



Membership News

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Greetings VRS Members

Welcome back to another year of the **Vancouver Rhododendron Society!** ...

Among the many activities planned for this year, we are looking forward to a series of interesting talks, brought to you by your program chairman, Philip MacDougall, who took over this vital task from Joe Ronsley ... other changes in the executive include the stepping down of our president, Don Haslam, after a 2-year stint ... and also the „retirement“ of our treasurer, Dana Cromie, after many years of dedicated service. We ask you to join us in thanking Joe, Don and Dana for their efforts on behalf of the membership, and we hope that they will continue to play an important role in the life of the society. The new members of the executive will be formally elected at this month's meeting, so we will introduce them next month.



We hope that you all took our suggestion to heart, and made that New Year's resolution to get out to more meetings, join in the fun ... and, of course, contribute to your **Membership News**.

Upcoming VRS Meeting

The next meeting will be on ...

Thursday, January 20

at the Van Dusen Floral Hall. We generally gather at around 7:00 pm, the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Guests are always welcome.

The program this month will include the election of a new slate of officers to the club executive, followed by informal showings of members' slides, as well as the raffle table, and refreshments. Please don't forget those contributions of plants and goodies ...



Rhododendron sargentianum 'Liz Ann'

Other Chapters

Guests are always welcome at these other chapters, and, as a member of the VRS, you can get a year's associate membership for \$ 10 or 15 ... a bargain !



- **Fraser South** ... Wednesday, January 19 ... 7:30 pm
United Church Hall, 5673 – 200th Street, Langley
Speaker ... TBA



- **Fraser Valley** ... Monday, January 24 ... 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's Heritage Hall, 22279 - 116th Avenue, Maple Ridge
Speaker ... TBA



- **Peace Arch** ... No January meeting ... instead, there is a workshop,
Saturday, January 22 ... 9 am to 12 noon ... Azalea bonsai workshop with Mr Tak Yamaura, Japan Bonsai, 16164 24th Ave, Surrey



On occasions when the speaker is TBA (to be announced) at the time of publication, you can get last-minute information from the District 1 website ... www.rhodos.ca/meetings.html ... thanks to Garth.

Mystery Garden (formerly Member's Garden Tours)



We had one response on December's mystery garden photo ... Karen Shuster correctly stated that it was the Chinese pagoda at Kew Gardens, in London, England ... we were kidding about the tallest gazebo thing ...

... sorry, Kew.

... no problem, Mr Bond.



This month's mystery garden is a bit trickier, but almost as well-known as last month's ... you probably have cultivars in your garden that were created here ... still stumped? ... if you turn 180°, this is the view

As we are running out of photos ... and since response has been minimal ... this is the last 'mystery garden' ... for now



Non-performers List

Justine Murdy reports that her *R* „President Roosevelt“ was broken off at ground level by the first heavy snowfall in November... this is consistent with Greer, who states that it “tends to break off at the root ball” ... substitutions that one might consider, that are similarly variegated, are „Goldflimmer“ and „Superflimmer“ ... we have no idea whether these are also brittle like „President Roosevelt“, but they are worth a try ... there are also variegated forms of „The Honourable Jean Marie de Montague“(p^{hew}!) and „Mrs TH Lowinsky“, but they are not readily available ... there is also a variegated form of *ponticum*, though *ponticum* has fallen into disfavour in some places, where it has become an invasive weed.

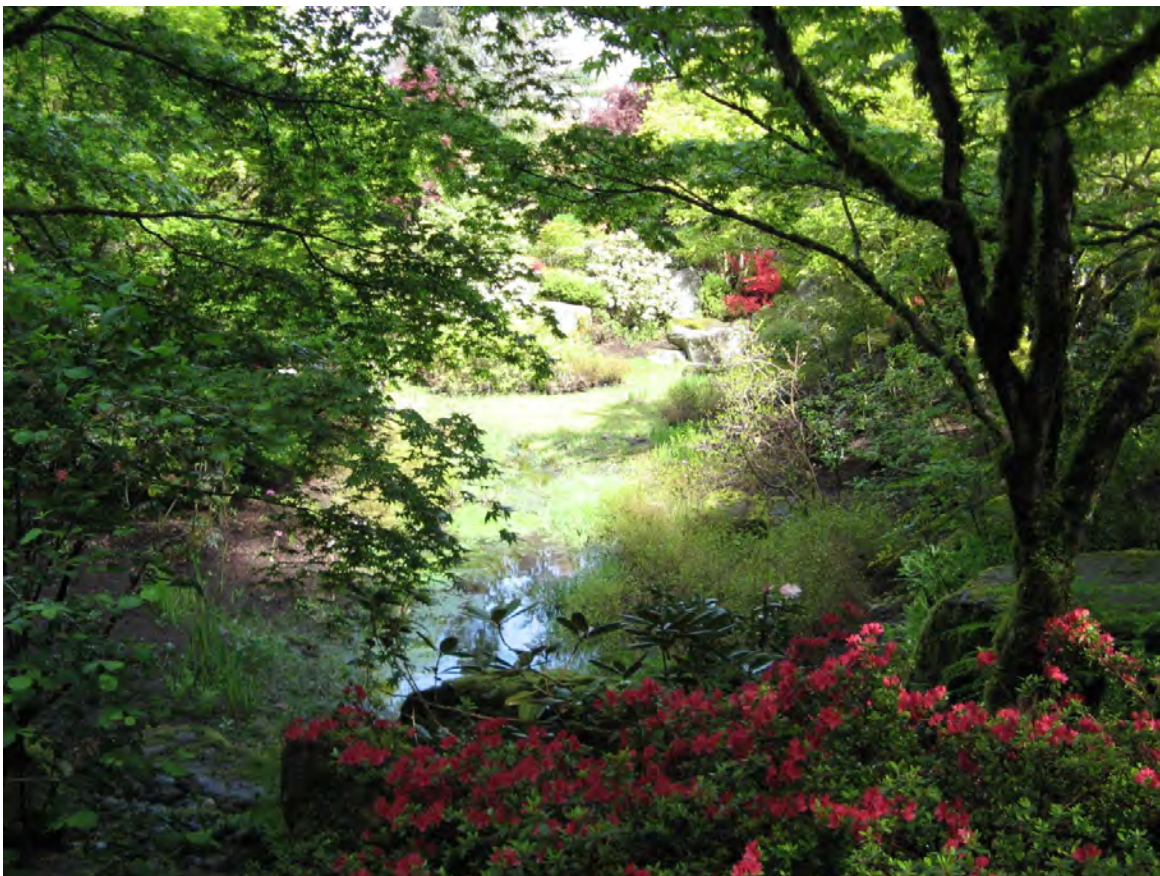


Superflimmer



2011 Membership Directory

We have decided to delay the distribution of the new directory until February, so we can include the new executive on the cover ... late renewals, and any new members, will be included in a revised version, to be issued in May, after the Spring Show and Sale. Until then, anyone wishing to contact a new member can obtain their address from the membership chair ... renewing members can, of course, be found in last year's directory.



News from Oz ... Springtime in Australia ... Part III

... by Milton and Christine Bowman



The following was sent to us in December by Chris and Milton (pictured on right ... we'll have to work on a picture of Chris)...

Here are some of the species rhodos growing in the Mount Lofty Botanic Garden this spring. The cute little one is ***R spinuliferum*** & the big pink ones are ***R grande***.



R spinuliferum



R grande





Here are some pictures of our garden last month. The cute pink rhodo is **R 'Bronze Wing'**, an Australian hybrid. The **clivias** are a favourite of mine, especially the cream one. Along the path is **R 'Cunningham's White'** ... *Milton*



Clivias ... *Clivia miniata* (Amaryllidaceae) ...` tender (to +10°C) perennial, from South Africa



R 'Bronze Wing'



R 'Agnes Whibley'



Thank you, Milton and Christine, for brightening up our dreary winter day with these beautiful pictures from 'down under' ... we invite our local members to send us pictures to forward to them, to brighten up their days, in a few months time ...

Victoria Propagator's Workshop ... revisited

In early December, we received a progress report on our workshop cuttings from Ken Webb, along with some photos of his propagation setup ... we thought that these would be of interest to our readers ...

Having attempted some cuttings propagation at home, we are impressed at how healthy these cuttings look, with no sign of significant curling or browning of the leaves ... this is due to the high humidity environment created by the near-airtight Plexiglas enclosure, a recent addition to the setup.



In the December Garden

We ventured out into the garden this month, between rainstorms, in search of some colour ... most fall leaf colour and flowers are finished for the winter, so we have to rely on things like berries, coloured bark, and that old standby, variegation ... while many people are not enamoured by variegated leaves, one has to concede that they bring a bit of interest to an otherwise drab time of year in the garden.



Next month will be less of a challenge, as we can expect winter-flowering shrubs, like *Hamamelis*, to brighten things up a bit, and crocuses and other spring bulbs will start to stir ... unless, of course, we get some serious snowfall ...



Our garden is somewhat limited in winter-flowering items ... any contributions from those of you with a better selection would be gratefully received ... note that all of these photos were taken with a point-and-shoot pocket camera ... nothing fancy ... as long as they are in focus, we can do the rest, like cropping, brightening, darkening, colour balance, etc, in Picasa

Joe & Joanne's Enhanced Woodland ... Part 3 ... by Joe Ronsley

The second of our „few principals“, after retention, and enhancement, of the trees is that, while we were to introduce a large number of exotic species into the garden, we wanted the overall, casual look to be that of coastal British Columbia. All the foregoing about the trees suggests this, and it was quite satisfying to have Washington arborist Bob van Pelt say, after bringing round a group from the International Dendrology Society on tour, that, despite his admonition over tree-climbing with spikes, the garden was a „great “native-looking” garden, with a native overstory“. This was precisely the intention.



Keeping so much of the native flora, of course, especially the trees, provides the basis for this, but we learned over the years that many other species, while not native, do blend in beautifully. While the foreigners would be obvious to the *cognoscenti*, they simply look right in combination with the native trees, and with the salal, huckleberry, *Mahonia*, currant, ferns in great variety, and the rest, all of which were being retained to one degree or another, though in some cases - salal and the ferns, for instance - strictly controlled.

Of all the introduced species, rhododendrons, and ericaceous plants generally, are probably the most prominent. And I must admit that in spring the main cause for excitement is not the native conifers but the introduced flowering plants. It seems to me that, unless one is determined to have a strictly native garden, which is certainly a viable and interesting option, but one which was never our intention, it would be perverse not to include many rhododendrons in a coastal British Columbia woodland garden. And indeed, we have planted a great many - more and more, in fact, as we became more acquainted with the genus. Nevertheless, I don't like the garden being called a „rhododendron garden“, as it often is, but much prefer that it be called a „woodland garden“, even if this term is a little inadequate, as indicated earlier. Along with rhododendrons, we also have *Camellia* and *Pieris*, *Philadelphus* and other shrubs that fit naturally into the setting. These other genera do not contain nearly the diversity that *Rhododendron* does, however, so there are not nearly as many in the garden.

There are many introduced ornamental trees as well, actually vying in prominence with the rhododendrons. Foremost among these are the Japanese maples, *Acer palmatum* and others, a large number of them in fact, along with other Asian maples, and Japanese flowering cherries. While the cherries complement the earlier rhododendrons in floral display, the maples by far outshine everything else in the fall. There are also *Stewartia*, oaks, birch, and other temperate species. All of them look



Stewartia sinensis

natural and appropriate as the highest understory among the vertical, heavy trunks of the native conifers.

Some plants, beautiful in themselves, do not look natural in what is essentially a Pacific Northwest rainforest, especially many plants from the southern hemisphere. There are a few that do look as if they belong, *Eucryphia* and *Nothofagus*, for instance, but others, like *Eucalyptus*, do not, at least to my eye. In fact, silver foliage plants generally look to me out of place. *Embothrium* is borderline, but in its case borderline is good enough for me. Ian Sinclair has suggested that most, though probably not all, of the southern hemisphere plants that do look appropriate come from South America, mainly Chile, and those that do not mostly come from Australasia and South Africa. This does seem to be the case, though there are often hybrids between species from both provenances.

Nor, I should say here, am I interested in palms or bananas, despite Larry Wick's enthusiasm for them, and my close friend Alleyne Cook's rather perverse recommendation of them. Somehow they don't look quite right either! They are not really the first thing that comes to the mind's eye when one conjures up a mental image of the Pacific Northwest.



Eucryphia



Embothrium coccineum



A little more ambiguous are plants that, at least at first glance, might not seem to be out of place. We've tried *Escallonia* and *Ceanothus*, for instance, but without success in either case. Either they wouldn't bloom sufficiently, or they died outright. Call it „sour grapes“ if you will, but they too, we decided in the end, don't belong in our woodland. They do not combine well with our trees, or with any trees for that matter, needing full exposure to the sun as they do, rather than a woodland's dappled light, and are at their best in a garden touching the sea. In our case the plants themselves seemed to realize this before we did. It is surprising how often plants look right where they do well, and the other way round. The idea, then, is that the garden, aside from the natives, be comprised of plants that do not necessarily grow naturally in this particular woodland, but look as if they do ... and should!

... to be continued

Note on *Rhododendron auriculatum* ... by Joe Ronsley

The following note is an abridged version of a note sent by Joe, accompanied by impressive photos, to the Friends of Heritage Park Rhododendron Trust newsletter, in New Zealand, for publication ... Joe thought that our membership would be interested in these pictures. As an aside, we visited the garden of Eva and Erwin Diener on the Sunshine Coast in August, and their *auriculatum* had just finished the best-ever showing, with dozens of blooms on a 4-5 m plant ... looks like it was a good year for *auriculatum*.

Right next to our house deck is a large *R auriculatum*, given to us by Bob and Jean Rhodes many years ago, before they moved from Maple Ridge to Gabriola Island for his retirement. This year it was more covered in flower buds than it has ever been in the past. Early in the summer, and looking forward to visitors, I was disappointed in that this plant usually flowers during the first two weeks of July, too early for their visit, when we also planned a lunch on the deck with Alleyne and Barbara Cook, and Mary Comber and Victor Miles. However, while we had a mild winter this year, and an early spring, the spring was also quite cool, thereby making late flowering shrubs even later than usual - which makes for a nice long spring, of course.

As the summer went on, and the buds on the rhododendron showed no sign of opening, I became hopeful that the plant would be in flower at the time of their visit after all, and that our luncheon would be graced by a spectacular flower display and a beautiful permeating fragrance. I watched the plant closely as the date of their arrival neared. Nothing was moving. In the end, my hope that the plant would not be too early changed to the hope that it would not be too late, that it would open in time for their visit. Alas, it didn't. When the luncheon took place two or three flowers were open, but the plant came into its full glory only the week after they left. What a disappointment! But the plant itself did not disappoint in any other way.



This plant, I must say, is quite erratic in its flowering; last year, I believe it had one or two flower trusses. A friend in New Zealand told me several years ago that *R auriculatum* flowers too late in the season, and thereby can't take the heat of the North Island in mid-summer. But for us in the Pacific Northwest it is a prize of the garden.

Book Review ... borrowed from Timber Press Inc website

Crocuses: A Complete Guide to the Genus

... by Jānis Rukšāns

... foreword by Brian Mathew

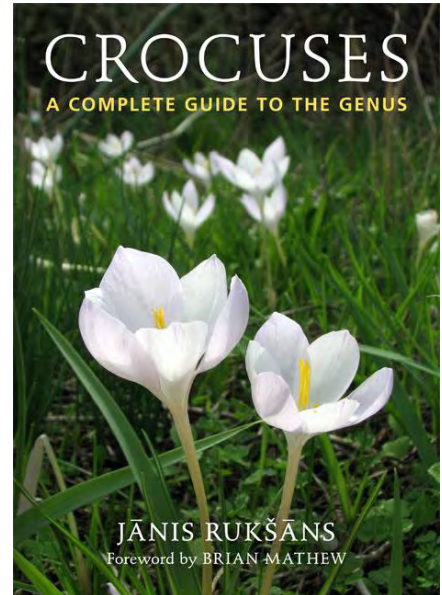
- *Format:* Hardcover
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- *Images:* 307 color photos, 10 b/w photos, 4 drawings
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A wealth of personal observation for Crocus enthusiasts, gardeners, and botanists alike. ... Brian Mathew

Winsome, charming, and brilliant are just three of the adjectives that crocuses typically elicit from grateful, color-starved gardeners. Indeed, few flowers can rival crocuses for the cheer they bring to the barren, late-winter garden and for the affection in which they are held by millions of gardeners. But though they're viewed as an icon of early spring, crocuses aren't just one-season wonders: there are also dozens of striking autumn-blooming species that appear just when they're most needed, as summer's flowers wind down. And because many species originate in the Mediterranean basin, they're ideal for gardens in which summer irrigation has been reduced or eliminated.

In this comprehensive, up-to-date volume, bulb expert Jānis Rukšāns surveys all the known species in this remarkable genus, including those that have been discovered since the appearance of Brian Mathew's 1982 monograph. A seasoned plant explorer, Rukšāns has observed many species in the wild, and so is able to offer valuable insights into how they may best be grown. He also discusses their use in the garden, their botanical characteristics, and classification ... all in non-specialist language so that even readers without a botanical background can profit by his knowledge and broad experience.

Illustrated with 300 stunning photographs, this book will be indispensable for all those with a serious interest in crocuses, from collectors and bulb enthusiasts to nursery professionals and garden designers.



Jānis Rukšāns

Jānis Rukšāns has been growing bulbs since age twelve and since 1991 has operated his own bulb nursery in his native Latvia, specializing in rare and unusual bulbs. He has taken part in several expeditions searching for new bulbs throughout Europe and Central Asia.

This book will be published in January 2011 ... price not available

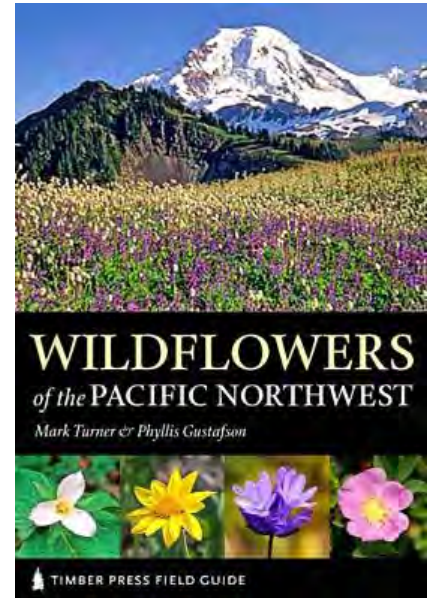
Book Review ... by Margaret Hodgson

Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest ... by Mark Turner & Phyllis Gustafson

Timber Press Inc, Portland, Oregon, copyright 2006 ... 511 pages, approximately 472 pages of colour photos identifying flowers, 1 map, 4 black and white drawing, Information about the Photographs, Bibliography, Index, Glossary ... ISBN 13: 978-0-88192-745-0 ... Hardbound, US\$27.95

Mark Turner is a freelance editorial photographer specializing in botanical subjects, especially Northwest wildflowers and gardens. He photographs extensively for books and magazines both in gardens and in a wide range of native plant environments. He is an avid member of the native plant societies of Washington and Oregon and has more than 25 years of experience exploring for native plants. He lives in Bellingham, Washington.

Phyllis Gustafson ran a small seed-collection business specializing in Northwest natives and is well acquainted with the flora of the region. She also worked with native plants in the nursery trade for more than 20 years. She is an officer of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) and writes frequently for their bulletin. For the last 35 years she has been active both in gardening and in exploring for native plants, mostly in Oregon but also in other climates around the world. She is often asked by plant societies around the country to lecture about the plants found on those quests. She lives in Central Point, Oregon.



In ***Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest***, many woody shrubs are included, but grasses, sedges, rushes and trees are not. The authors give a good introduction to help the reader identify wildflowers. Is the plant a shrub or a tree? How big is it? Does it grow like a vine, form a mat on the ground, make a clump of stems, or have a single stem that stands by itself? Are there any spines, prickles, or hairs? A good explanation is given of how to use the book and what terms are used in the book. Each plant entry includes a map showing the counties (United States) or forest districts (Canada) in which the plant has been found. The maps are based on herbarium specimen records from sources in Canada, Washington, Oregon, and California.

Climate, Geography and Plant Habitats are discussed in detail in relation to the mountain ranges and the lowlands between the various ranges and a very good map showing these areas. The major portion of the book is devoted to colour plate identification of wildflowers and is ideally organized according to colour of the flowers – white or whitish flowers, yellow flowers, orange flowers, pink to red or red-purple flowers, violet to blue or blue-purple flowers, and, finally, green and brown flowers. Within each colour identification section, further identification aids are given such as 3 or 6 petals, 4 petals, 5 irregular petals, 5 symmetrical petals (ovary superior), 5 symmetrical petals (ovary inferior), 5 irregular petals forming a tube and on it goes. The margins of the pages are tinted, allowing the reader to quickly turn to the colour coded area.

This is a useful book for the West Coast hiker who enjoys being able to put a name to our wildflowers. The photographs are exceptional and good descriptions accompany the photographs. This book is not available in our library, but can be purchased online through Chapters or Amazon.

Library Corner



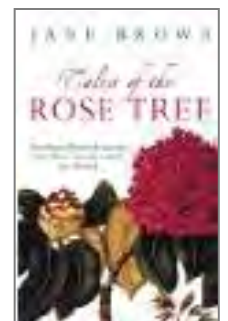
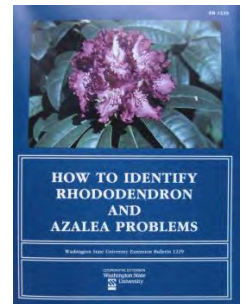
It has been some time since the library was inventoried, by Jasbir Gill & Louis Peterson, in January 2005 ... the library list, which is found on the club website, www.rhodo.citymax.com ... has now been edited and updated ...

The library books are shelved in the Floral Hall at Van Dusen Gardens, and the library is open to members during scheduled meeting times. It is expected that books borrowed at one meeting will be returned at the next meeting.

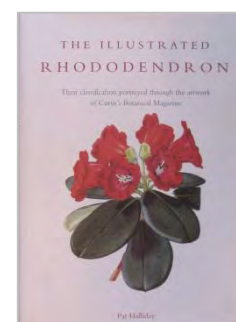
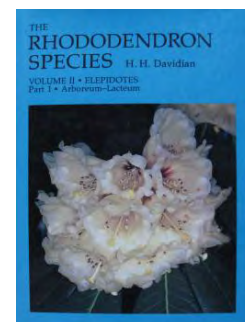
This first listing includes all rhododendron-related volumes, including books about the plant hunters, that are currently in the library ... these are located on the top three shelves ... the books on many other genera, and on garden design and gardening tips, will be listed next month ... they occupy the bottom two shelves ...

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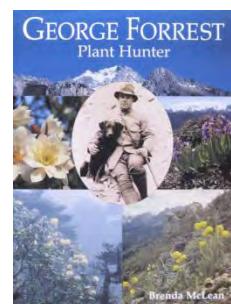
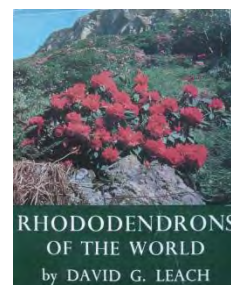
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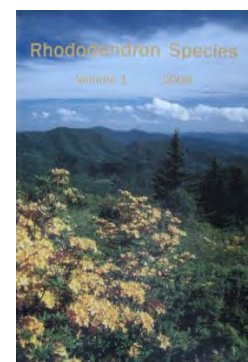
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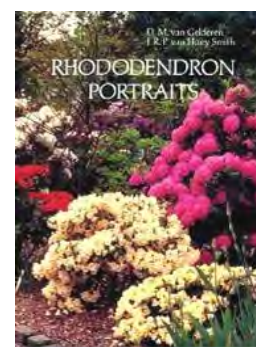
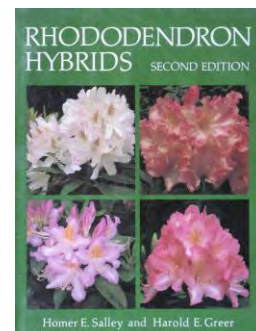
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Missing items ...

The listing includes a significant number of volumes that have gone missing ... some are long out-of-print, and would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace ... please check your bookshelves, and return any items that may have been overlooked ... the missing volumes relating to rhododendrons are as follows ...

- ARS Journals, 1996 to present, loose, incomplete ... missing the following** ...
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| Vol 50, no 2, spring, 1996 | Vol 53, no 4, fall, 1999 | Vol 58, no 1, winter, 2004 |
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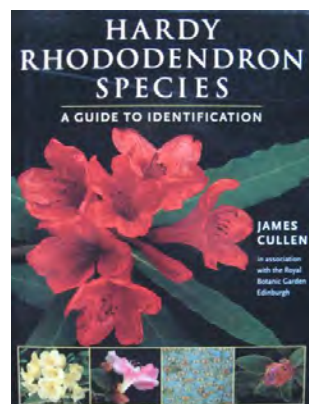
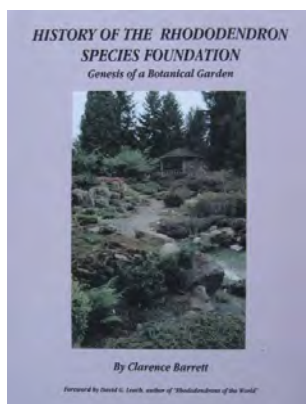
***If anyone has past issues of ARS Journals that they no longer require, please consider donating them to the club ... they will be used to make up a complete set of journals, for binding ... any surplus will go to the membership chair, to be given out to prospective new members at the plant sale...*

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It is apparent from the above that the library has been somewhat neglected over the last 6 years, with very few new titles being added ... at the very least, we should complete the set of ARS Journals to the present, and put them in binders, so that the Journals remain an intact resource for future members ... it is ironic that the VRS, an ARS chapter, does not subscribe to the Journal ...

Here are a few rhododendron-related titles that are conspicuous by their absence ...



- McQuire, JFJ & Robinson, MLA (2009) **Pocket Guide to Rhododendron Species**, based on the descriptions by HH Davidian, Kew Publishing, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London, 692 pp
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Any other suggestions?

We hope that, through the newsletter, we can revitalise the library, and bring it back to its former glory as a source of information for members with limited libraries at home ... we plan to have regular book reviews, as a reminder of what is there, or what could be there ... as club members, you can contribute to the process by recommending new titles for acquisition. At the present time, there is no mechanism for non-attending members to access the library ... if you have any idea how this could work, at minimal cost, please pass your ideas along ...

All of the above is, I suppose, saying that we will act as interim librarians until a volunteer comes forward ...

MEMBERS' FORUM

As many of you are aware, the Van Dusen Garden is undergoing a major facelift, with a new visitors' centre and administrative offices being built just north of the Floral Hall. As you can see from the photo, taken December 7, construction is well underway ... the large, curved wooden roof panel is being lowered into place by a humongous construction crane ...



It is our understanding that, when the new building is completed, the Floral Hall will be demolished ...

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Editor's postscript ...



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