



August 2016 Newsletter

Hello,

This months newsletter contains:-

- **Agenda:- for Monday August 29th 12:30 Nanoose Place**, Northwest Bay Road Nanoose. Meeting room left of front door.
- **Speaker: Frank Hovenden** - An Introduction To Bonsai On Vancouver Island. Frank's biography below. (courtesy of Valerie Melanson).
- **Members Plant Sale Opportunity - September 12th 2016**
- **Show What you Grow - September 12th 2016**
- **AGCVI Member Seed Exchange**
- **Mike Kintgen** - (poster for Monday September 12th 2016 meeting) Great Rock Gardens of Europe (Acknowledgement Valerie Melanson)
- **Latest Programme Calendar 2016** (Acknowledgement Valerie Melanson)
- **Notices: Refreshment Goodies, Eswyn's Garden, Hans Roemer Bulbs.**

Speaker: Frank Hovenden

Biography: Frank writes "I have spent my life working with or around trees. I have a degree in forestry from the University of New Brunswick. I have worked in the woods on Vancouver Island for over 30 years mainly on the West Coast. In retirement I shifted my focus from timber production to the artistic side of trees. I have had a life long interest in natural history and was former president of the Comox Valley Naturalist Society. My partner is Krista Kaptein who recently spoke to your group about the flowers in Paradise Meadows."



Member Plant Sale Opportunity - Monday, September 12th, at AGCVI meeting at QB Civic Centre.

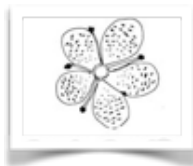
If any members are interested in selling plants, with 20% of proceeds donation to the Speaker Fund, please contact Valerie Melanson, melanson.valerie@gmail.com by **September 5th**, end of day. I need to order the correct number of tables.

"Show What You Grow at September 12th Meeting"

Members are encouraged to bring items for the table.

"AGCVI Member Seed Exchange"

Please hand in your cleaned and dried seeds in well sealed packets labeled with plant name, to **June Strandberg** at the **September 12th** Meeting. A list will then be circulated and requests taken for seed to be distributed at the October 24th meeting (**please note revised meeting date**).





Welcome

Mike Kintgen from the Denver Botanic Gardens
to speak on the
Great Rock Gardens of Europe



Monday, September 12th, 2016
1 - 3 pm
(doors open 12:30)
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre
747 Jones, QB
\$10 at door includes entry in
plant prize draw and coffee /
tea & goodies.

This will be a tour of the public rock gardens Mike has visited in Northern Europe over the years, a bit about the cities they are in, the history and what part of the collections really stood out for him - the talk mainly covers Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, France.

Mike is Curator of the Alpine Collections at Denver Botanic Gardens, and an active member of the North American Rock Garden Society.

Info? Valerie: 250-594-4423 or Melanson.valerie@gmail.com



2016 Programme

- **August 29th** – Frank Hovenden, An Introduction to Bonsai on Vancouver Island. Nanoose Place, room on left, inside front door. Prize Plant Draw.
- **Sept 12th** - Guest Speaker: Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Garden on Great Rock Gardens of Europe. QBCC East Hall. \$10 at door including coffee & draw.

(Members to turn in seed for seed exchange. Member Plant Sale with 20% to Speaker fund).

- **Oct 24th** * NB: **New Date**, TBC – Round Robin of 3 stations. Shelly Road. Also distribution of Seed Exchange Seed. Prize Plant Draw. Watch Newsletter for confirmation of date and more details.
- **Nov 28th** – Christmas Lunch – planned for Shady Rest

Notices:

- **Refreshment.** Barbara Kulla is looking for goodies for the upcoming meeting on Monday August 29th, some cookies etc. please let Barbara know if you can assist bkulla@shaw.ca. Don't forget to **Lug** your **mug** also.
- The caretakers of **Eswyn's Garden** would always appreciate some extra help with weeding etc. so feel free to bring along those travelling kneeling pads, trowel & gardening gloves.
- **Bulbs** from Hans Roemer. Valerie has one packet of each of the following bulbs to sell at the meeting Monday August 29th
 - Allium ampletens
 - Crocus kotchyanus
 - Fritillaria acmopetala
 - Fritillaria whittallii
 - Narcissus zaianicus albus
 - Tulipa batalinii 'Red Jewel'
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