

Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society

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President's Message

This past May to June I went to Ireland for the first time in twenty-two years. It was very different and yet much the same. I had the opportunity to visit several gardens, and take several photographs of rhododendrons just past blooming.

One thing that stood out (apart from being able to get a decent cup of coffee almost everywhere!) was how lush everything was and the size of the plants. Rhododendrons and shrubs that we struggle with, lose every few years, or never actually see flower here on our West Coast, were giants in Ireland, jostling for position



Guest Speaker: Ingrid Ostrander

Growing Hardy Orchids

Wed, Sept 5 @ 7:30pm

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in their beds with other equally determined tender subjects.

Gardening has taken off since I lived there, and everywhere there are new and restored gardens of outstanding beauty. One of the highlights for me was Heywood Gardens, a Sir Edwin Lutyens garden in Co. Laois. Although somewhat neglected, the design is superb; Gertrude Jekyll probably planted the original plants.

Mt. Congreve, a famous Rhododendron garden, was just past its best, but there were still a few varieties in full cry, as it were. This is a garden where not just a few of each variety were planted. Cultivars in masses of tens and twenties fill the beds; I can only imagine the effect at the height of the season. Even with the display over, it was very pleasant wandering through the pathways. Many people buy season's tickets so they

can drop in regularly for walking these beautiful grounds.

There were many more gardens I enjoyed, but I will save those for an article in the next newsletter.

And now, back to the Cowichan Valley...This summer has been very hard on many plants; however on the bright side, wood should be well ripened and flower buds developed for next spring. Watering has certainly been a challenge, and with more and more restrictions placed on us, it is time to start looking for more efficient ways of delivery and conservation of water in the soil.

It will be good to see all of you at the September meeting.

Barrie Agar, President



Ingrid Ostrander: GROWING HARDY ORCHIDS

Guest Speaker - September 5, 2018



"I started growing orchids, in earnest, in 1967. From then on, there were orchid societies to be founded, greenhouses to be filled, and crosses to be made. I also became an American Orchid Society Judge and held many positions in various orchid societies. I have received many awards and created over fifty orchid essays. Now retired, having moved to the island in 1989, I still enjoy orchids."

Ingrid has been a dedicated orchidist for at least the past thirty years. As an orchid hobbyist Ingrid has bred her own hybrids, naming several, some of which have received AOS awards. Altogether, she has accumulated 29 awards for her orchids.

She was a founding member of the Orchid Society of Alberta (Edmonton), serving as President for two years, and the sponsor of the Ostrander Service Award.

In the Victoria Orchid Society she was President three times, for a total of six years. Ingrid was a mentor to dozens of Society members with her unbridled enthusiasm about orchids and orchid lore. She was instrumental in hosting the COC Annual Meeting during the 2001 Spring Show, having served as Show Chair sixteen times in Edmonton and Victoria. Ingrid was a founding member of the Canadian Orchid Congress and while President, worked on its incorporation and the group insurance plan. She initiated the popular Canadian culture sheets, and together with her late husband, Will, did the artwork.

In 1995, she became an accredited judge through The American Orchid Society. Thereafter, she

assisted in establishing the Richmond, BC AOS judging center, served as the Pacific Northwest Center Secretary for nine years and as an AOS judging chair numerous times throughout Canada.

She was instrumental in setting up the British Columbia Orchid Congress by organizing the four main societies of South-western BC into a cohesive unit, including working on a comprehensive show flower class schedule.

As an author she has written or translated over 100 essays on orchids that have a permanent home on the COC website and has had several articles published in AOS Magazines.

Ingrid Ostrander has received numerous awards for her orchids and also for her service. She received an award for outstanding service to the Canadian community in organization, promotion and leadership. The Certificate was presented to her by VicOS President, John Taylor, at the 2014 September General Meeting.



Letter *from the Editor*



Hi Friends!

The summer has burnt by, and it is time to gather together again to share our various experiences while we took time to travel, or to host friends and families in our homes and gardens, to work like fanatics in our gardens in the heat of the days, or to read and nap somewhere out of the heat.

It will be exciting to hear from those who attended the ARS Conference in Europe; the photos posted by various photographers online made me wish, once more, that I had been able to participate in the event.

Hopefully, by the time we meet at the Wednesday, September 5th CVRS meeting we will be able to celebrate that the rains have come to replenish and hydrate our rhododendrons to prepare them for our collection of healthy cuttings for propagation purposes, and to strengthen them for any form of winter ahead.

This summer I have been concerned by the scorching of the foliage of my rhododendron plants and am searching for the best trees to plant to shade them. It has been interesting to note which rhododendron species and hybrids

are most vulnerable to long periods of burning sun. In panic, I planted quite a number of Rona specials to protect them from the severe conditions. They proved attractive enough, but I prefer the more stable foliage varieties. Perhaps our resident experts know of some special trees for our arboretums.

In this newsletter, you will find a brief photo story of our Summer Picnic and updates from the AGM, including the composition of the CVRS Executive for the upcoming season. You will read about the CVRS Spring 2018 Donation of rhododendrons. Best be prepared for a bit of disappointment before you read the humble report about the propagation efforts that some of you eagerly and trustingly participated in during this past winter. You will also be invited to search your memories in response to a letter sent to our club requesting information about a memorable garden visit in the Cowichan Valley many years ago. And once again, we can thank Ian Efford for submitting our feature article on the secret locations on Vancouver Island of rhododendron growing in the wild. Ian told me he would not be able to meet September's publishing date, but once again, he did come through.

And, of course, many of us are wondering if Mary Gale will grace our presence at the September meeting despite her escalating fame! Recently she has won awards, charmed our Prime Minister, been selected for special photo ops, and laughed heartily from the pages of our local newspaper. Word is that it is not fatigue that might hinder her attendance, but rather, that she may be "off to visit the Queen".

It will definitely be good to see everyone again!

Verna Buhler



CVRS 2018 Rhododendron Donation

Photos and report submitted by Alan Campbell

It has become common practice for the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society to donate plant material to a chosen recipient each year following our spring plant sale.



Each year the society members are asked to put forward the names of a suggested recipients to the Executive Board to ponder and choose the one name which appears to be the most worthy. The recipient this year was The Clements Centre Society.

The Clement Centre Society programs are made possible via The British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development, The United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island, Community Living British Columbia, and private donation. The many programs assist children and youth with developmental needs and help adults with developmental disabilities reach full potential. One program the community takes full advantage of is the 'Lunch on Clements' site; although it no longer provides daily lunches, through its 'Mindful Mouthful Bakery' it provides a range of baked goods from cookies to meat pies.

A couple of weeks after our Spring plant sale I met with Lisa Chileen, one of the Centre's program directors, and delivered the CVRS donation of \$500.00 worth of rhododendrons and azaleas. The plants will be dispersed among the Clements Centre's two institutional locations and three group homes as the administration see fit and appropriate.

I don't think that now is too early for the CVRS membership to begin suggesting names of donation recipients for next spring.



Dear Ms. Buehler,

When I was a teenager, in maybe 1962, my family visited the home of Ronald and Dorothy Shaw on Vancouver Island, near Duncan. Mr. Shaw raised registered Southdown sheep, as did my father, and we made a family trip from Southern Oregon to purchase several ewes, progeny of a champion New Zealand ram that he owned.

My remaining memory of that occasion centers mostly on what a gracious and charming lady Mrs. Shaw was as she hosted us for part of an afternoon. My father went off to the fields to see the sheep and I was free to wander around the yard and admire the gardening. I had never before seen lawns and plantings that were maintained to such a high standard and I dare say I have seldom done so in my fifty-five years since.

I am contacting you out of a desire to learn the location of the Shaw home there in Duncan. My Internet searching turned up the CVRS and the history book of your first 25 years in which some mention is made of Mrs. Shaw as a founding supporter. I am hoping that you, or someone in your Society, might have local knowledge of the address of the Shaw home that I visited those many years ago.

Maybe fifteen years ago my mother reported that a friend of hers had been on a summer garden tour of Vancouver Island gardens and the Shaw home had been one of the stops. That has encouraged me to want to visit again myself someday and to that end I am seeking your help in locating it. As remarkable as I recall the landscaping of their home to be, it was the elegant hospitality of Mrs. Shaw that has always stood out the most in my memory. It would be a thrill to revisit that setting, especially if the place has been preserved and maintained at all.

I offer you my gratitude in advance for taking time to read this and will thank you even more if you are able to help me at all on this quest honoring the memory of a remarkable lady, Mrs. Dorothy Shaw.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ray Johnson

Anchorage, Alaska



SUMMER PICNIC

JUNE 2018

Hosted by Dorothy and Randy in their enchanting Mill Bay garden

Relaxed and playful wanderings through terraces and rooms of luscious, mature plantings:

What a “very interesting” display of contrasting foliage and blooms of lace-cap *hydrangea*, cheery white *rosa*, and dark-eyed *candacia*!



Plant identification and conversations:

It is Irene!
It can't be, Joe. We have a *Paeonia lutea* at home and you know they don't grow to be that large and monstrous even on steroids! (*merely a possible conversation*)

Serious business of speeches and song:

“Hear Ye, Hear Ye” performed by Sharon and accompanied by Ian:

A powerful siren called the 2018 - 2019 season's

executive together. Few could resist the performer's allure. You will find the names of those irresistibly drawn identified on the last page of this newsletter.



A *Special Movement* was conducted by a gentle voice commanding everyone's attention.



In a thoughtful speech, Alan dedicated *The Bronze Award* to its surprised recipient.



Bronze Award Recipient:

Mary Gale admitted that she was so overtaken by shock she was momentarily tongue-tied. However, she then expressed her delight in her ever-jovial and spirited manner. You will find special acknowledgement of this outstanding woman in a Profile in this newsletter.





Special acknowledgment and appreciation:

Thank you to our divine hosts Dorothy and Randy for sharing their lovely Eden for this event

Thank you to all who contributed to the delightfully healthy and decadent feast

Thank you to those who attended and together created such a pleasant afternoon of friendly conversation and sharing of tales and laughter

Thank you to all who contribute on an ongoing basis ensuring the club continues to be a positive gathering for garden enthusiasts

Sharing of ideas, stories and laughter:



Photo story by Verna Buhler

Propagating Club Update

Last season's enthusiastic propagators first gathered together on Saturday, November 18, 2017 for a workshop led by Alan Campbell.

The propagation event began later in the season than is general practice because it took some time before the propagator was set up at the property of George Morgen and Verna Buhler. However,

the weather was most cooperative; participants brought cuttings from their favourite rhododendrons and learned from Al Campbell's demonstrations how to prepare them for the propagator. At the end of the day, approximately one half of the club propagator had been filled. In the weeks following, Al Campbell, Joe Hudak and I added more cuttings to bring the propagator to approximately 75% capacity.

Ian Efford who had initiated the propagating club idea, designed the propagator, and had the propagator built the year before, supervised the propagation process during the 2016/17 season. To review the Propagator's First Year Report and several recommendations by Ian Efford, please refer to the October 2017 newsletter; for another article with recommendations for light selection for the propagator please refer to the December 2017 issue.

The decision as to where the propagator would be situated for the 2017/18 year happened too late for the application of the recommendations.



For various possible reasons the results were not as positive as those of the first year. A full report will be included in the October issue.

Give it some thought:

As the propagation season begins now, as soon as the rhododendron plants have drawn sufficient moisture, anyone interested in caring for the club propagator for the upcoming season would be advised to make the decision very quickly. Some time is required for setup and for acquisition of the necessary materials. However, if no members are currently able to assume responsibility for the propagating process at this point in time, George and I are willing to carry on and attempt to improve on this season's results.

Verna Buhler

THE RENFREW ROAD RHODODENDRON MACROPHYLLUM

Ian E. Efford

Introduction

Rhododendron macrophyllum can be found fairly abundantly in the wild from Central California to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. Its northern distribution consists of four isolated populations in Canada with two on Vancouver Island and two on the mainland. One mainland population is a fairly large one in the Manning Park area. It is concentrated in the Skagit Valley on the west side of the Park [IJC 1971]. Records show that it also occurs as far east as the Armstrong Mountain to the east of Cathedral Provincial Park and it probably occurs on the other side of the border in Whatcom County although this area is not within the recorded distribution in the U.S.A. [see [Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria records at www.pnwherbaria.org/](http://www.pnwherbaria.org/)].

The other mainland population is miles away in Mount Elphinstone Park, which is between Sechelt and Langdale on the Sechelt Peninsula north of Vancouver [CoastReporter 2014]. There is some question about the natural origin of the Mount Elphinstone population.

On Vancouver Island, there is a population at Rhododendron Lake, which is due south of Parksville and SW of Nanoose Bay [Edwards, C. 2018]]. This population is relatively easily accessible at weekends along a logging road. According to June Strandberg, who has visited the site since childhood: **“the band of plants**

grow fairly close to the water in peaty, damp soil along with skunk cabbage and other bog loving plants. It is also grows further back in drier, more gravelly soil along with fairly open firs, hemlock etc.”

The one remaining population on Vancouver Island is found SW of Shawnigan Lake along the Renfrew Road which ran WSW to Port Renfrew on the south west coast of the island. It is this population that is of particular interest. Although it has been known about for many years, the Renfrew Road, used since 1953, but, in the early part of this century, the road was turned over to the local logging company and access became difficult.

One reason for visiting this site to collect samples is that earlier analyses for DNA by Dr. Ben Hall at the University of Washington suggests that it is not in the same genetic group as either the other one on Vancouver Island, at Rhododendron Lake, nor those found around Manning Park, both of which are genetically similar to this species on the Olympic Mountains. It was related to the maritime populations that can be found around Puget Sounds and along the Oregon Coast as well as the small population from Mount Elphinstone Park [Xi 2006]. He indicated to me at the ARS Conference in Sidney in 2015 that new samples would be analysed by more modern methods and would give a clearer picture of its origin. Since that time, attempts have been made to obtain permission to visit the site from the forestry company that controls the road and the locked gate. Until recently, these attempts failed.

This year, the whole story changed during a discussion at a party with Gerry Burch who had been the Vice President of B.C. Forest Products Ltd, the company that owned the logging rights when this population was discovered. He was instrumental in putting a “no-logging” restriction on the area and forming a small reserve around the plants to protect them. He knows the Chief Forester of Island Timberlands Ltd., the logging company that now controls the area, and was able to obtain permission for a collecting trip to the site. On the May 4th, a small party went to the site. This group consisted of Gerry Burch, Laura Gilbert a forester from Pro For Consulting representing the forestry company, Ken Marr the head of botany at the Royal B.C. Provincial Museum, Alan Campbell, a rhododendron enthusiast who has spent his life in the area and visited the site before the road was privatized, and myself. Each had a different function, Gerry to obtain permission to access the area and to help to locate the site despite the changes in the forest over the years, Alan to direct us to the actual site, Ken to take herbarium samples and tissue samples for DNA analysis, and Laura to make sure that we pulled off the road when a logging truck approached. The area remains a very active logging site.

History of the Reserve

The history of this small reserve has been summarized by Gerry Burch. He states that **“In 1965 or so, BC Forest Products Ltd. purchased the holdings of the Kapoor Lumber Co., including the block on which the rhododendron patch existed. The block contained mature timber at this time, and surveys were made by the engineers at the company’s Crofton Wood Supply Department to examine these stands and lay them out for harvesting. The engineers reported to the Divisional Manager, Roy Sworder that an unusual rhododendron patch had been discovered at the south edge of the block. After a field inspection, Roy contacted myself,**

and suggested that we examine the patch together, with the recommendation that we consider a “buffer zone” of mature trees to protect this patch. We agreed that such protection was necessary. I examined the area after harvesting (in 1970 or so), and during planting of the logged area, found that very little windfall had occurred. Sworder took cuttings from plants in the patch, which he planted in his property on Shawnigan Lake. When he was transferred to BCFP’s Head Office in Vancouver, he transferred the plants to his new property in West Vancouver, where they are now maintained by his widow. I was back to the block around 2005 with Bill Dumont but did not see the reserve identification signs at this time.”

The Site

Between them, Gerry and Alan located the point on the road where there was the closest access to the site and Alan led us through the forest to a stream that drained a flooded area to the West along the road. We crossed the stream on fallen trees and he then led us diagonally up a forested hill. On the south facing brow, we entered an open stand of Douglas Fir and very quickly discovered a patch of *R. macrophyllum*. This patch was about a half of an acre and contained about 50 mature plants ranging up to 15ft in height. We also found some well-grown young plants on nurse logs. The plants were covered in buds but none showed signs of colour. The photos give an idea of the open nature of the forest in this area. The altitude was 503m ABSL and the GPS location was: 48°36’ 45.1” N x 123° 53’42.1” W. This area benefits from frequent rain and mist from the sea on the exposed Pacific Coast about 25 km away and in line with the prevailing direction of storms during much of the year. These rhododendrons are probably in ideal growing conditions, although it seems strange that the population has not expanded its range over the years.



Ken Marr and Laura Gilbert standing in huckleberries with *Rhododendron macrophyllum* in the background. Photograph 3203: Laura Gilbert



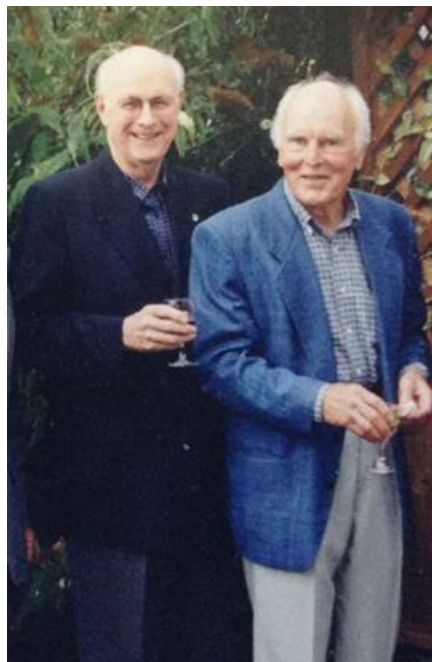
A young plant growing on a nurse log.

Photograph 122: Ian E. Efford

The surrounding vegetation has been described by Douglas and Desrosters [2006]. They describe it as in the Douglas-fir Zone with a plant community consisting of 40m tall Western Red Cedar [*Thuja plicata*], Alaskan Blueberry [*Vaccinium alaskense*], Red huckleberry [*Vaccinium parvifolium*],

Gerry Burch and Roy Sworder, the two individuals who confirmed the presence of this population and took action to protect it by placing it in a reserve.

Photograph provided by Gerry Burch.



Alan Campbell surrounded by huckleberry bushes with a rhododendron to the left.

Photograph 3204: Laura Gilbert

Salal [*Gaultheria shallon*] and a dense layer of mosses and lichens dominated by Step moss [*Hylocomium splendens*]. There is also some hemlock [*Tsuga heterophylla*] in the immediate area.

There are two large painted signs marking the site, but they are located right in the middle of the population and would be better located at each end of the brow of the hill in the direction from which a visitor is likely to approach.

The Results

1. The population was found to be good health and reproducing although it does not appear to be expanding.
2. Herbarium samples were taken and will be deposited in the herbaria at the Royal B.C. Museum, the University of British Columbia and the University of Washington.
3. Genetic material was collected and preserved before being sent to Dr. Ben Hall's genetics laboratory at the University of Washington. The material will expand the detailed knowledge of the DNA of this species throughout its natural range along the Pacific Coast.
4. At this time, the detailed genetic analysis is not complete.

We are grateful to the Island Timberlands Ltd. for allowing access to this site. I would also like to thank the whole "team" who, together, made the trip possible and provided comments and corrections for this report.

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A close-up of the plants showing buds that are near to opening.

Photograph 119: Ian E. Efford



MARY GALE

**Feisty and Famous Founding
Member of the
Cowichan Valley
Rhododendron Society
Earns Bronze Award**

Mary Gale's eyes light up with mischief as she rejects the editor's request for an interview. "Oh no, you will not, you nasty brat. It is not going to happen---no way! Anyway, there is nothing to say about me." Only a woman of Mary Gale's fame and prestige could possibly get away with speaking to the editor that way. And this is not the first time the editor has been turned down; every charming approach, gentle request, friendly greeting and hug, and innocent conversation over tea has ended with similar words. "No way, you can't trick me either. I've been around way too long for that!"

At the summer picnic in June, in Dorothy and Randy's spectacular garden overlooking the ocean in Mill Bay, Mary Gale was awarded the Bronze Award, the highest ARS award a chapter is able to present to its members. The award recognizes the "outstanding contributions to the Chapter, which may include accomplishments of the recipient outside the Chapter consistent with the goals of the Society". As surprised as she was, Mary Gale admitted to having been a recipient of numerous awards before. In 1990, Mary Gale received the CVRS Citations for Service Award for her ongoing efforts, and has

earned similar recognition for her volunteer contributions to other clubs and organizations such as the Mill Bay Garden Club. She insists that no one her age could get away without earning some type of award. Not true. Mary has been, and continues to be, an exceptionally generous and active volunteer in the community. In 2011, Mary Gale hosted the Summer Picnic in her magnificent Mill Bay garden. She has been the Sunshine Convener for the CVRS for almost an infinite number of years, sending out expressions of sympathy or encouragement to members of the club experiencing illness or sadness during difficult periods of their lives. There was a rather lengthy period of time when cards and flowers weren't sent. This was when Mary should have received the encouragement from fellow members; but she wasn't well enough to send them to herself on our behalf. This clearly demonstrates how completely the club depends on her to faithfully fulfill the task.

Despite the *facts* that she refuses to reveal, everyone knows that "there's just something about Mary" . . . Among many other evident talents, Mary has an aptitude for numbers. She served as a cashier at the CVRS busy Plant

Fairs for years, tallying prices rapidly in her head without the pen and paper and calculators that are essential tools for almost all cashiers. Essentially, she is a mathematical genius.

Mary Gale lights up a party! We have all seen her laugh! She may be quite capable of mimicking the laughing face of very charismatic person; however, in this case, Mary may have taught the Prime Minister how to laugh. Has any other photographer ever caught Justin Trudeau engaged in such whole-hearted, open-mouthed laughter before? Yes, that is our Mary Gale. Just this last summer, on or near her birthday, which we now know could be August 4th, she had the Prime Minister's ear and attention for a chat about *something*. The headlines explained what Trudeau addressed to the masses, but revealed nothing of the Gale and Trudeau private conversation.

So what does the future hold for Mary Gale? Hopefully she will continue with her active

involvement in the CVRS, delivering messages of support to people as Sunshine Convener. From her positions behind the promotion tables at plant and garden fairs she will continue to convince the community, bubbling with eagerness and enthusiasm, about the advantages of club participation and relationships. She claims that her grandchildren and great grandchildren like to keep her busy as well. Those complexities of her life remain as undisclosed history and private activities tucked among the "nothing-interesting-to-tell" stories about Mary. However, two minutes with her is all the time required to realize that there is much more to learn about Mary Gale.

Verna Buhler

The editor humbly apologizes for not having gained access to details to fully honour Mary Gale as she, this outstanding and long-term member of the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society, truly deserves. As mysterious Mary won't share with the editor, please let the thwarted editor know what details you uncover.



NAVIGATING GARDEN MYTHS

2018 Special Fall Conference

Sponsored by
Mount Arrowsmith and Nanaimo Rhododendron Societies

Sunday, October 28, 2018; 10 – 4pm
Parksville Community and Conference Centre

Two Vancouver Island Rhododendron Societies are hosting a one-day fall conference that should be of interest to all island gardening groups.

Five speakers have currently been confirmed:

- **Linda Chalker-Scott**, Washington State University horticulture scientist
- **Douglas Justice**, UBC Botanical Garden curator
- **Jeff de Jong**, teacher and radio personality
- **Dany Fortin**, Comox horticulturist
- **Shane Tillapaugh** on crevice gardens

Attendance is limited to about 100 on a first-come basis. Cost for the day will be \$25 (\$30 at the door if space remains available) Coffee and tea will be provided, but you will need to bring your own bag lunch. There will be a door prize and a small silent auction.

'Navigating Garden Myths' Program

10:00 -10:10 AM: Introductions

10:10 - 11:10 AM: Linda Chalker-Scott: Garden Myths – Facts or Fiction

Break (15 min)

11:25 - 12:25 PM: Donna Balzer - Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Grow Better Food Faster

12:25 -1:15 PM: Lunch

1:15 - 2:15 AM: Douglas Justice

2:15-3:15 PM: Jeff de Jong – Rhododendrons Need Friends Too!

3:15- 3:30 PM: Break 3:30-4:30 PM: Danny Fortin/Shane Tillapaugh – Crevice Gardening

Please register early by cheque, made out to **2018 Conference**, and mailing it to
MARS, PO Box 342, Qualicum Beach, V9K 1S8.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, September 5,
2018; 7:30 pm**

Ingrid Ostrander "Growing
Hardy Orchids"

**Thursday, September 20,
2018; 2:00 pm**

Book Club Meeting, CVRS
Library (3908 Cowichan Lake Road)

Wednesday October 3, 2018; 7:30 pm

CVRS Monthly Meeting; Guest speaker: TBA

Thursday October 18, 2018; 2:00 pm

Book Club Meeting, CVRS Library (3908 Cowichan Lake Road)

Sunday, October 28, 2018; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

2018 Special Fall Conference 'Navigating Garden Myths'

February 2, 2019

Mixing It Up "Beauty & the Beast"

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Cowichan Valley Garden Fair



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