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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

The President regrets that he was unable to have a message ready for this publication.

RHODO OF THE MONTH

(*Excerpt from the Greer Guide – Third Edition)

'BETTY WORMALD' ('George Hardy' x red hybrid). 6', -5°F, M, 3-4/3/3.

This is a fast grower with an upright spreading habit and medium-large leaves. Flowers are very large, opening almost flat and carried in huge, showy, dome-shaped trusses. Colour is pastel pink, paler in the centre and heavily spotted light purple on upper petal.

(M. Koster & Sons before 1922) A.M. 1935

THIS MONTHS MEETING

This months meeting will be held on Monday, November 22nd, 2004 at the usual location. This will be our **THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER** as well as our **Annual General Meeting and election of officers**.

Please read the special announcement about the dinner and fun auction and don't forget to bring an item for the Food Bank.

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Aggressive killer' found in Cornish wood

This one is even nastier than Sudden Oak Death here in North America. "The fungus's host in Britain is known to be rhododendron ponticum," "It is believed to be capable of killing trees in a few week" "Rhododendron, the main host and source of infection, succumbs in just a few weeks rather than months."

Here are the links to the articles:

http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,3604,1348150,00.html

<http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=3740394>

You may want to watch out for plants coming from the U.K.

--Art Prufer--

MEMBERSHIP

Well, folks, it's **PAST TIME** to think about renewing your membership for 2005. As you may (or not) know, at the AGM in November 2003, 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 continue to renew your membership by December 31, 2004, your annual dues will remain at the \$20.00 level. Full ARS Membership is now \$35.00. Any membership renewed **on or after January 1, 2005** by anyone who was previously a 'Friend of the Chapter' and is still in good standing, 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

A.G.M. & CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK	November 22	St. Andrews Heritage Church
January Board Meeting	January 3	John Gardner Residence
January Meeting	January 24	St. Andrews Heritage Church

Some websites of interest

Exbury Gardens

(Lionel de Rothschild created the gardens at Exbury. It was his vision, his dedication and his resources, which have created one of the finest woodland gardens in the country.

website: <http://www.exbury.co.uk>)

Bloemisterij Matthijs

(<http://www.bloemisterijmatthijs.be> although this is a non-English site, it has English plant names and many fine pictures)

The American Rhododendron Society - 2005 Convention

(The Victoria Chapter of the ARS is hosting the 2005 national convention. The convention website is: <http://victoria.tc.ca/Recreation/Ars2005>)

SPECIAL NOTICE



TO

**THE FRASER VALLEY RHODODENDRON SOCIETY'S
THIRD ANNUAL TURKEY POTLUCK SUPPER**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2004, AT 6:30PM
St ANDREWS HERITAGE CHURCH**

YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING A POTLUCK DISH, AN ITEM FOR THE 'FUN
AUCTION' * AND A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE LOCAL
FOOD BANK.
AS WELL AS
YOUR OWN KNIFE, FORK, SPOON AND PLATE

WE WILL SUPPLY 'THE TURKEY',
A SURPRISE AUCTIONEER
AND A GOOD TIME.

**If you have not already signed up, please call
Art Pearson (604-462-9813)
or
Ken Ladd (604-462-9562)
by November 19th so we can order the turkey.**

*** Although it is a 'Fun Auction', it is not a Junk Sale! Please don't bring
anything you would be embarrassed to buy yourself.
Thanks on behalf of the Auctioneer!**

FROM THE EDITOR

Some things to note:

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

This month's special dinner meeting includes the election for your Board of Directors. We need people to take the following positions

Vice President – Basic role is to substitute for the President in chairing meetings if the president is unavailable. **NOTE:** this is not a commitment to stepping up to the President's position in the future.

Director – One Year Term – to be involved with the ongoing visioning and leadership of the society.

Bus Tour Co-ordinator – someone to co-ordinate a club bus tour tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2005.

Truss Show/Plant Sale Co-ordinator – Someone to chair a committee to set up the April 25, 2005 Truss Show and Plant Sale.

Social Committee – person or persons to help Dianne Vernon with setting up and clean up of coffee etc.

Library Assistant – someone to assist Hanna with the moving of books before and after the monthly meetings.

Club Archivist – Thanks to Val Billesberger for volunteering for this position

The Whonnock Lake Garden Saturday work parties are ongoing – If you would like to participate, please contact Scot Henney at 604-464-7979.

Ask not 'What your club can do for you?' BUT 'what you can do for your club?' If you feel called to help your club in any of these areas, just speak with any member of your executive or the person needing the assistance.

Also, 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