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**FROM THE EDITOR:** Please share your photos, tips & tricks, sources, portraits of favourite plants, reviews of useful books, etc. Contributions are gratefully received at [Melanson.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:Melanson.valerie@gmail.com).

Deadlines for rest of 2016:

August 15<sup>th</sup> for Late Summer issue, October 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall issue.

If you are missing any of the earlier issues of "Crevice", please get in touch and I will send them along.

## **ESWYN ALPINE & ROCK GARDEN REPORT**

**Report & photos by Karen Unruh, additional photos by Elaine Bohm**

After visiting the AGCVI, on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Malcolm and Monica McGregor visited the Eswyn Garden on their way down to Victoria



After sharing the history of the garden with them, Malcolm made an 'eye-opening' statement to Gladys and Karen. He was amazed that we became interested in alpine plants because we planted them in the garden and THEN learned about them. Most times people become interested in alpine plants and follow this by planting them in the garden. It was quite a revelation to him and to us.

## **VIEWS AND PLANTS IN THE GARDEN THIS SPRING**







L: *Lewisia* in crevice, R: *Lewisia* and *Aethionema saxatile* in crevice



*Saxifraga 'Rosemarie'*

The caretakers of Eswyn's Alpine & Rock Garden would like to extend their thanks to David Sellers for the donation of these plants for the garden.





## REPORTS ON AGCVI SPECIAL EVENTS

ROAD TRIP TO VIRAGS SPRING SHOW - April 9, 2016

BEACON HILL PARK

Photos by Kirsten Juergensen











### **MALCOLM MCGREGOR VISIT - April 25, 2016**

**Photos by Kirsten Juergensen**

Malcolm spoke on his special interest, "A World Full of Saxifrages" and everyone learned so much.



L: Malcolm McGregor with his Saxifrages book, the most complete treatment available,  
R: Malcolm and his wife, Monica



AGCVI Members joined the McGregors for a dinner at The Shady Rest

## **DAVID SELLARS VISIT - May 30, 2016**

Photos by Kirsten Juergensen

### Show What You Grow







L: *Sarracenia* 'Scarlet Belle', R: *Calceolaria umbellata*



L: Will Lemmon checking out the plants on sale by the Eswyn Garden Caretakers,  
R: Wendy & David Sellars with some of David's choice alpines for sale.



Prize draw plants

David gave two talks: "Pyrenees Flora in Perspective: From Andorra to Gavarnie" and "Photographing Alpine Plants: A Landscape Point of View". Further to the Pyrenees talk, David wrote an article for the International Rock Gardener, May 2016 issue on the Puigmal Range. One of his lovely photos of *Lilium pyrenaicum* with a Hummingbird Hawk Moth graces the cover. Check out that publication at:

<http://www.srgc.org.uk/logs/logdir/2016May271464340889IRG77.pdf>.

For his photography talk, David has kindly provided the major points and the editor has typed them up and created a .pdf file that will be sent out shortly.

David has sent along photos from his and Wendy's visit to Paddy Mark's and Valerie Melanson's gardens:



Looking through Candelabra Primulas towards Nanoose Bay at Paddy Mark's





At Valerie's - L: *Primula vialii*, R: *Sarracenia oreophila* ("Cherokee / Green Pitcherplant")

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Blooming now in the Editor's Garden - on the left, *Bupthalmum* sp., centre is *Dierama atrum*