



FRASER SOUTH

RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

A Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

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NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20th, 1991 at 8:00 P.M.

NORBERT WUENSCHÉ, a keen hybridizer, member of Burnaby Beautification Committee, and great photographer will be with us with a "double-slide" program.

Elections and Plant Sale also to take place.

WED. DEC. 11th CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. To be held at the Glennie Home, 13565 Woodcrest, Surrey at 6.00/7.00 p.m. Diane Scott will be calling members on this and we will be providing a short Bulletin including map to Glennie home at beginning of December.

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WED. JAN. 15TH First Meeting of the New Year. As weather conditions are hard to predict at this time, how about getting some of your slides together - just a dozen or so will do - and we could have a show of our own. Also introduction of new slate of officers will take place.

FEBRUARY 6/9 NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW, at the State Convention Centre, downtown Seattle - 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Admission \$6.00 to \$7.00 with a two day pass at \$11.00. Special nightly rates are available at a few downtown hotels. There will be over 5 acres with landscaped gardens, and garden related products for sale and is the largest of its kind on the West Coast. If enough interest shown, a bus trip could be arranged, and Harold Johnson will give us further details on this at our November meeting. For those who attended this Show last year, all agreed it was well worth the trip.

OCTOBER MEETING: Bill Dale provided a most interesting evening with some beautiful slides of Victoria Gardens, including his own garden; and we were also pleased to welcome Sonja Nelson, the Journal Editor who journeyed up from Bellingham to be with us.

Harold also provided the educational ten minute program with tips on how to take and grow cuttings. Thanks to all who have now returned our Questionnaire. Some great comments, which will, we hope, be acted upon. We hope to have Name tags, Membership application forms, renewals, membership lists, Constitution etc. available at the Hostess Table. Pat Glennie will now be at the Hostess Table along with Phil Anderson and Dorothy Griffin and anyone else who cares to give a hand!! Holly Gordon has now "agreed" to assist Chris Ballyn with Membership renewals and/or applications.

MEETING: ST. ANDREWS ANGLICAN HALL, 20955 OLD YALE RD., LANGLEY

IN MEMORIAM
GERRY EMERSON

Died 30 September 1991.

GERRY was one of the charter members of Fraser South, contributing to the establishment of our Library, designing our Logo, and acted as Vice-President until illness forced his retirement. During his sickness he still provided the Bulletin with articles, as well as a lengthy article on tissue culture for the Vancouver Chapter. Gerry will be missed but remembered by our Chapter.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Brad Jalbert, 22771 38th Avenue Langley, V3A 6H5 - 530-5331
Arnim & Mary Roeske, 19459 5th Avenue, Surrey, 538-3881;
also to Len and Joan Bengough of 12905 54th Avenue, Surrey,
V3X 3E1 - 596-8740 and Peter and Michelle Wilding-Davies, 6164
224th Street, Langley, V3A 6H4, 534-7782, who joined us in
September.

We extend an invitation to all District 1 members to join as
Associates, or attend any of our meetings if in our area.

MEMBERSHIP: It is that time again! Membership dues can be
paid to Chris Ballyn, our Membership Chairman, at the meeting in
November, and if Chris is not in attendance, can be paid to Holly
Gordon, failing whom, to anyone at the Hostess Table. It is
advisable to have dues paid prior to December if one wishes to
receive the January issue of the Journal. The ARS Board of
Directors enacted a new membership policy at their April meeting in
Oakland, which includes a new Family Membership which allows two
persons a vote each, and they also abolished the former \$1.00 late
payment. The dues for 1992, apart from the foregoing, remain the
same, at:

Full Membership, 1 or 2 names, same address, 1 vote =	\$30.00
Family Membership - 2 names, same address - 2 votes =	\$35.00
Associate Membership - Member of another Chapter =	\$10.00
Local Membership - 1 vote in Local Chapter only =	\$12.50
Commercial Membership - 1 vote =	\$60.00

LIBRARY: Pat has been adding to our Library recently with:

The Larger Rhododendron Species by Cox, and
a Book of Iris' by Kohlein.

Pat is also obtaining a Video developed by Friends of the Garden at
U.B.C. entitled "The Rhododendron Leaf" which will be available
from month to month, as well as the Rothschild "Glory of the Garden
Video". Pat also asks that anyone with videos of Gardens, please
consider renting them out during the winter months. Anyone wishing
to order books, Pat will be only too happy to assist.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE: A cheque for \$100.00 has been sent to the B.C. Council of Garden Clubs as our Chapter's contribution to the Council's Scholarship Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This Report will be posted at the meetings so that all can see whether we are in the black or red. Apart from the Willowbrook and Surrey Garden Club sales which brought in good sums we now have received the \$600.00 from the P.N.E. Display - and again we have to thank all those who organized and participated in all events.

THANK YOU: to Bob Mann for filling in as Treasurer for the past few months - Hope Alice and you have a sunny winter.

CONSTITUTION: Chris Ballyn, Mike Trembath and Les Clay have now revised our Constitution and have the attached amendments to put forward for the Chapter's consideration and vote at our November meeting. If anyone has any questions on the revisions, please contact one of the above prior to the meeting. You will be receiving this Bulletin earlier than usual as we are required to give 14 days' notice to members of any constitutional changes.

ELECTIONS: Harold has put forward the following slate for the 1992 election of officers:

President:	?
Vice President:	CHRIS KLAPWIJK
Treasurer:	LARRY CHASE
Secretary:	COLLEEN RODGERS
Director (3yr):	DON MARTYN

Further Nominations may come from the Floor.

and for the last time here are the 1991 Officers, etc.

Executive for 1991:

President:	Les Clay (530-5188)
Vice-President:	Dr. Mike Trembath (856-7261)
Treasurer:	R. Mann (Interim) 576-8989
Secretary:	Sue Finley (888-0920)
Directors:	Chris Ballyn (3 years)
	Harold Johnson (2 years)
	Pat Glennie (1 yr)(538-2844)

Committees

Programs:	Harold Johnson - 581-5253
	Les Clay
Membership:	Chris Ballyn - 857-0253 (987-2991)
Publicity:	Diane Scott - 533-4378
Library:	Pat Dahl - 534-5200
Hospitality:	Mrs. Phil Anderson - 856-9139
Bulletin:	Ella Crabb - 534-4884

NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter can be used for the exchange of plants, the request for plants, or any garden material. I will start this off by asking if anyone has an extra rhodo "Madam Jules Porges" - we lost our one this summer and can't seem to find a replacement - can exchange for a Pink Sherbert or?

The next Executive Meeting to be held on 26th November at the Chase home, 5963 Holstein Street, Cloverdale (576-9782).

Winter is nearly upon us, so here we have a few excerpts from an 1970 article by I.F. La Croix:

"Wind shelter is vitally important - the larger the leaf, the more shelter is needed. Wind affects rhodos in two ways. First it can cause mechanical damage, where the leathery leaves of the giants are so susceptible, and then it has a drying effect and loss of water through the leaves by transpiration will always be greater in a wind as in still weather - it is drought far more than heat or cold, which kills rhododendrons.

"It is important to avoid wind tunnels, or the sort of blustery corner where the wind comes gusting round the side of a house - a broken windbreak, such as is formed by bushes is to be preferred to a solid one such as a wall.

"If the weather grew gradually colder until January or February, and then gradually warmer again until spring, life would be much easier. Unfortunately frosty spells can come with no warning, either in early fall before the summer growth has properly hardened, or in late spring after the sap has started to flow - frost at either of these times is much more damaging than low winter temperatures.

"Cold air is heavier than warm, and so frost tends to flow downhill. If there is a free passage for it, such as through a thin hedge or open gateway, it will roll on somewhere else, but if its exit is blocked, a frost pocket is formed.

"When the temperature is below freezing point, the leaves of many rhodos roll up like cinnamon sticks. There is nothing to be alarmed at in this; when the thermometer rises again, the leaves will uncurl and be none the worse.

"There are now available in the UK and the USA substances which can only be described as 'anti-freeze' for plants. One of these is called PVP\VA S-630, and is sold as a 1-5 per cent solution of the substance in water. This is sprayed on the foliage and appears to lower the freezing point of the cell solutions which enables the plant to withstand lower temperatures than it otherwise could. The same substance, again when sprayed on leaves, helps to prevent wilting after transplanting or during the winter months, when more water is being lost by transpiration than can be taken in through the roots.

"Snow lying on branches can break them off. All that can be done is to get out quickly and shake off the snow.

Has anyone ever heard of this PVP\VA S-630? It is mentioned in a 1984 article in the Journal, but seems to be a reprint of I.F. LaCroix' article?

All we seem to do is collect some pine needles and put around the more susceptible growers, and when last year's cold spell came upon us, we tied an old sheet around Sir Charles Lemon's trunk in an effort to save it - and it did come through with flying colours, although Royal Flush, Cornish Cross, Lady Roseberry and Hodgsonii went down to defeat.