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MEETING 7:30

MONDAY, September 12, 2011

**GARTH HOMER CENTRE, 811 DARWIN STREET,
VICTORIA, B. C.**

Speaker: Bill McMillan “Selected Birds and Gardens of Southern England and the Scilly Isles”

Bill McMillan is a former president of the VRS, an ARS Bronze Medal winner in 2008, and has been curator of the Rhododendron Gardens at the H.C.P. Glendale Gardens for several years.

REFRESHMENTS

VRS members listed below are asked to help at our meeting by providing refreshments. Please let Betty Gordon know at 250-479-0210 if you are coming to the meeting and bringing something to eat. We provide the coffee or tea.

Gareth and Mae Shearman, Roger and Margaret Slaby, Dr. R. Clayton Smith, Pat and Helen Steele, Norm Thomas, and Nancy Thomson.

Please wrap your cookies or snacks. Assistance in setting out the food, milk and sugar, cups, napkins and helping Betty in the kitchen cleanup is really appreciated.

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The Summer Pot-Luck Luncheon

By Theresa McMillan

On Sunday, June 26, we had our annual Summer picnic. For the past few years, Ann and Tom Widdowson have offered us the use of their large garden on West Saanich Road. And our usual luck held, with a cloudy rather threatening morning turning into a pleasant sunny afternoon. We had a feast of barbecued salmon, appetizers, salads and desserts washed down with lemonade or coffee or tea.

Trophies won at the Spring Show on April 30 at the Hillside Centre were presented to

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to the winners.

A large number of potted rhododendrons and companion plants was displayed on the lawn. They were raffled off, and taken away by the club gardeners.



Peter Barriscale, Norma Senn with the de Rothschild Challenge Trophy and Calvin Parsons.



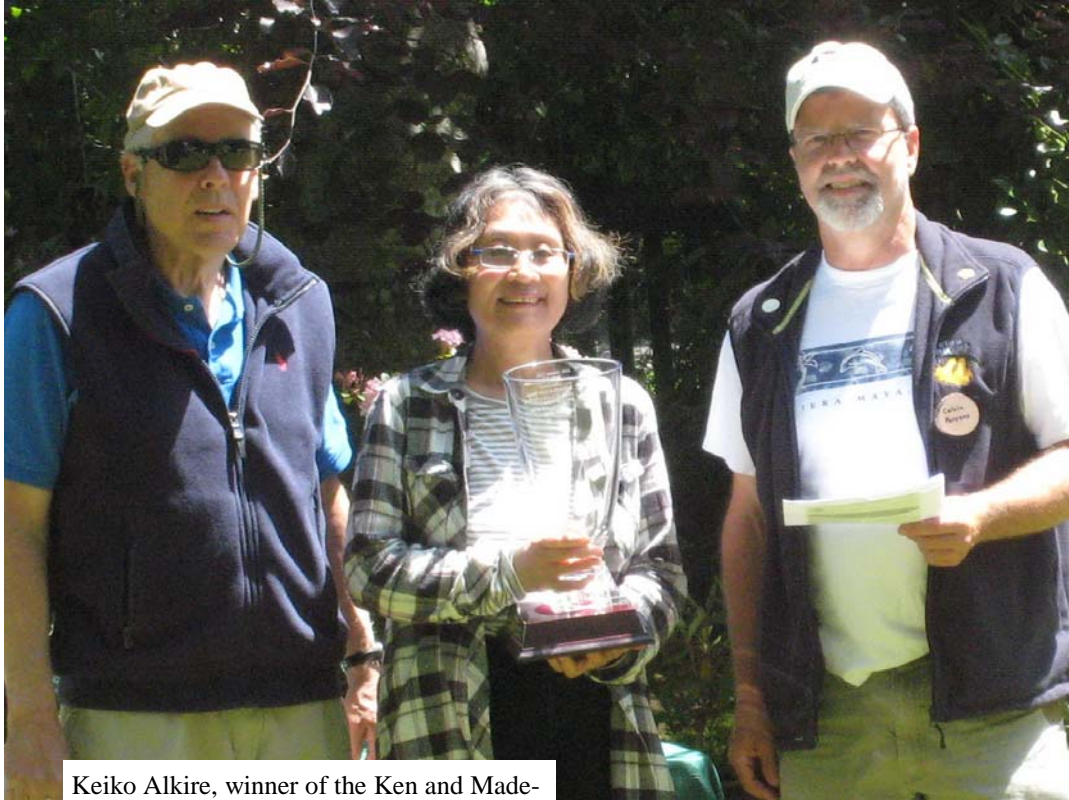
Bill McMillan, winner of the George Fraser Memorial Trophy, and Peter and Calvin



Peter, Allison Hawkins, winner of the Angus and Mary Boyd Trophy, and Calvin



Joanna and Moe Massa, winners of the Gibson Memorial Trophy, and Calvin



Keiko Alkire, winner of the Ken and Madeleine Webb Trophy, and Peter and Calvin



Peter Barriscale giving Roy and Lois Blackmore the Abkhazi Trophy for outstanding service to the VRS Club.



Norma Senn, one of the first Raffle Winners, and her chosen plant



More careful choosing, including Tom Widdowson, Heather Dickman, and Thurston Lacalli

**Shift in the VRS Focus—
Notice from Calvin Parsons, our
President**

The executive of the VRS has been very busy over the summer planning for next year's show and sales. After several meetings and investigating several options, we will be presenting a plan to have two Show & Sales next year and one Sale at Abkhazi Gardens. We hope to have shows in April at Westshore Centre in Langford and in May at Tillicum Centre. This will increase our exposure to the general public and give members two opportunities to display rhodo trusses.

We need to start selling our own rhodos in order to make some money for the year's activities. We will present a plan to purchase rhodos from Erica Nursery in Maple Ridge. We may also have an opportunity to purchase local rhodos for our sales. We will present these plans at our September 12th meeting.

Norm Todd's book is almost ready for publication. We will be asking the membership for financial support to publish the book. The book will be sold as a fundraiser for the VRS so we plan to recover our costs.

We look forward to seeing you at the next VRS meeting and discussing our shift in focus

**People's Choice Rhododendron
Photography Evening**

Uploading instructions from Peter
Barriscale, our Vice President

The club has secured a website to upload our photos for The People's Choice Photography Evening, with thanks to Gareth Shearman. You can now start uploading your entries for the above.

Details

Electronic entries will have a 2 megabyte size limit in the jpeg format. Most pictures shown at our club meetings don't exceed 1 megabyte. If your photos are larger than 2 megabytes it will take a long time to upload and use up too much data space.

Limit 2 pictures per category (like Single Truss Rhodo, see below).

We would like electronic entries in as early as possible; entry deadline is November 12.

• Log onto

<http://victoriarhodo.ca/plogger/plog-admin/plog-upload.php>

username: vicrhodo

password: uploader1

Click on Login Button

1. Ensure that you are on the **Upload** screen
2. Go to Existing Album and highlight one of the categories listed below that best describes your entry.

Plogger Test Collection Single Truss Rhodo

Plogger Test Collection Whole Plant Rhodo

Plogger Test Collection Foliage Rhodo

Plogger Test Collection Companion Plant

Plogger Test Collection Garden Scene

3. Go to Filename and click on Browse Button.

4. Find the photo you want in your files, click on a specific photo and then click Open.

5. Click on Picture Caption and enter your seven digit phone number (for example, 478- 5555).

6. Click on Description and enter a title e.g. Haida Gold, Butcharts Gardens.

7. Click on Upload Button and your picture and data should upload. You should receive a confirmation message that your upload was successful.

• Click on View and then click on a portfolio to see your entry or the entries of others.