

Newsletter

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### Message from the President

Dear Friends.

It seems that a pattern of unexpected loss and sadness continues for us and for too many others this year. Sadly, in this November issue we acknowledge our recent losses of Peter Lewis, Liz Leverington, and Jim Barlup. We are so grateful that by living their passions, these special friends touched our lives, positively influenced our communities, and gifted the world with both recognized and still untold legacies.

In the midst of sadness however, we must look about with eyes and hearts of appreciation and thankfulness for providence. By nurturing the vitalities that surround us in our own "bubbles", we



R. 'Toti' named after Peter Lewis's loving partner; Jim Barlup hybrid

CVRS November Guest Speaker "Northern France: A Well-Kept Secret" Wed, Nov 4 @ 7:30pm Zoom Meeting (More details on page 2 & 3)

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gather strength and build hope; by sharing these in "virtual" ways, our positive spirits float, touching those of others without bursting. We will continue to share joy and to laugh with others; we gather inspiration from the wonders in Nature.

Let's also continue with life-long learning and welcome new experiences and change.



R. 'Moe's Journey'; Jim Barlup hybrid

Please join us at the upcoming Zoom Meetings.

November 4<sup>th</sup>: At the CVRS November Meeting Sandra Stevenson will share a timely presentation about a trip through Northern France during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

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Stay safe and well,

Verna Buhler

### **November Guest Speaker**

# Sandra Stevenson "Northern France: A Well-Kept Secret"

Sandra Stevenson is a well-known member of the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society.

She served as President of the CVRS Executive for several years before agreeing to travel with her husband and friends to various fascinating parts of the world.

Instead of travelling this month, Sandra will share one of those trips that touched her deeply---her trip to Northern France.



### **CVRS November Meeting**

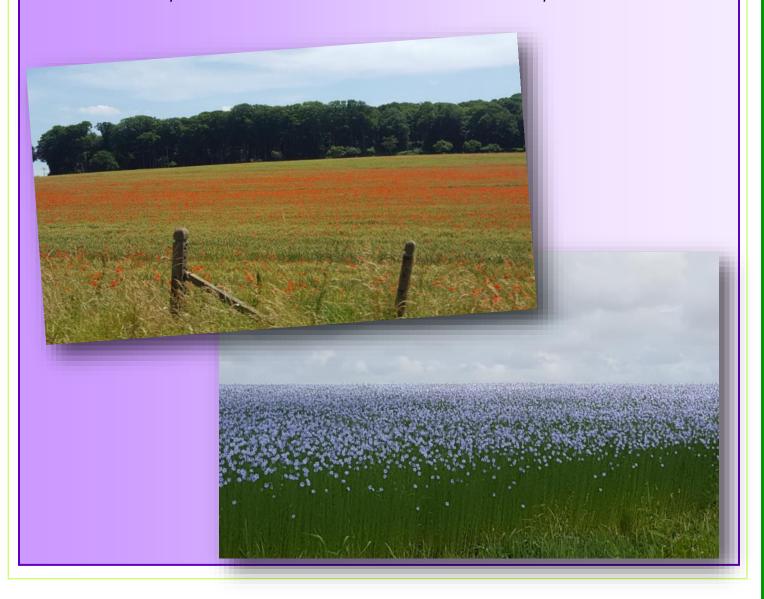
November 4, 2020 7:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

# "Northern France: A Well-Kept Secret"

By Sandra Stevenson

The Spring of 2017

"Our travels were influenced by the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. We spent three weeks traveling the region, taking in the history, exploring gardens, culture and more. I will take you on a photo tour and share some of our discoveries and experiences."



### LIZ LEVERINGTON

#### June 18, 1949 - September 21, 2020

With sadness we announce the passing of Elizabeth Leverington, a former member of the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society. Liz passed away on September 21, 2020, due to a complication from a stroke. She was 71 years old.

Although born in Victoria, Liz moved to the Cowichan Valley in her teens where she lived until her death. When asked, Liz would say that her greatest achievement in life was raising six children in a blended family. She taught them "the value of hard work; how to dance, to cook, and to love music; but most importantly, how to be strong and independent."

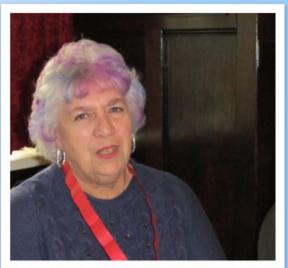
Liz worked for the Valley Integration to Active Living Society (VITALS) for twenty years. She loved her clients and coworkers and they loved her. One of Liz's passions was Christmas and all the decorating and giving that the season elicits.

Liz brought laughter and enthusiasm to CVRS Summer Picnics and Christmas Parties whenever she had time to join in the celebrations.

Liz will be missed.

For information on a celebration of life planned in the spring contact: weloveliz49@gmail.com









#### **Sad Note**

# A sad message just reached us from Roy Blackmore:

"It is with sadness that I announce that Jim Barlup passed away this morning (October 26) at the age of 87. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in May of this year and has been in hospice care since mid-September.

He was one of the kindest men I have ever known, sharing information and materials with anyone who asked. He left his rhododendrons, unnamed Hybrids, new cuttings, seedlings, remaining seeds and all notes and information to the Victoria Rhododendron Society. The Victoria Rhododendron Society is ever grateful for this gift and has established a public Rhododendron garden in his honour. An initial planting saw 93 of his Hybrids planted thus far, and will be continuously

added to, as more plants become available.

If you wish, condolences can be sent to his wife Judy.

Her email address is judy.barlup@icloud.com"

Our sincere condolences to Jim's family.







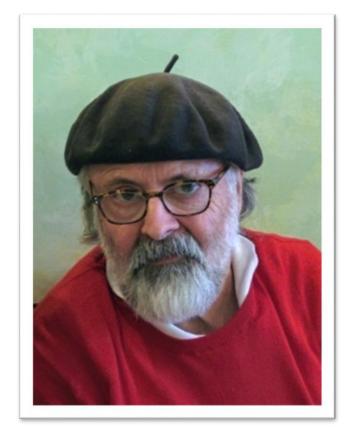


### **Peter Lewis** 1949 - 2020

Visionary, artist, genius, salesman, barterer, hydrologist, landscape designer, rhododendron specialist, carpenter, bird breeder, writer, friend, father and husband. These are all words which describe Peter Lewis, and it sad to acknowledge that he is no longer with us. Peter Lewis, 71, died July 26 at home after a long illness. A celebration of his life is planned for early 2021.

The Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society was extremely honoured to have him as an active member in the society.

As a valuable member of the CVRS, Peter selflessly contributed his talents where needed. He held numerous committee positions within the organization such as CVRS Member-at-Large, Chair for the Spring Rhododendron Sale, Recruiter of New Members, Co-



ordinator for Fundraising and Gift Donations. One year, one of his creative and successful ideas was to hire two clowns to entertain customers waiting in one of the CVRS Rhododendron Spring Sale lineup to purchase rhododendrons. It was a real treat to watch Peter use his people skills in bartering and selling. He was even seen bargaining with Bernie Dinter on a gorgeous maple tree (Shinto Shoto possibly) for his wife Toti as an anniversary gift.

Peter was inspirational and fun loving. He would initiate theme days, inspiring members to attend a Summer Picnic dressed in highly decorative floral hats, and then arrive with his own version of "the-more-outlandish-the-better", a tiny white rose pinned onto his own customary beret.









Peter enjoyed CVRS Summer Picnics. He inspired many fun theme days!

In the June 2017 CVRS Newsletter, an article about Peter and his creative gestures had thrilled him. He had shown the piece to his precious grand-daughter and together they had laughed at their shared delight in the "magical".

#### DO YOU EVER WONDER . . .

... about this intriguing fellow in our club? An element of creativity and magic tends to exude from him. Do you ever feel like a bit of a *Muggle* around him?

Consider these proportions. Apparently, that is *Rhododendron* 'Cynthia' behind Peter, and that is a puppy, Boddhi, in front of him! Apparently, this owl sits outside his window while he drinks his coffee! Is it unreasonable to wonder whether it deliver *howlers*? Add to this evidence, the flare with which he sets up a



Membership table and display! Some of us are beginning to suspect that when he leaves for Alberta, he may be catching the *Hogwarts Express*. Keep in mind if he isn't visible at the picnic, he still might be there!





Peter was born in South Wales and studied at St. Martins School of Art. He emigrated to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in the early 1970's with his wife Toti and baby son. Later they had a second son born in Edmonton. In the latter 1980's, Peter moved with his family to the Duncan, B. C. area. After having numerous one-man exhibitions, in 1978, he decided to take his creative expression to the landscape. Canada embraced his vision and the Great Divide Waterfall unfolded.



"It was Peter's childlike innocence that inspired him to create the Great Divide Waterfall. He was joyous at seeing children delight in this wondrous folly," Toti explained.

Peter is probably best known for his Great Divide Waterfall in Edmonton on High Level Bridge. His creation was 64 metres high---2.4 metres (8 feet) higher than Niagara Falls; 122 metres (400 feet) long, with a flow of 22,000 gallons per minute flowing above and into the North Saskatchewan River. It was completed in 1980 for the Province of Alberta's 75th anniversary. Peter was a mover and shaker in Edmonton. He got the community, city council members, volunteers, and professionals behind this project. The Saskatchewan River riverbanks were crowded with people as they watched the falls. It became a major attraction for Edmontonians, magical during summer weekends and even more so with evening lights.

"Peter used his unique gifts to inspire millions of people by creating public art invoking a natural sense of wonderment," said Toti. "He was a master of surprise."

As a wedding gift to Prince Charles and Lady Diana in 1981, Lewis instigated a 1,200-bonfire celebration in the shape of a dove. It stretched from Scotland to the Channel Islands and could be seen by satellite.

Peter's fame began to move out into the world. In 1986 he was commissioned to create a large fountain for the World Exposition in Vancouver, B.C. He developed a large 15 metre transparent umbrella which rained water on demand. Installed buttons gave variable water flows from drizzle to hurricane. Children were thrilled. In 2011, he designed Splash for the Lumiere Festival in Durham, UK. In 2012, he created two temporary water features, Olympic Fountain and Running Water in Olympic Park London. Peter Lewis's name and water became synonymous.



Peter loved to share his plant knowledge and passion with anyone interested.



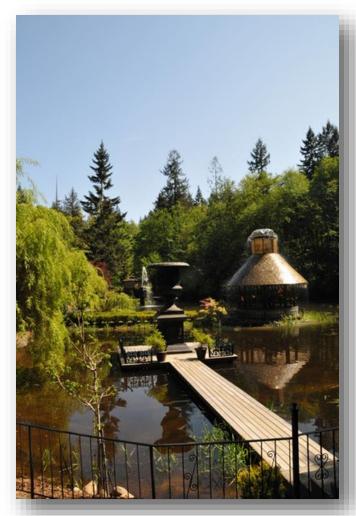
In keeping with Peter's belief in public art and his passion for community and dogs, he was a team project member for "Quench." This was a gift for Duncan's Centennial in 2012. It is an 8 ½-foot totem pole, people and dog drinking fountain located at City Hall in Duncan.

Peter lovingly created his property and gardens with his magical touches and loved the Cowichan Valley. Peter's Bright Angel Water Garden was absolutely spectacular and the water features beyond belief.





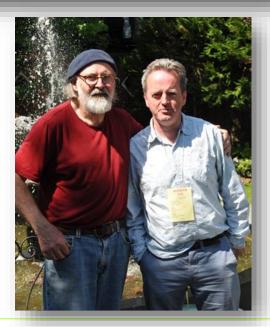
Bordered by the Koksilah River, it is a 10-acre garden with a 2-acre lake, 14 fountains, and over 1,000 rhododendrons. His garden was one featured at the Sydney International Rhododendron Conference in 2015.

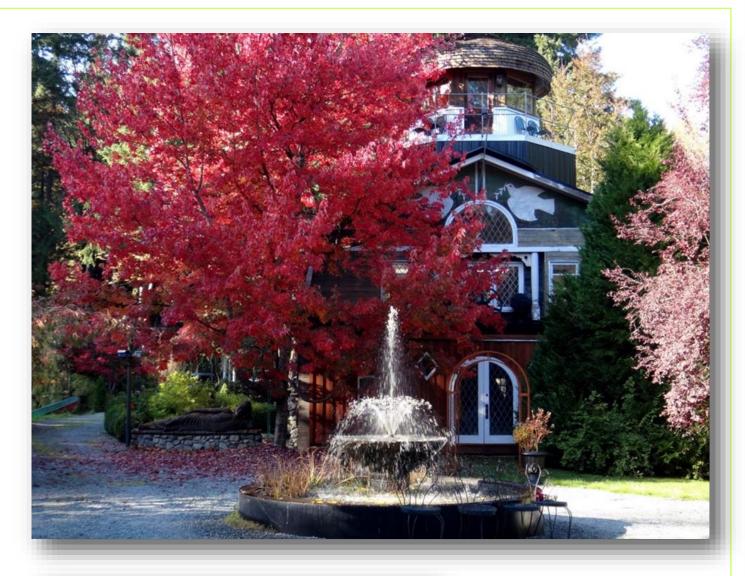




Special guests from around the world were bedazzled by the magic and splendour of Peter and Toti's private garden.

During the International Rhododendron Conference, renowned Rhododendron expert Kenneth Cox of Glendoick, England visits the Cowichan Valley private garden of world-renowned artist, Peter Lewis.







Years earlier, Peter's first showing to club members was in early evening and everyone was asked to bring an umbrella.

It was magically stunning!

A garden to experience with all of one's senses.

Peter wrote in the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society Vol. 70 Number 3 Summer 2016

By creating a water garden, there comes a realization that we are one with nature. Our similar vascular system of transportation of water to that present in trees and shrubs is the common denominator. The quality of water in your garden, i.e., its purity and cleanliness, will determine the life forces that occupy it. My love of water and its relationship to rhododendrons and azaleas was cemented when I became a member of the Cowichan Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. I felt a true sense of security that everything I planted would be fine, as there were so many knowledgeable folks to help me along my journey.



-- with additional photos and text assembled by Sharon Tillie and Verna Buhler

(Information was drawn from JARS Summer 2016 Vol. 70 No. 3; Nick Lees, Edmonton Journal, Aug 10, 2020)

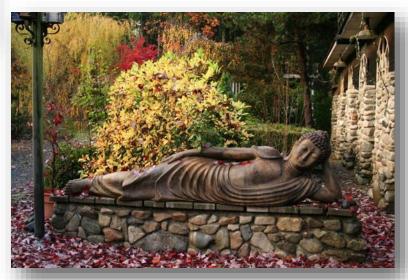
"Peter was all things to me," said Toti. "We were born on the same day, in the same month of the same year.

"He was a devoted companion, a loving father of our two boys, and a creative genius. His wisdom and generosity knew no bounds."

Peter's first love was family. He was completely devastated when his 15-year old granddaughter succumbed to her seven-year battle with illness and recently passed away back In Edmonton.

Peter was a sensitive artist filled with a variety of specialties during a life that touched many. We, his friends, have been blessed to have shared in a part of his life. May we all have Shinto moments and live in harmony in nature.

By Judeen Hendrickson





If you have not yet read Peter's article, "Going With the Flow" in The Journal of the 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."



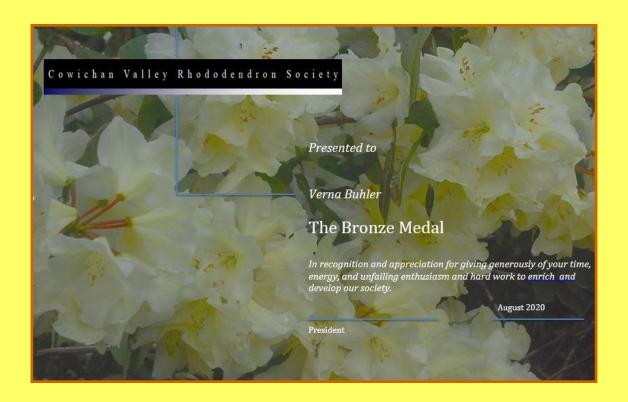
The Wonders of Nature That Surround Us

#### **Bronze Medal Awarded to Verna Buhler**

# The Bronze Medal is awarded by individual chapters to members for outstanding service

At our summer picnic in August Verna Buhler was awarded the American Rhododendron Society's Bronze Medallion for services to the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society. Verna has undertaken the role of Newsletter Editor for several years now and does a sterling job of informing the club on events and educational articles. When our library became "homeless", again Verna stepped up and not only maintains the library at her house, but invites people for regular sessions to look at the books and socialize (pre Covid of course, and we look forward to a resumption of the monthly book club.) Her latest contribution to the club is not only maintaining the propagator and resultant cuttings and nursery stock for the benefit of the club, but actively seeking out new plants for propagation. When Covid restrictions shut down our annual Garden Fair, Verna hosted a social distanced and successful plant sale. For all of these contributions, and others to numerous to list, the Society is pleased to award the Bronze Medallion to Verna for 2020.

Submitted by Barrie Agar



# **Touched by Magic**

**Norman Todd** 

(Reprinted from *The Complete Wit and Wisdom of Norman Todd*)



Thank you to Ken Gibson for forwarding a timely article about the activities of the season, namely gathering cuttings for propagation, and the unique pleasures and camaraderie discovered in participating in such an event.

Photos were taken by Verna Buhler in May 2019

We saw the brushed cream and pink and mauve dawn behind the slender boat masts; we saw the mile long shards of mirrored glass that sealed the surface of Kennedy Lake; we saw the surreal shapes of ancient cedar stumps—huge and silent on Clayoquot Island; we saw a dome of rhododendrons as a maze ing as Hampton Court; and from that dome we could see forever across the sound, over the low treed islands to the still snowed sides of far-off mountains. And for three days we saw our island at its Beautiful BC best and not a drop of rain—but the dew on the plants in the morning would make our Water Board postpone raising the Sooke dam for yet another ten years.

Our contingent (the Propagators) numbered twenty-two. Our hosts, Ken and Dort Gibson did the work of an equivalent number. A welcoming vase of flowers graced our motel rooms and a dram warmed that welcome, up at the house. The conversation flowed. One lives with history in Ken's presence. In Tofino one is conscious of ice ages and explorers and settlers—and some 'unsettlers'—

when contemporary issues are discussed. Rhododendron growers, past and present, get equal time with logging, fish farming, and fiberglass moulds for patio slabs. Grafting techniques are explained and powdery mildew bemoaned. At other times the hikers can exercise their legs on the sand smoothed beaches leaving the praters to continue exercising their tongues on good and bad doers.

Magic it was, and probably a record too, to sit outside eating brunch in Ucluelet on Saturday morning, the sixteenth of October. The table umbrellas had to be unfurled so the menus could be read, the plates were the size of old growth



stumps and toast the thickness of a barn shake. George Fraser's maples were in full fall colour.

Back in the dock in Tofino, Captain and Master Gardener Chris was waiting with his launch to ferry us over to the Island and our numbers were such that he had to do it twice. Waiting on the Island was Master Gardener Sharon and her tribe of visitorstarved raccoons who, no doubt, are now suffering from distended stomachs, the consequence of the bag of buns Alison Hawkins took over for them so she could have them eating out of her hand. The plants we had remembered had grown and were more at home than ever and there were lots of new plantings to see. If Sharon liked a plant it was a 'she', and if it was just so-so it was a 'he'. She had blue and pink wisterias interplanted so it seemed her segregation proclivities could be eased if was aesthetic priorities prevailed. She energetically poetic in her descriptions of her creative endeavors that we also were breathless and unable to speak our approvals. She described the initial coolness of a couple of English BBC photographers making a documentary on the flora and fauna of the land and water, and how that coolness changed to bubbling reverence once they were 'touched by the magic' of the island. A thing of magic was the Mushroom gazebo. Build from driftwood, fitted together like the great hammerhead





roofs of mediaeval cathedrals; sheathed with shakes split from curving logs to give the mushroom profile; its seat a slice of a great donut of a cedar with grain so fine it could have made a violin; it was of classic beauty and a work of art. Their tomatoes were quality too as were all their vegetables. Sharon claims curative properties for her soap. One of the few items not totally homemade was Chris's rum, which, I'm told, also had curative properties. Dot's apple spice cake complemented the magically curative ambiance.

Dinner that evening was good. For those who haven't tasted it, the Schooner's clam chowder is, of itself, worth the trip to Tofino. We sat at a table next to a couple who had almost finished their meal. We tried to encourage them to leave so that our group could be together. It turned out, however, that they were from the Vancouver Chapter, so we had a chat for a while. Rhodo people were everywhere. (Next day at Coombs, with the goats on the thatched roof, we bumped into the president of the Mount Arrowsmith Chapter)

Sunday morning the cutting raid began. Ken Gibson behaved like a frustrated IWA logger, disappearing into the massed greenery and throwing out limbs of rhododendron. The group descended on these with



hungry clippers just as the goats at Coombs savaged maple branches being thrown up to them. Plastic bags were stuffed with precious cuttings and many times one heard the plaintive cry "What was the name of that one?" This orgy was followed by more Gibson hospitality on the deck with the sun still blessing us. Most of us set out for the glorious drive home. Some of us set out twice, as when we

just got to the junction for Sutton Pass my wife recalled leaving her jacket at the motel. Others enjoyed the beaches and Karen Morrison found magic in the seaweed of Chesterman Beach. Evidently, she looked like a mobile kelp stack.

We all felt like we had been touched by the magic, and we want to thank our hosts for that.



# The Wonders of Nature That Surround Us





# **Highlights of the ARS District 1 Meeting**

#### Glen Jamieson ARS Gold Medal Award

Ken Webb, (photo right) President of the American Rhododendron Society, and Alan Campbell, (photo left) from the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society, present Glen Jamieson with the prestigious Gold Medal at the ARS District 1 Meeting in August 2020





# Susan and Art Lightburn ARS Silver Medal Award

Ken Webb, President of the ARS presents Art and Susan Lightburn the Silver Medal Award at the ARS District 1

Meeting in August 2020

# Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society

Donation to the **Greig Rhododendron Species Garden** 

**Linda Derkach**, of MARS presents the donation of \$5000 to **Geoff Ball**, Director of Milner Gardens and Woodland at the District 1 Meeting in August 2020



### **CVRS Summer Picnic and AGM**

**August 29, 2020** 

**The Summer Highlight in Photos** 



**Grand Pastoral Setting** 



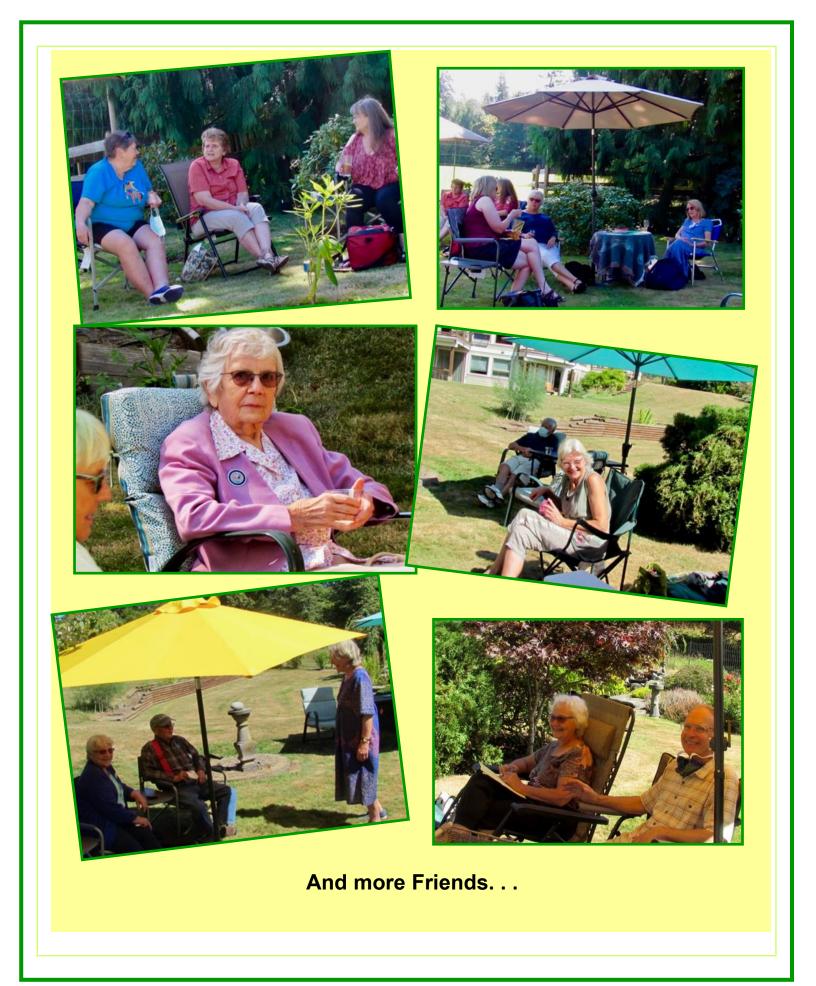
**Gracious Hosts: William and Mary Pike** 



Safe and Mindful Distancing



**Gathering with Friends** 



### Including the furry. . .



# The Surprises:



Awards



**Original Poetry Reading** 

Our Fun-loving Elections Officer,

**Sharon Tillie** 



# Plants, many plants – three for everyone!

#### Thank-you so much to. . .



Special Events Coordinator Extraordinaire, Diane Allen

Thank-you to all of you, our Friends, who attended this special event.

You brought your own picnic baskets; you refused to share; you hid behind your colourful masks; you pushed everyone away who planned to hug you. You smiled, told stories, and laughed; you did everything right!

# RESULTS OF THE CVRS TRUSS-PLUS PHOTO CONTEST: Part Two

**Compiled by Verna Buhler** 

# Category: Large-Leaf Species Truss

#### **WINNERS:**

FIRST: Alan Campbell

Rhododendron crinigerum

SECOND: Verna Buhler

Rhododendron sinofalconeri

**THIRD: Ali Morris** 

Rhododendron niveum



SECOND: Verna Buhler Rhododendron sinofalconeri



FIRST: Alan Campbell Rhododendron crinigerum



THIRD: Ali Morris
Rhododendron niveum

# Category: Small-Leaf Species Truss

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Alan Campbell

Rhododendron blandfordiiflorum (cinnabarinum)

**SECOND: Alan Campbell** 

Rhododendron moupinense

THIRD: Janice McLean

Rhododendron obiculare



FIRST: Alan Campbell Rhododendron blandfordiiflorum (cinnabarinum)



**SECOND:** Alan Campbell Rhododendron moupinense



THIRD: Janice McLean Rhododendron obiculare

# Category: Large Rhododendrons

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Ken Gibson

R. 'Beauty of Littleworth'

SECOND: Ken Gibson

R. 'Daphne Jarvis'

THIRD: Verna Buhler

R. 'Lem's Monarch'



FIRST: Ken Gibson
R. 'Beauty of Littleworth' (?)



**SECOND:** Ken Gibson R. 'Daphne Jarvis' (blue)



THIRD: Verna Buhler R. 'Lem's Monarch'

# Category: Large-leaf Truss Un-named

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Ken Gibson

**SECOND: Trisha Guiget** 

THIRD: Elisabeth Zoffman



FIRST: Ken Gibson



**SECOND: Trisha Guiget** 



**THIRD: Elisabeth Zoffman** 

# Category: Pink/Mauve Truss Un-named

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Elisabeth Zoffman

**SECOND: Trisha Guiget** 

THIRD: Trisha Guiget



FIRST: Elizabeth Zoffman



**SECOND: Trisha Guiget** 



THIRD: Trisha Guiget

# Category: Peach Truss Un-named

#### **WINNERS**

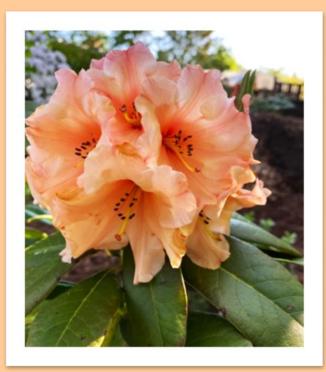
**FIRST: Carrie Nelson** 

SECOND: Elisabeth Zoffman

THIRD: Elisabeth Zoffman



FIRST: Carrie Nelson



SECOND: Elisabeth Zoffman



THIRD: Elisabeth Zoffman

# Category: Foliage

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Alan Campbell

R. 'Carol Amelia'

**SECOND: Carrie Nelson** 

R. 'Wine and Roses'

**THIRD: Carrie Nelson** 

R. yakushimanum



FIRST: Alan Campbell R. 'Carol Amelia'



**SECOND:** Carrie Nelson R. 'Wine and Roses'



THIRD: Carrie Nelson R. yakushimanum

# Category: Garden Shrubs

#### **WINNERS**

FIRST: Verna Buhler

Osmanthus delavayi

SECOND: Verna Buhler

Lilac

THIRD: Verna Buhler

Lilac



FIRST: Verna Buhler Osmanthus delavayi



SECOND: Verna Buhler Lilac



THIRD: Verna Buhler Lilac

### Category: Garden Activities

#### **WINNERS**

**FIRST: Carrie Nelson** 

Photographing Little Green Frogs

**SECOND: Elsie Sands** 

Birdwatching – Towhee Nest

THIRD: Verna Buhler

Playing Ball Without Breaking Plants



FIRST: Carrie Nelson
Photographing Little Green Frogs



SECOND: Elsie Sands Birdwatching – Towhee Nest



**THIRD: Verna Buhler**Playing Ball Without
Breaking Plants

# Category: Understory Plants

#### **WINNERS**

**FIRST: Carrie Nelson** 

Epimedium rubra

SECOND: Verna Buhler

Helleborus argutifolius

**THIRD: Carrie Nelson** 

Uvularia



FIRST: Carrie Nelson
Epimedium rubra



SECOND: Verna Buhler Helleborus argutifolius



THIRD: Carrie Nelson
Uvularia

#### **Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7:30 pm

**CVRS November Zoom Meeting** 

**Guest Speaker – Sandra Stevenson** 

All CVRS Members will receive an invitation several days before.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Christmas "COVID Style"







### **MEMBERSHIP FEES REDUCED to \$30**

The CVRS Executive has made a decision to reduce the Membership Fee for the 2020/21 season from the regular \$45 to \$30. Associate Memberships are \$10.

The decision was made to encourage you all to renew your membership with the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society as we attempt to create interesting activities for you to enjoy during this difficult pandemic period. We really need your support through this season so that when the "waves" recede our special rhododendron community can resume its busy and socially healthy activities and gatherings once again.

Membership fees (\$30) can be paid by cheque and mailed to:

Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society
PO Box 904
Duncan, B.C. V9L 3Y2

E-transfers may be sent to cowichanvalleyrhododendron@gmail.com

#### **Useful Links:**

Cowichan Rhododendron Society:

cowichanrhodos.ca/

Victoria Rhododendron Society:

victoriarhodo.ca/index.html

Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society:

marsrhodos.ca/

North Island Rhododendron Society:

nirsrhodos.ca/ws/

The American Rhododendron Society:

rhododendron.org/

Nanaimo Rhododendron Society:

nanaimorhodos.ca

Nanoose Bay Garden Club:

nanoosegardenclub.ca/

Linda Gilkeson's website:

lindaqilkeson.ca/

Vancouver Island Rock and Garden Society:

virags.com

Linda Chalker-Scott:

https://puyallup.wsu.edu/lcs/.

Steve Henning:

rhodyman.net

#### **2020-21 Executive**

President: Verna Buhler

Vice-President: Ali Morris

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Secretary: Diane Allen

Director-at-Large: Candice Feeney

Director-at-Large: Wendy Wilson

Director-at-Large: Barrie Agar

Director-at Large: Dorothy Kennedy

Membership Chairperson: David Annis

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# Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society

A Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society P.O. Box 904 Duncan, British Columbia V9L 3Y2

http://cowichanrhodos.ca



http://cowichanvalleygardenfair.com

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Garden Fair is cancelled



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