



April 2016 Newsletter

Hello fellow gardeners,

The sunshine has returned & the gardens are flourishing & hope that you are out there enjoying.

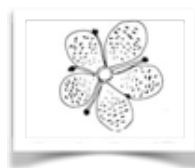
- **Agenda for Monday April 25th Malcolm McGregor. A World Full of Saxifrages 1pm-3pm (doors open at 12.30pm) Qualicum Beach Civic Centre \$5.00 at door includes tea & goodies. See wonderful poster attached (acknowledgement to Valerie Melanson).**

- **Plant Sale Saturday May 7th 2016 9am - 1pm 886 Primrose Street Qualicum Beach (Poster Attached (acknowledgement to Valerie Melanson) & prior help info.**

- **May Speaker May 30th David Sellers. Pyrenees Flora In Perspective. Poster Attached (Acknowledgement to Valerie Melanson)**

- **Latest Programme Calendar prospective events.**

- **Web Site PASS WORD Change**





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Malcolm McGregor
Saxifrage expert & author, from the U.K.,
To speak on "A World Full of Saxifrages"



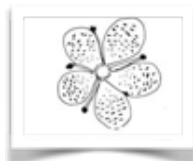
Monday, April 25th, 2016, 1-3 p.m.
(doors open 12:30),
QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,
747 JONES, Q.B.
\$5 at door includes coffee/tea & goody.
Plant prize draw tickets \$3.

*(L: Saxifraga oppositifolia in
Yorkshire, R: Hunting
saxifrages at Ankogel,
Austria.)*

Malcolm will present a spectacular survey of the world of saxifrages from geological times to the present day in the wild and the garden.

He is the author of *Saxifrages* (2008, Timber Press) and has been growing alpine plants for 35 years and has been a professional lecturer for over thirty years. He has travelled widely, particularly in the last fifteen years, in Europe and North America, as well as visiting Turkey, Morocco, Western Australia, the Himalayas, and Far Eastern Asia.

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GIANT PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

9 am to 1 pm

**886 Primrose Street,
in Hermitage Park,
Qualicum Beach**



**Alpines, Annuals, Perennials,
Vegetables, Shrubs, Gardening Bits and
Bobs and more.**

Come early for the best selection.

Need more info?

Contact June at normjune@shaw.ca

Work party for AGCVI PLANT SALE MAY 6th AT LOUISE'S

There will be a work party at **June's roam on Friday, May 6th**, to sort the plants, top with grit etc and price. We will then transport the plants and tables to Louise's and set up for the sale.

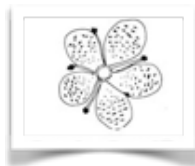
Please come out to help if you can. We will probably take longer than 2 hours so bring a bag lunch or come along later, if you can't manage roam.

Bring your plants for the sale with you. Or drop off at June's earlier if you can't make the work party – best to contact June first if you want to do this. This sale is our biggest fund-raiser of the year so try to bring all you can – rock garden plants, woodlanders, bulbs, perennials, annuals, shrubs, vegetables or any garden related item, ie tools, books etc.

Please let me know if you will be coming to help.

There will also be a Sign-Up Sheet at our next meeting, April 25th. To help with selling the plants at the sale, itself on May 7th – 8.30am to 1.30pm – short shifts.

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Present **DAVID SELLARS**

To speak on

Pyrenees Flora in Perspective: From Andorra to Gavarie,

Also

Photographing Alpine Plants: A Landscape Point of View



Monday, May 30th, 2016, 1-3 p.m.

(doors open 12:30),

QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,

747 JONES, Q.B.

**\$10 at door includes entry in prize draw &
coffee/tea & goodies.**

There will also be a plant sale.

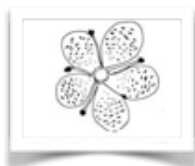
Pyrenees Flora in Perspective: The Pyrenees form the border between France and Spain and have a great variety of alpine flowers. David and Wendy Sellars have made three trips to the Pyrenees and this presentation will showcase some of the endemic alpine flora in spectacular mountain settings.

Photographing Alpine Plants: Over the past 10 years David Sellars has won numerous alpine plant photography awards and many of his photos have been published in books on alpine flora. In this lecture he will share insights into his approach to plant photography including camera selection, camera setup and composition.

David Sellars is the Past President of the Alpine Garden Club of British Columbia and together with his wife, Wendy, he is developing an extensive alpine and woodland garden in coastal British Columbia. He is an avid mountain hiker and maintains the website: <http://www.mountainflora.ca>



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AGCVI Programme Calendar for Newsletter, updated to April 13, 2016

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April 25 – Guest Speaker: Malcolm McGregor from UK on A World Full of Saxifrages. East Hall, QB Civic Centre 1-3 pm (doors 12:30), \$5 at door includes coffee. \$3 extra for prize draw. Watch for email updates on other events during this visit.

Saturday, May 7 – PLANT SALE – please see poster.

May 30 – Guest Speaker: David Sellars on Pyrenees Flora in Perspective: From Andorra to Gavarie

Photographing Alpine Plants: A Landscape Point of View.” QB Civic Centre East Hall, 1-3 pm (doors 12:30), \$10 at door includes coffee & prize draw.

We will have member plant sale with 20% to speaker fund. David has circulated one list for pre-orders of his already and may do another in May, so watch your emails.

June 27 – Mini Garden Tour – Parksville and Nanoose – watch for email with further details.

July 25 – Seminar on Filling and Planting Troughs. Venue TBA

August 29 – Guest Speaker: Frank Hovenden on Alpines & Bonsai - Nanoose Place, room on left, inside front door. – watch for more details.

Sept 12 - Guest Speaker: Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Gardens – Great Rock Gardens of Europe. QBCC East Hall, 1-3 pm (doors 12:30).

Member plant sale with 20% to speaker fund – watch for more details.

Oct 31 – Round Robin of 3 or 4 stations. Shelly Road TBC – watch for more details.

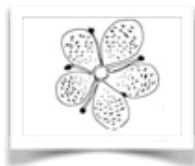
Nov 28 – Christmas Lunch – watch for more details

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Possibly in June – Jiri Papousek, ‘The Alpine Parrot’, from The Czech Republic – specialist in Daphnes and crevice gardening.

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Possibly- Ger van den Beuken from Netherlands. Specialist in Patagonia & Turkey



Important News - PASSWORD CHANGE for AGCVI WEBSITE

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So make a note, retain in your memory bank, diary calendar or knot in handkerchief. Going to be changed on issue of Newsletter.

Refreshments

'Don't forget lug a mug'

