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Glendoick Velvet

Fraser South Rhododendron Society
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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, and August).

In person meetings are not being held at this
time.

Cover:



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Elepidote Rhododendron

Hybrid: 'Azurro' (s) x 'Rasputin'

Height: medium

Leaves: broadly lanceolate, up to 95 x 28mm, margins decurved, acute at apex, cuneate at base, dark green leaves with reddish stem on an upright but tidy grower, hairless

Flowers: compact round trusses of about 11, conical truss, open funnel-shaped, 50 x 65mm, with very wavy-edged lobes, inside deep purple, outside deep purple with dark purple (almost black) down the centre of each lobe; the dorsal lobe with dark purple spots; stamens and style coloured as corolla. Calyx 1mm long, paler than corolla.

Hardy: -20.6 - -23.3 C

Registered (2002), grown, introduced, and named by: P.A & K.N.E Cox, Glendoick Gardens Ltd.

Blooms: Late May

Sources: *Rhododendrons & Azaleas A Colour Guide*, by Kenneth Cox

The International Rhododendron Register and Checklist Second Edition 2004

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Place: To be determined

Title: To be announced

From the President

Summer is here; our remaining rhododendrons are in bloom although I had significant bud die back on my Red Walloper. Irises are starting to bloom as the tulips do over. I have masses of self-seeded California poppies.

In a previous note I showed a spot with white flowers and I commented that the spikes of green were my alliums. This picture shows them in bloom.



I have a tree peony, Princess Abkhazi, which had a mass of blooms this year, most the size of dinner plates. I have included an image of it. Respectfully, *Gerald Nemanishen*



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Reminders - !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vacancies - the positions for FSRs Membership and FSRs Programs are now available. Please consider contributing to the group by volunteering for one of these positions. Contact Ginny Fearing with any questions you may have on the membership position and Jim Worden for questions on the program position.

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR MEETING SPEAKERS. PLEASE SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THE YAK EDITOR.

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

From the Editor



Well another FSRs season is at an end and the YAK is on hiatus until September.

The last of the rhododendrons are putting on their displays, annuals are in bloom, and most of the garden perennials, which are very tall this year given the moisture and occasion burst of sunshine, have yet to bloom. With warmer weather forecasted for this weekend they should be out shortly.

Gardening activities this year have been very different due to the weather. After finally getting outside last week to tackle the perennial bed, I've decide this year to embrace the chaos rather than trying to control it. I'm resolved to the fact that there will be morning glory popping up amongst the plants no matter what I do. That some perennials (e.g. Japanese Anemones and unknown type of poppy), that were bought by the head gardener will never be confined to their original planted area and will spread indiscriminately among those that know their boundaries and stay within them.

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Others that have grown erect within their assigned boundaries have now decided that self-seeding is the way to go to expand their garden real estate and have popped up in new defined clumps, I must admit those don't look bad and multiples are a good thing I'm told.

The rose bed this year has been a challenge. After pruning the non-climbers low to remove winter damage, some have responded with vigorous new growth while others are struggling. Of course it doesn't help that the strugglers were also re-pruned by the newest, at the time teething, garden team member or the ever present bunnies. A couple are definitely writeoffs.

The Hawthorne (pictured below) this year bloomed about a month late but was by far the best it's ever been, In summary, this year some plants excelled, others put on a minimal show, some gave up the ghost, while others are regrouping and the final outcome is yet to be determined. A season to keep gardeners guessing.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and has the opportunity to enjoy a trip, visit with friends and relatives, or just kick back enjoying Mother Nature. The executive will be meeting in August to plan our upcoming 2022-2023 activities.

See you all *in person* in September, we hope. Take care!

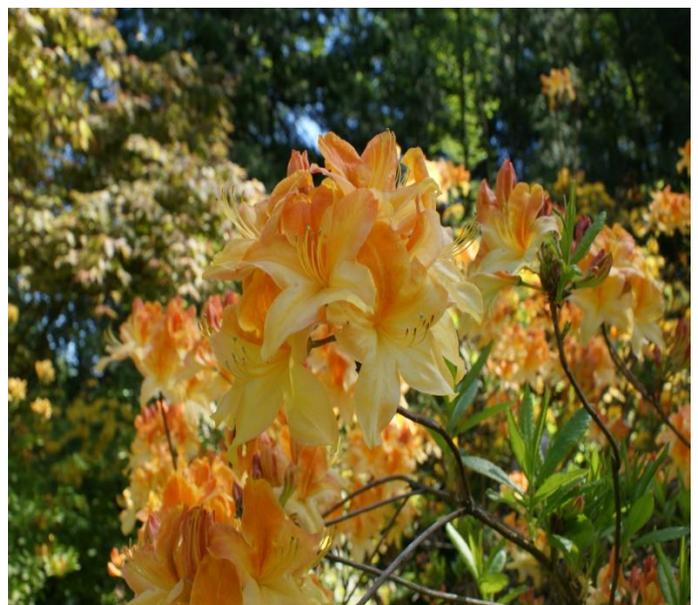
Maureen Worden



From the Dodd's Garden

Many thanks to John and Gael Dodd for opening their garden on May 22 and John's pull with the weather gods resulted in a sunny day. As with previous openings, it was a wonderful experience to wander about their garden enjoying not only the rhododendrons but also the myriad of other plantings throughout. There were a couple of spots where I could see myself spending time relaxing, reading a book and enjoying the sound of running water and chirping birds! Thank you John and Gael!

Below are some pictures of their wonderful garden. (Credit: YAK assistant photographer)







From the Archives

The following articles originally appeared in the Fraser South Newsletter, May 2012 by Bill Bischoff



Under the rhododendron, or just nearby

When the first flowery rush of early spring has slowed down, and the first cyclamen of the year, *C. coum*, has almost stopped blooming, then *Cyclamen repandum* starts to display its interesting foliage and very erect and elegant flowers, as if to make up for the loss. *Cyclamen repandum* is very different from its winter evergreen cousins. It has a very short foliage period. In mid- March the first leaves appear when they push up well past the leaves of the surrounding plants, to be followed by the ever so elegantly displayed flowers with their narrow petals. The different shades of magenta of the flowers contrast well against the fresh spring foliage of the rest of the garden. The blooming period is some six weeks long and the whole plant disappears in early July, when only the ripening seed pods are visible on the ground. The plant will remain dormant until next spring.

The leaves of *C. repandum* seem to look like just another *C. hederifolium*. However under closer examination, it can be seen that they have softly scalloped edges, very different from the serrated edges of the *C. hederifolium*. *Cyclamen repandum* can grow in light shade and full sun during the short time it is with us.

Bill Bischoff, with images from Carla Bischoff



Left and below:
Cyclamen repandum



From the Garden



Hotei



September Song



Ring of Fire



Grumpy



Fantastica



Golden Gate

Jim Barlup Hybrids

Picture credit : Jim Barlup



Sheri Eileen Kenton (Jinathan Shaw x Purple Amethyst)



Silk Ribbon (Anita Dunsten x 1000 Butterflies)



Silk Sunshine (Janet Blair x Tia)



Silver Plum (Burgundy Mist x Black Widow)



Simply Sunny (Trina x Grand Recital)



Singing Sun (Sun Blush x Goldprinz)



Sky Dancer (Capistrano x Nelda Peach)



Snow Candle (Fancy x r.yakushimanum x Exbury Calstocker)



Sonora Sun (Maverick x Trina)



So Sweet (Recital x r.proteoides x r.prunum)



Spring Spirit (Nancy Evens x r.macabeanum)



Standing Ovation (Orange Prelude x Fortune x Bergs Yellow x r.proteoides)