event:

**Blue Poppy Day 2020 –
A Festival of Art and Nature**

May 16, 2020 (Saturday, 10 am – 4pm)

Steve continues the description of this exceptional rhododendron.

“Strangely enough, this species was not collected again until 2012 when I once again found large populations of it on two separate peaks. The first of these was the famous Fan Jing Shan of Eastern Guizhou Province. While it was fantastic to see this rare species in the wild again, and in a completely different region, I was perplexed at the late season of flowering (it was early June) and in the coloration of the flowers; they were a pale lavender-pink, quite different in appearance from the plants in Sichuan and blooming almost two months later in the season. A few days later we were in southern Chongqing (east of Sichuan Province) where we found large populations of this same species on the isolated mountain known as Jinpo Shan, home of the rare conifer *Cathaya argyrophylla* and the endemic *Rhododendron platypodum*. As on Fan Jing Shan, the plants were in full flower in early summer and almost pink in color. Obviously, these plants growing at the eastern and southern ends of the range of the species had not read the book.”

If you haven't yet fallen in love with *Rhododendron* species, I suspect that it may be because of their difficult names. *Rhododendron strigillosum* isn't as easy to remember as the hybrid named 'Wild Ginger' but don't let that stop you. Species offer another spectacular level of intrigue in the plant world.

You will not go gently from the *Rhododendron* species universe.

PROPAGATING CLUB ACTIVITY

Saturday, February 29, 2020

On a sunny crisp Saturday afternoon, members of the CVRS Propagation Club met at Elisabeth's home to pot up perennials she was donating to the club.

Elisabeth explains the reason why potting up the perennial plants from divisions in her garden actually helps more than just the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society.



Plants in her garden were densely planted and have grown vigorously in the last few years producing a luscious display. As an avid plant collector, she recently purchased some wonderful new selections, rare specimens from Far Reaches Farm in Washington. These have been waiting in pots for some precious space in her garden.

Within two hours between 80 and 90 plants were potted, labelled and ready to sprout in time for the Garden Fair in April. Then the reward. Some of Elisabeth's own cider and muffins were accompanied by tall tales about cats and other significant experiences.

At a propagating event in fall, approximately 110 plants, largely *Hostas* and some *Paeonia*, were dug and potted within two hours of well-directed activity. The Cairnsmore Expert Gardeners lead the event and trained the core CVRS team. Beverages, nibbles, and banter concluded this event as well.

The CVRS welcomes divisions of perennials to sell at the Garden Fair in April and is happy to make garden calls for just a little coffee or spirits, and light snacks. Or, it settles happily for fresh air and smiles as well.



Crambe Cordifolia (Sea Kale)

Look for it at the CVRS Plant table at the Garden Fair in April

Strategically plant interesting-looking plants like *Crambe cordifolia*, or Colewort, along a garden path to create a sense of escape. *Crambe cordifolia* begins as a mound of thick, dark leaves that erupt with long, stemmy flowers at the height of summer.



Greig Rhododendron Species Garden Update

By Alan Campbell

The Greig Rhododendron Species Garden at VIU's Milner Woodland Garden in Qualicum continues to move forward and thrive due to the many volunteers from, mainly, the Nanaimo and Mt. Arrowsmith ARS (American rhododendron Society) Chapters. And as well as, I might add, the continued expert input from Steve Hootman, the Executive Director of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (RSBG) in Federal Way Washington.

With the latest acquisition of fifty plants brought up from the RSBG, the total number of rhododendron species on site is now 220. Many of these are rare and threatened in the wild. Not all will be planted out now; some will be held in the nursery to put on further growth. This Spring will also see the planting of numerous companion plants, from tree species to herbaceous material.

The continued donations of beneficial monies over the last few months of the US\$4000.00 from the ARS Endowment Fund, the \$5000.00 from the MARS Fall

Conference, and a further substantial amount from Jean Greig, will enable planned projects. These include the production and placement of interpretive signage, upgrades in irrigation, and the purchase of more plant material. Also available now is the opportunity for individuals to donate money for the purchase of benches to which a commemorative plaque may be attached. The garden is progressing so well that discussion is now being considered for Stage 2, the 'Big Leaf Dell'.



The garden would like to add *Rhododendron* 'Loderi King George' into a section of the Greig Rhododendron Species garden; if anyone has a mature plant to donate please contact the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden at Milner Gardens
(Hirsutum Photo)

Under discussion, as well, is establishing a date, hopefully in April or May, on which members of the Vancouver Island ARS Chapters, specifically, will be invited to come out to view and walk about the garden with interpretive guides.

***** UPDATE from a Mini-Advisory Meeting *****

. . .received just before print deadline, from Marilyn Dawson: “not enough [agenda items] to warrant long drives by other advisory members, only advisors from Nanaimo and Mount Arrowsmith chapters attended”

Rhododendron Day:

At the last meeting, members agreed a species garden appreciation day would be appropriate so that chapter members could recognize the progress that has taken place since the opening in 2018.

Mark Tuesday, April 21 in your calendars. Chapter members can meet from 1 pm to 3pm to tour the garden and see its evolution from almost bare ground to its present state. There will be cake! There will be a few words of welcome from Geoff Ball and a presentation to the garden from the profits of the recent 2019 ARS Conference in Parksville. By that time, benches will likely be installed in random spots around the area.

Plant Acquisition: There are still funds remaining from the ARS grant last summer, so Glen Jamieson will be acquiring some mostly large leaf plants from the RSBG this month when he is in Washington. He will be limited to US\$1500. Action: John Deniseger will put together a wish list of desirable plants.

Kristie Bellis also needs a list of companion plants for the species garden.

While waiting for the formal invitation please visit the new Milner web-site at milnergardens.viu.ca.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Greig Rhododendron Species Garden Advisory Committee will be meeting in the next several weeks. Please review the report from its last meeting. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Alan Campbell or Verna Buhler who will convey your thoughts to the committee. Contact by email: cowichanvalleyrhododendron@gmail.com

Rhododendron Species Advisory Meeting Report

Held at Milner Gardens and Woodland,
Monday, November 25, 2019

Attendees: Art Lightburn, Tony Ansdell, Geoff Ball, Marilyn Dawson, John Deniseger, Alan Campbell, Paul Wurz, Chris Southwick

Update on Recent Activity:

Throughout the summer the water monitoring crew kept an eye on the garden looking for areas where the irrigation system might miss and any other problems that might arise.

- In September, a small crew did a last-minute tidy-up before the 2019 ARS Conference tour, adding mulch where needed and generally checking the health of the plants.
- On Sept. 28, Steve Hootman led two tours of about 23 people each from the Conference through the garden. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Milner had provided the house and garden tour as part of its contribution to the conference.
- Recently, a work crew planted the latest acquisitions.

Acquisitions:

John Deniseger and Paul Wurz toured the RSBG with Steve Hootman and chose 50 harder-to-find rhodos for the Greig Garden. Most have been planted, although 12 smaller ones were sent to Victoria to mature. The men also brought back 12 companion plants. Most, but not all, of the advisory's rhododendron wish list, have now been acquired.

Financial:

Tony Ansdell reported MARS will be sending a cheque for \$5000 (previously committed) to Milner now that the conference is over. It was held back in case of unexpected expenses.

- The ARS cheque for US\$4,000 is deposited in a special MARS account. It will be transferred to Milner to pay for the latest acquisition. Tony and Geoff will work out the details. Paul will also inquire of the ARS Endowment Fund, if there is a deadline to spend the rest of the recent grant.
- Paul also suggested the advisory group should keep the ARS informed about the species garden progress on a regular basis.



Rhododendron 'Loderi Venus' needed for the Greig Rhododendron Species Garden at Milner Gardens (Hirsutum)

Work Outstanding:

- Milner's Kristy Bellis will complete the embossed tags for each plant.
 - Work has to begin on the interpretative program.
- Other additions include benches, more companion plants and an upgrade to some parts of the irrigation system.

Other:

Geoff explained the Milner web site is undergoing a major expansion and the species garden will benefit from that expansion, incorporating more information about the entire rhododendron collection.

- Milner is also in the process of establishing a Legacy Fund for the entire garden, which will include a rhodo legacy fund for those who want to donate specifically to the care of the collection. Ideally as the fund builds, the interest only will be used. Full details are still in the works.
- At the next meeting the group will discuss plans for some sort of celebration in April to mark the anniversary of the Greig Garden opening and the rhodo blooming season. It will likely be a low-key affair; more details to come.
- John Deniseger noted **the garden needs a Loderi King George or a Loderi Venus** to complement the Mary Greig collection. Notify John if a mature plant is available.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Sometime in February/March 2020

Thank-you Alan Campbell, from the rest of us, your fellow CVRS members



Following the meeting, some of the group remained behind to plant *R. macrophyllum* in the species garden. *Rhododendron macrophyllum*, was donated by Alan Campbell; the original cutting came from Rhododendron Lake, south of Parksville.

UPCOMING - ARS DISTRICT #1 MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

11:00am – 4:15pm

Hosted by North Island
Rhododendron Society (NIRS)

Courtney, BC



Rhododendron albrechtii

Three representatives, Alan Campbell, Barrie Agar, and Verna Buhler from the CVRS chapter will attend the meeting. **Expect to hear a full report at the April CVRS Monthly Meeting.**

District #1 includes Fraser South Rhododendron Society (FSRS); Vancouver Rhododendron Society (VanRS); North Island Rhododendron Society (NIRS); Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society (MARS); Nanaimo Rhododendron Society (NRS); Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society (CVRS); Victoria Rhododendron Society (VicRS)

Agenda Items for the Upcoming March 24th Meeting:

If any of you have inquiries or ideas you would like to have submitted on your behalf, please bring this up at our next Monthly Meeting, March 4th, 2020. Your ideas are greatly appreciated.

- Calendar Events for each Chapter in District #1
- Information Updates on the American Rhododendron Society (ARS)
- Review of the most recent ARS Fall Conference in Qualicum Beach – highlights, lessons and recommendations
- Journal of the American Rhododendron Society (JARS) listings of Award winners – How can this be done effectively, or improved, perhaps?
- Issues to present to the ARS at the next meeting at the end of April 2020 at the ARS Spring Conference in Vancouver, Washington
- New District #1 Director suggestions



Rhododendron hirsutum

You're invited to the celebration!



**Hosted by ARS District 4 at the Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, Washington**

**20/20 Vision International speakers
include:**

- **Kenneth Cox** from Glendoick in Scotland
- **Lionel de Rothschild** from Exbury in England
- **Jens Nielsen**, plant explorer from Denmark
- **Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros** from the Holden Arboretum
- **Steve Hootman** from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
- **Valerie Soza** from the University of Washington
- . .and more!

Garden tours include:

- Crystal Springs Botanical Garden
- Cecil & Molly Smith Garden
- Portland Japanese Garden
- Lan Su Chinese Garden
- Iseli Nursery
- Woodburn Nursery
- The Stewart Garden (formerly Dover Nursery)
- Sebright Gardens

**Also: Plant sale; Photo exhibit and contest;
Poster session; Special clinics**

Pre-tour: *Around the Sound*

**Post-tour: *Willamette Valley and Oregon
Coast Excursion***

Information at: www.ars75.org





Calendar of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 7:30pm
CVRS Monthly Meeting; Guest Speaker –
Norma Senn: Plants of Southern Australia

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 2pm
CVRS Book Club Meeting Verna and George's:
3908 Cowichan Lake Road, Duncan

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 10am – 2pm
Seedy Sunday: Si'em Lelum Gymnasium 5574
River Road, Duncan

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020
RSF International Plant Pickup Day for member
Plant Sale Orders, Federal Way, Washington
(phytosanitary inspector onsite)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 7:30pm
CVRS Monthly Meeting; Guest Speaker –
Rose Prufer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30pm
(Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)
Mt Arrowsmith Monthly Meeting: *Lionel de
Rothschild* of Exbury Gardens, England

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020 2pm
CVRS Book Club Meeting Verna and George's:
3908 Cowichan Lake Road, Duncan

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17 (3 - 6pm) and SATURDAY,
APRIL 18, 2020 (9am – 3pm)**
2020 Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
Spring Plant Sale; Federal Way, Washington

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020; 10am – 2pm
(Qualicum Beach Civic Centre)
MARS Rhododendron Show and Sale

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 1pm – 3pm
**GREIG RHODODENDRON
SPECIES GARDEN VISIT,**
Milner Gardens, Qualicum Beach

Special Event for ARS Chapter Members:
Tour the garden from 1pm to 3pm and see its
evolution from almost bare ground to its present
state. There will be a few words of welcome
from Geoff Ball and a presentation to the garden
from the profits of the recent 2019 ARS Fall
Conference in Parksville. Stay to chat; there will
be cake.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24 &
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020**

(CVRS members, please note the Saturday
event conflict) Vancouver Island Rock and
Alpine Garden Society (VIRAG) Annual Spring
Show: VIRAG Member Plant Sale begins at 1pm
Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
Cowichan Valley Garden Fair: Mellor Hall (Visit
the Garden Fair website)

APRIL 30 – MAY 3, 2020
(See Notice in this Issue Page 14)
ARS ANNUAL CONVENTION (75th
Anniversary) Portland, Oregon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 7:30pm
CVRS Monthly Meeting; Guest Speaker – Bill
McMillan "Cultivation, Pruning, Pests and
Diseases Specific to Rhododendrons"

SATURDAY, MAY 9 & SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020
(Qualicum Beach and Parksville gardens)
MARS Mothers' Day Weekend Garden Tour



March 14th from 10 am - 2 pm
Cobble Hill & Stu Armour Halls
In the Heart of the Cobble Hill Village

2 venues with over 45 vendors
featuring Lee Valley Tools, Perennial Ridge
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Saturday, April 25, 2020

<http://cowichanvalleygardenfair.com>



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