



THE YAK

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R. thomsonii

Fraser South Rhododendron Society
is a chapter of the
American Rhododendron Society

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Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third
Wednesday of each month (except June,
July, August).

In person meetings are not being held at this
time.

Cover:



R. thomsonii

Rhododendron subsection: Thomsonia

Habit: shrub or small tree to 3.5 m (rarely more); young shoots hairless or sparsely glandular; bark smooth, pale orange-brown, scaling

Leaves: circular to obovate or elliptic, 3-11 cm, 1.1-2x as long as broad, hairless, glaucous beneath, sometimes with red shortly stalked glands.

Inflorescence buds: ovoid, brownish purple, bloomed; scales slightly sticky, with brown-headed glands

Calyx: 2-20mm, irregular to cup-like, usually hairless, rarely glandular, often colored

Corolla: campanulate, fleshy, 3.5-5 cm, deep crimson, usually without darker spots

Stamens: anthers dark brown

Ovary: hairless or glandular

Capsule: 1.5-2.5 cm

Bloom: Spring

Distribution: Himalaya, western China (southeastern Xizang)

Source:
- *Hardy Rhododendron Species, A Guide To Identification* by James Cullen in association with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

This Month

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Place: Zoom meeting from the comfort of your own home

TITLE: All Seasons Interest in the Garden - Nancy Moore

There are many ways to have an interesting garden throughout the entire year. Floral colour is usually our first thought, but plant foliage, texture, bark and form can also be delightful. When you combine those features with creative, thoughtful and well-placed hardscaping, then you have a garden for all seasons.

I've had a life-long love of plants and gardening, and have been extremely fortunate to be able to spend my working life doing what I enjoy.

Since graduating in landscape design / horticulture, I have, among other things, been the horticulturist for a parks department, manager of a shade tree nursery, instructor in landscape design and horticulture at the University of the Fraser Valley, and owner/operator of a landscape design/consulting business. I have enjoyed donating my time and expertise to benefit many community projects, including the Abbotsford Community Garden and the Sylvia Pincott Heritage/Habitat Garden.

Post retirement, I still enjoy putting in my garden, teaching the Master Gardeners at Van Dusen, giving gardening talks, and being involved with several Fraser Valley garden clubs and societies.

Next Month

As usual, there will not be a meeting held in June. Unfortunately with the current restrictions our annual picnic will also not be held again this year.

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Reminders

Feel free to suggest program topics and/or speakers to any member of the executive.

Submit articles, photos, or suggestions for the newsletter or else you will be stuck with the editors choices.

Speaker reviews are always welcome!

Members are **Encouraged** to send their own "In the Garden" photos to the editor for inclusion in the YAK.

From the President

WOW! Aren't the Rhodos truly spectacular this year, or is it just me that hasn't been out about town much lately? We walked through Heritage Park the other day, and the Rhodos and Azaleas are about half out now – just lovely already. So peaceful and tidy there; with a few families picnicking, others just walking or sitting on benches looking out over the river.

We have nearly sold out already of R&A at work – the slightest inkling of color and away they go – and people begging for more – even the huge 10 gal. And now with Mother's Day upon us, the panic is on and it's "full moon" nearly every day.

Since we're not going out anywhere or having anyone over, I'm getting more garden work than usual done, and the weather has been co-operating quite nicely too. Unfortunately that also means we probably won't be able to have any of our usual events this spring or summer, but fingers crossed for fall I guess. We've had our first vaccines already, and just waiting for the second appointment.

The Zoom meetings are nice to participate in, but "out and about" just can't be beat. I did truly enjoy last month's presentation by Ms. Baker on native plant gardening, and from all the questions and comments, it seems others did too. I'll be able to help a lot of customers at work who ask about what to use

I hope everyone has sent in lots of good pix for the virtual truss show - I showed mine in bottles just like the real thing. Take care all, be safe, and see you at the May meeting.

Respectfully, *Colleen B*

From the Editor

Another rhododendron season is upon us and next week will be our last get together for the season. The main focus of this edition is a YAK Truss show to share your blooms with other FSRS members. "From the Garden" (AKA The Worden garden) are included but the "From Your Gardens" section returns again this year and includes all (well nearly all) the pictures submitted by FSRS members. My thanks to all those that participated. I tried not to show duplicates so if two members submitted the same plant, the first one that arrived was included. I also cropped a few photos for space reasons – yeah editorial license!

The hot weather last month resulted in a number of rhododendrons blooming quickly and the flowers fading rapidly due to the heat. This month has been much kinder. The rhododendrons are out in their glory with the flowers lasting for extended viewing. A few are still waiting to open so the colour should last well into June.

As usual the yard is busy with birds. As yet I haven't seen any young at the feeders but expect to shortly. For anyone wondering, my Douglas Squirrels are still visiting daily and I can confirm that there are at least two. I put shelled peanuts on the tray of one of the feeders which is inside a cage. One Douglas has become extremely fussy; (s)he checks each peanut out and if it's not a whole peanut, (s)he tosses it out of the cage. I guess only whole peanuts should be on the menu. Who knew?



Hunting season is in full swing this year. Have a look under the pink rhodo.



They are abundant this year and it can take up to 20 minutes for the "Hunter" to slowly stalk across the back yard before being noticed. At that point the chase begins. Once the favourite food of the hunted - *Taraxacum officinale* (picture courtesy of Harold Fearing) dies back hopefully the numbers will disperse.

The garden is well on its way to being fully planted. I can hardly wait for the fresh veggies to be on the menu. Once again our mason bees have been busy at work and alongside the other bees they have been busy pollinating in the back yard. The Hawthorne is just starting to bloom which with its fragrance I'm sure attracts bees for blocks. The mason bee house is already almost full with next year's pollinators. The work crew has unfortunately been grounded lately as one of its members passed over the Rainbow Bridge in mid-April. It will take the supervisor and remaining crew member awhile to get back up to speed. We will miss her consistent willingness to help and her pruning skills.

I hope everyone will join us for our last presentation of the season. 'All Seasons Interest in the Garden' by our own very accomplished Nancy Moore. If you're like me, once the glorious colour of the rhododendrons has faded, we look forward to other plants for colour and interest. Stay safe!

Maureen Worden

From the Archives

Due to web site technical difficulties, "From the Archives" will not be available this month.



From the Garden



R. tomentosum



Glendoick's Ice Cream



Elsie Fry



R. pachysanthum



R. yakushimanum



Starlight Champagne



Horizon Monarch



Canadian Sunset



Seaview Sunset



Wind River



Saffron Silk



Laramie

From Your Gardens



R. barbarum Hilda Nuestadter
(along with brunnera & flowering skimmia))



Evelyn Jensen



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The next two were taken when Rob when he and John Lapins visited Rob's parents, Ray and Brian Talbot long time members of the Vancouver Rhododendron Society.



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Nancy Evans Bryan Williams



Bryan Williams



Bryan Williams



Bryan Williams



Bryan Williams



Sherwood

Bryan Williams



Gerald Nemanishen

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R.pseudoyanthium

Gerald Nemanishen



Bonsai Azalea

Gerald Nemanishen



R.kiusianum "Komo Kulshan"

Gerald Nemanishen



R.edgeworthii (first time bloom) Gerald Nemanishen



Red Wolloper Gerald Nemanishen



Wine & Roses Gerald Nemanishen



R. rigidum Gerald Nemanishen



Acer pal. Goshiki Colleen Bojczuk

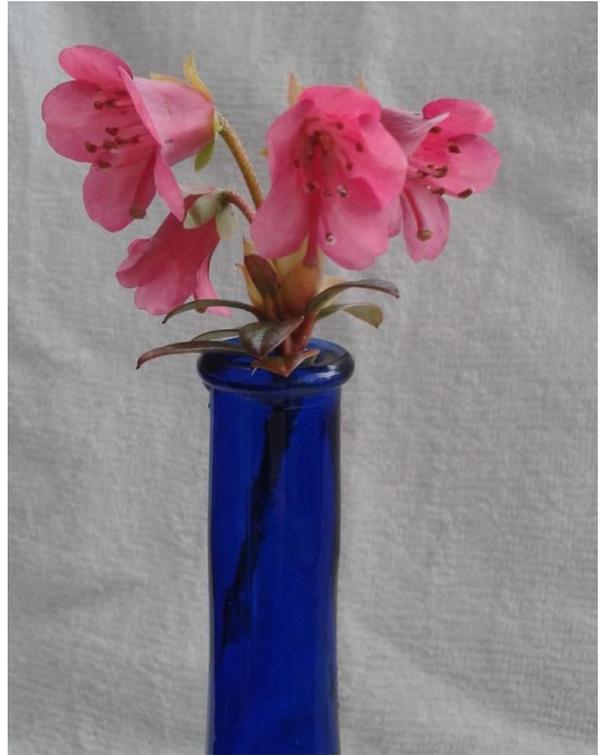


Fothergilla Gardenii Colleen Bojczuk



Queen of Hearts

Colleen Bojczuk



R. campyogynum

Colleen Bojczuk

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R. fortunei (pink)

Colleen Bojczuk



Lems Cameo

Colleen Bojczuk



R. fortuneii

Colleen Bojczuk



R. augustinii Marine

Colleen Bojczuk

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R. augustinii Playfair

Colleen Bojczuk



R. oreotrephes

Colleen Bojczuk



Doras Anareis

Colleen Bojczuk



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Colleen Bojczuk

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Ruby Hart

Colleen Bojczuk



R. luteum

Colleen Bojczuk



R. brachyanthum ssp hypolepidotum Harold Fearing



R. dilatatum Harold Fearing



R. molle ssp japonicum Harold Fearing



Gentian Harold Fearing



R. glischrum Harold Fearing



R. prinophyllum Harold Fearing



R. alutaceum

Harold Fearing



R. dendrocharis

Harold Fearing



R. habrotrichum

Harold Fearing



Enkianthus serrulatus

Harold Fearing



Magonia 'Genie'

Harold Fearing



Harold Fearing

Jim Barlup Hybrids

Picture credit : Jim Barlup



Frosted Lemon (Scintillation x Recital)



Frosted Plum (r.yakushmanum x Frank Galsworthy)



Frostlight (Janet Blair x Recital)



Garden Song (Rocky Point x Tia)



Ginger Peach (Nancy evans x r.yakushmanum x Goldfort x Odee Wright)



Glenna (Hotei x 1000 Butterflies)



Golden Mist (Percy Wiseman x Windwalker)



Gold Leaf (Nancy Evans x Whopper x Brandt's Tropicana x Whitney's Pumpkin)



Grand Recital (Mindy Love x Jessie's Song)



Happy Hour (Bergs Yellow x Marie Starks)



Heidi's Love (Nadia x Pink petticoats x r.yakushimanum)



Hollis Hope (Plum High x Jonathan Shaw x Plum Passion)