

The Victoria Rhododendron Society *Newsletter*



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Meeting:
Christmas Pot-Luck
Dinner, Raffle, and Winners of Photo Night
6:30 MONDAY, December 12, 2011
NOTE EARLY START
GARTH HOMER CENTRE, 811 DARWIN STREET,
VICTORIA, B. C.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

As we did last year, we are asking members with names beginning with letters G-Z to bring savories those with letters A-F sweets for the Pot-Luck .

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NOTICES FROM THE BOARD

Remember, if you have not done so, please bring money or a cheque for the VRS dues to the Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner. Local member fees are \$25.00.

Are you getting both a paper and electronic copy of the VRS Newsletter? The Emailed version is better if you like to see coloured photos of our beautiful plants and saves the club money.

Norman Todd's new book, "The Complete Wit and Wisdom of Norman Todd" was ready to be sold at the November meeting. Thanks to Calvin Parsons and his crew for making this possi-



Norm Todd and his stack of the new book, "The Complete Wit and Wisdom of Norman Todd"

*The Victoria Rhododendron Society's Annual
Pot Luck Christmas dinner
Will be on Monday, December 12
At the Garth Homer Center
At 6:30 p.m.*

*Members G to Z, please bring a savory
Or a salad
Members A to F please bring
A dessert*

*The Club will provide a cooked ham,
Punch, serviettes,
Tea and coffee*

*Please bring your own dishes, cutlery and
cups*

*Raffle donations of crafts and plants would
Be much appreciated, as well as non-
perishable foods. All proceeds
Will be donated to the Mustard Seed food
Bank.*



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ble, and providing delightful and informative gift-giving ideas for our members.

The Victoria Rhododendron Society was pleased to bestow its highest award, the Bronze Medal, to two dedicated volunteers, Theresa McMillan and Ann Widdowson.

Theresa served refreshments at the monthly meetings for several years, worked at the Spring Shows and the 2005 ARS Convention and was Secretary to the Board. She has been the editor for the VRS Newsletter from December 2007 to the present.

Ann Widdowson took responsibility for the finances of the 2005 ARS Convention. Since 2006, she has been Treasurer of the VRS and has helped with the finances of the annual Spring Show and Sale and been an active member of the Propagation group. She and husband Tom stored bulky supplies for the sale at their home, and frequently hosted the VRS annual picnic in June at their home with its impressive garden.



Ann Widdowson and Theresa McMillan

PHOTO NIGHT NOV. 14

The photo contest, organized by Peter Barriscale, was a great success. The rhododendron and garden pictures brightened up a dark cold evening.

Coloured and black and white prints were displayed at the back of the room, and digital photographs were shown on the screen at the front. At

first, all photos in each classification (such as Single Truss) were shown, then each picture so that members could decide which pictures they preferred.

The complete list of the winners of the photo night will be posted at the Christmas Pot-Luck dinner, and rosettes will be given. Some results are listed below, but with 46 first, second and third winners there is not enough space in the Newsletter..

Of special interest is Best in Show. The first three are on this page, but Peter Barriscale's "Two Umbrellas" and the Massa's "Propagating Group" are prints.

The total points winners are Ann Allen, first, Al and Liz Murray, second, and Peter Barriscale and Norma Senn tied for third.

Susan Lightburn's photo of R. Excellens, winner of Best in Show.



VRS Members, Sharon Joseph, Ian Duncan and Rhonda Rose, trying to decide which photos they like the best.



Al and Liz Murray's "Windswept" was also tied for Second in Show.



Bill McMillan's R. Glaucophyllum tied for Second in Show.

Ann Allen's "Red with Scales" was first in the Color 5 X 7 Print category



Ann's "Morning Bud" was second in its class.



Ann's third place picture was of *R. pachysanthum*, one of three photos of the plant in the Show.



There were five winners in the Companion Plant section, one first, two seconds and two thirds.....

Betty Gordon's "Western Trillium" was in first place.



"Hosta Albo Picta" by Peter Barriscale was in a second place tie.



"Native Columbine" by Ann Allen was also in second place.

Betty Gordon's "Magnolia I." was tied in third place, with Norma Senn's "Peony".





“Tofino Red” by Ann Allen was second in the Garden Scene category. The Murrays’ “Windswept” (see page 4) was first.



Susan Lightburn’s “Fall in Garden” was third in the Garden Scene category.



Susan Lightburn also won a first in the Foliage section for her picture of R. “Noya Chief”



Norma Senn’s R. “Black Widow” was first in the Single Truss category.



Key to the Symbols



General Meetings
Garth Homer Center
811 Darwin Street
Saanich



VRS Shows and Sale
Shows April 28, May 26
Sale May 12



Propagation Group
Meetings
(contact Ken Webb
to be added to the
email list)



Summer Picnic
See May Newsletter for
details on location and time



Second Monday is a Statutory Holiday



ARS Convention

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Christmas: silvered ginkgo, rhododendron, and acer leaves