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**WE MEET ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM
IN ST. ANDREWS HERITAGE CHURCH
22279 – 116TH AVENUE (OFF HANEY BY-PASS) MAPLE RIDGE**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What wonderful sunny weather we are having during the early part of April! Our rhododendrons and azaleas are bursting into their annual display of colour encouraged by the warm spring days. Our Show and Plant Sale Committee chairpersons - Janell Wallace and Rose Schultz have completed their preparation for this year's Show and Sale at Whonnock Lake Centre. Please encourage your friends to come out on Sunday, April 25th and help make this year's event our largest and most successful show.

The Whonnock Lake Garden chairperson, Scot Henny reports that plans are underway to begin the next phase of the development of the garden. Several "Field Party" events have already taken place and we hope that many of you can participate in the next one on Saturday, April 17th. We look forward to hearing from Scot at our next monthly meeting about the work the Whonnock Lake Garden Committee is doing.

Please bring in any rhododendrons in flower and any other interesting items from your garden for our 'Show and Tell' segment of the monthly program.

While I was away in Nepal, Ken Gibson of Tofino, BC sent in a great number of digital photographs to add to his gallery on the ARS District 1 website: www.rhodos.ca

There are now 166 pictures in his gallery with more to come - you can visit Ken's gallery at [www.rhodos.ca/Pictures/Ken Gibson](http://www.rhodos.ca/Pictures/Ken%20Gibson)

Here are three web sites of interest to rhododendron lovers:

Whitney Gardens and Nursery www.whitneygardens.com

(Whitney Gardens is located on the Olympic Peninsula halfway between Port Townsend and Shelton along State Highway 101 in the small rustic town of Brinnon. This garden has a long history of producing quality plants for sale to the public.)

Glendoick Gardens Limited: www.glendoick.com

(Owners Peter and Kenneth Cox are world-recognized authorities on Rhododendron and authors of many books on Rhododendrons and plant hunting.)

Meerkerk Gardens: www.meerkerkgardens.org

(Meerkerk Gardens is located on Whidbey Island. It is a ten-acre not-for-profit rhododendron display and educational garden open to the public. It is enveloped by forty-three acres of woodland preserve with nature trails.)

RHODO OF THE MONTH

(*Excerpt from the Greer Guide – Third Edition)

'FLORA'S BOY' ('forrestii var. repens x 'Jean Marie de Montague). 2', 5°F, EM-M, 3-4/3-4/3

A *R.repens* hybrid that holds its flowers upright. Each flower is extremely large and is a bright waxy red. One cannot over-emphasize the difference between this hybrid and other repens hybrids. For those of you interested in hybridizing, this may be the link needed to produce small reds with big, upright trusses. The foliage is glossy green and the plant habit is also upright instead of spreading. (Not registered, Markeeta Nursery).

THIS MONTHS MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 26th (the day after our Annual Show and Plant Sale). Our guest speaker is Sonja Nelson, editor of the "Journal of the American Rhododendron Society", which is published quarterly and sent to all ARS members. Her topic will be "Rhododendrons in the Small Garden". Please invite your friends to attend.

Members are encouraged to bring interesting or unusual plant items from their gardens. Also, if you have a mystery plant or rhodo, bring a sample along and, as they say, "you never know". Someone might just know what it is and solve the mystery for you.

As always, we will conclude our meeting with a social time, coffee, tea and GOODIES!

We also encourage members to bring plant material for the 'Dollar Table'. This is a great opportunity to share excess plants with your friends and help the club financially.

Items of interest

FROM THE WHONNOCK LAKE RHODODENDRON GARDEN COMMITTEE:

"My favourite rhododendron"

Your favourite might find a place in the Whonnock Lake Rhododendron Garden now being extended. It would be there to delight visitors and it would greet you as an old friend when you return to the garden. With over a hundred rhododendrons to be planted in a new area of landscaping, there is a good chance that your best-loved plant will be particularly suitable for one of the areas we are planning.

What is special about your recommendation? Does it do exceptionally well in your garden or have you seen and marvelled at it somewhere else? We would like to know about your favourite, and please tell us some of the things that will help us to consider it for a special place in the garden. You can be lyrical about flower colour and form and about it's leaves and appearance when not in flower. Then there are the more factual details of flowering period, hardiness, wind tolerance and vigour. Your local knowledge is valuable as we consider plants for various area of exposure, shade and desired groupings.

Don't dig up your own special plant in a burst of generosity. It is probably bigger than the ideal size for transplanting and we hope to buy most of our selections. Do please jot down notes about your choice or choices and let us have them soon.

If you can help in maintaining or developing the garden at Whonnock, join us at one of our sociable working parties. For dates phone the writer.

Scot Henney, Whonnock Lake Rhododendron Garden Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Well, folks, if you have not renewed your annual membership, you will only be receiving this newsletter by e-mail until you do. As you may (or not) know, at the AGM in November, a by-law change was enacted to merge 'Friends of the Chapter' and full ARS Membership into one. If you were a 'Friend of the Chapter', and renewed your membership by December 31, 2002, your annual dues will remain at the \$20.00 level. Full ARS Membership will now be \$35.00. Any membership renewed **on or after January 1, 2004** by either a 'Friend of the Chapter' or a full ARS Member must be renewed at the \$35.00 level. All members of our chapter will therefore be full ARS members with full voting privileges. Please contact Jill Futros if you have any questions or concerns about your membership

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PLANT SALE & TRUSS SHOW *	April 25	Whonnock Lake Centre
APRIL MEETING	April 26	St. Andrews Heritage Church
EXECUTIVE MEETING	May 3	Rose Schultz residence
MAY MEETING	May31	St. Andrews Heritage Church

* NOW IS THE TIME TO BE POTTING UP PLANTS FOR THE PLANT SALE.

* SEE PAGE 5 AND 6 FOR SHOW RULES AND CATEGORIES.

THE RECIPE FILE

FROZEN LIME PIE FILLING

Janell Wallace

2 tbsp	grated lime rind	6	egg yolks, well beaten
1/3 cup	lime juice	1	cup granulated sugar
6	egg whites	1 pint	heavy cream

Combine the lime rind, lime juice, egg yolks, and sugar in the top of a double boiler. Cook over boiling water, stirring occasionally, until the mixture thickens. Cool. Beat the egg whites until stiff, whip the cream, and fold both the whites and cream into the lime mixture. Pour into a crust, freeze, and wrap. This amount will fill one 9-inch pie.

---When ready to use, thaw for only 15 minutes before serving.
Also makes great tarts.

Note: - This is awesome! – the Editor

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi folks, I am always on the look out for interesting "SHORT" articles for the newsletter. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please don't hesitate to call me or email me. Your favourite recipe or garden tip would also be appreciated.

Thanks
The Editor

TRUSS SHOW & PLANT SALE

**Fraser Valley Rhododendron Society
2004 Annual Truss Show Classes**

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre, Whonnock, BC

Date: Sunday, April 25, 2004

Time: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Exhibits: Entries are to be at the centre early Sunday morning (doors open at 8:00 am).
No entry for the competitive show will be accepted after 9:00 am.

General Show Rules

1. Entries will be accepted from members, non-members, hobbyists or commercial growers.
2. Only judges, clerks and those on official duty may be present in the display area during judging.
3. Only one specimen of a species or named hybrid or unnamed hybrid can be entered in a given class.
4. Novice exhibitors may enter a specimen in the "**Novice Category**" as well as all general classes.
(A novice is an exhibitor who has not received a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon at a previously judged competitive rhododendron show).
5. Judges have the right **not to award** a 1st place (or any other awards) in a given class if they deem no exhibit is of sufficient merit.
6. Total scores for the "Highest Aggregate Award" are based on the following points for ribbons awarded:

1 st place	5 points
2 nd place	3 points
3 rd place	2 points
Honourable Mention	1 point

Trophies Awarded

1. Grand Aggregate - Highest total score for Divisions 1, 2, and 3.
2. Novice Aggregate - Highest total score for Division 4.
3. Best Truss in Show - Best truss in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

General Show Classes

Division 1 – Species Rhododendrons and Azaleas

Class 1	Small Lavender/Mauve/Purple	Class 4	Large Pink/White
Class 2	Small All other colours of flowers	Class 5	Large Lavender/Mauve/Purple
Class 3	Large Red/Yellow/Orange		

Division 2 –

Hybrid

Rhododendrons

Class 1	Red Lax	Class 11	Lavender/Mauve/Purple small
Class 2	Pink/Rose Lax	Class 12	Red
Class 3	Yellow/Apricot Lax	Class 13	Light Pink
Class 4	Lavender/Mauve/Purple Lax	Class 14	Pink/Rose
Class 5	Red Small	Class 15	Cream
Class 6	Light Pink Small	Class 16	White
Class 7	Pink/Rose Small	Class 17	Yellow/Apricot
Class 8	Cream Small	Class 18	Lavender/ Mauve/Purple
Class 9	White Small	Class 19	Blotched (main feature)
Class 10	Yellow/Apricot Small		

Division 3 – Hybrid Azaleas

Class 1	Evergreen – Red	Class 4	Evergreen - Purple
Class 2	Evergreen - White	Class 5	Deciduous
Class 3	Evergreen - Pink		

Division 4 – Novice Exhibitors

Class 1	Rhododendron - Lax or smaller truss
Class 2	Rhododendron - Regular or larger trusses
Class 3	Azaleas – Evergreen or Deciduous

Division 5 – Non-Competitive

Non-Competitive exhibitors shall be limited to a display of twelve entries.

REMINDER FOR THE SHOW FROM JANELL:

If you are bringing trusses for the show or for display, please have them at the centre by 8:00AM. They will need to be put in a bottle (supplied by the club) and tagged. Judging begins at 9:00 AM. Even if you don't have trusses to show, other members may bring several and would welcome an extra hand or two, setting them up.

If you have plastic bags or small cardboard boxes to spare, please bring them.

If it looks like rain, bring an umbrella or more if possible, tagged with your name.

The Canoe Club will be selling tea biscuits and other sweets but you might want to bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea will be provided free of charge by the Canoe club (paid for by our club)

All plants should be at the centre by 9:00 AM – earlier if possible. Please put a name tag or other identification on each plant – the more description, the better. ie plant type and name; evergreen; flower colour, flowering time etc.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO EARLY BIRD SALES TO THE PUBLIC.

CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE VOLUNTEERING AT THE SALE MAY PRE-PURCHASE ONE ONLY PLANT PRIOR TO PUBLIC OPENING.