



*April 2014 Newsletter*

**Regular AGCVI Meeting at June's Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Potting-up sale plants and taking cuttings*

*Short Meeting begins at 12:30pm.*

**Meeting Agenda**

Please sign in.

Open

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Valerie- Kenton Seth and Cliff Booker - Publicity, Posters to hand, Name tag price quote.

Marion- Membership cards

Louise- volunteers for plant sales

Adjourn business meeting

Draw

Refreshments

**Meeting Information**

June's address: 1980 Island Highway, Qualicum Beach Phone: 250-752-0401

From PV- The first house on your left past the traffic lights at Bennett Road (the airport road). If there is lots of traffic, go past and up Village Way to turn round.

From QB- The second driveway past Village Way with a big 1980 sign and a planter of pansies on the mail box. Mine is the first house.

Please try to car-pool as parking is limited inside. You can park on the side of the road but if you come in and the parking is full, unload your stuff, then go to the end of the driveway and park in front of the white building. Please do not block the driveway.

Please bring as many plants as you can. We will go over all the plants - potting up those that need it - checking names etc. and pricing. Put as much info on the label as you can - ie colour, height, shade requirement. We will have signs that say 'All plants need gritty, well drained soil unless otherwise stated'

We will also be doing cuttings so bring your choice of container - remembering that Paul Spriggs likes a bigger one that is not so inclined to dry out.

**Bring** sand or your choice of soil mix, rooting hormone, tweezers, sharp clippers, thin dibber for making a hole to slip cutting in, gloves. There is not much shade in June's garden yet so if it is hot, bring your hat. Please bring a **garden chair** and don't forget your **mug**.

**Goodies for the April meeting:** Dorothy, Gladys and Lori

**April plant draw:** If you have plants for April's draw, please get in touch with Marion Summerer ([mandosumm@gmail.com](mailto:mandosumm@gmail.com)) before the meeting. Plants can be brought to June's for the draw and also for next month's plant sale.

**AGCVI Regular Meeting Minutes- 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014**

*Nanoose Place, Nanoose*

Call to order 12:37 Two new members welcomed.

Note: Nanoose Place meeting room free for March and September in recognition of maintenance work in Eswyn's Garden

**Treasurer's report:** \$1,297.66

**Correspondence:** Eaglecrest has requested we share information on speakers/events. We will be sharing our board contacts.

**Questionnaire:** 12 received to date/ please send and outstanding information by email within two days.

**Draw Tickets** will now be used for the plant draw rather than a sign-up sheet.

**Business Arising:**

**Logo:** Sue will take the input given and produce the final logo for the upcoming newsletter and Crevice.

**Publicity and Programs:**

April meeting will be at June's - cuttings and potting

May meeting will be Kenton Seth presentation / publicity posters will be available at April meeting.

Details of July events will be discussed at next meeting.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is for members only and will cover events, activities, plants to share, etc. Please send information that is to be in the newsletter by the 15th of each month.

**Plant Sales** The May plant sale will be on May 11th from 10-2 at Lori's house.

May 24th sale will be at the Qualicum Farmer's Market. Please pot up any plants now and take to June's house prior to the sale.

**Membership:** 42 members Membership list and emails will go to members.

**Policy and Bylaw Committee:** Committee will be bringing several policies to the next board meeting.

**Eswyn's Handouts:** These are the handouts that were given to people participating in the Alpine and Rock Garden SIG. Mike is looking for the book Rock Gardens And Alpines by Elma Scolz; he wants to take new copies of information no longer legible.

**Milner Roof:** The planting baskets have been raised with foam. Another work party is happening tomorrow; looks good. Long rooted plants do not do well.

**Mexican Rocks:** Margot has rocks for sale to members at 40cents/pound. These are available from a landscape supply company in Burnaby. Contact Margot to buy or order rocks.

**Nametags:** Valerie will check out the cost of the various types of nametags; members had mixed opinions on what type of tag would be best.

**Eswyn's Garden report:** Watering is free. Some weeding has been done but more is needed. Discussion of water lines- they need to be better anchored.

Karen is the contact for design discussion. Design of garden needs to be adapted. Also need to include some new rocks. Input appreciated.

Some plants have been donated; some plants need to be removed; need to remove dead plants; trying to introduce more foliage colour; may need more gravel mulch.

There will be weeding of the garden after the meeting.

**Program:** All About Seeds: An introduction. Presentation By Valerie

**Plant draw**

**Garden cleanup**

### **AGCVI Information Items**

*Deadline for submissions to **The Crevice** and the **Newsletter** is the **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month. **The Newsletter** is for members only and includes meeting plans, minutes of meetings, advertisements of interest to members, offers exclusive to our members, etc.*

*Content:* Is it of *local* interest? Is it specific to *alpine* gardeners and their gardens? Our Board meets every third Wednesday and the Newsletter comes out soon after.

Newsletter Editor- Jo Graham, [jograham5@gmail.com](mailto:jograham5@gmail.com)

***The Crevice** is a journal for members as well as for a wider audience and includes reports on our special events and speakers, botanical write-ups, "What's new in my garden" reports, adverts and sources of interest to our group & beyond.*

The Crevice comes out towards the end of the month.

Crevice Editor - Valerie Melanson, [melanson.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:melanson.valerie@gmail.com)

**AGCVI Website:** [www.alpinegardenersofCVI.wordpress.com](http://www.alpinegardenersofCVI.wordpress.com) is our URL so do pay a visit.

Please give input to Sue Beatty [sugarbeatty@gmail.com](mailto:sugarbeatty@gmail.com) as to your wants and needs and she'll build from here. For now it's in its beginning stages with some exciting features.

For now you'll find every issue of **The Crevice** and our monthly 2014 **Newsletter** in the members section as well as our Constitution. The password to get into the Members Only area is **gentian**. It will be changed annually.

We would like a native alpine picture for our banner to replace the current fern. If you'd like to submit one for consideration, please send it to Sue. The picture must be sized 940 x 198 pixels and be an alpine plant/theme.

**Valley Succulents** is extending a 10% discount to AGCVI members on opening weekend, April 19-20. Jamey has a list of our members for his reference. If want to car-pool, please email June who will put you in touch with each other. It would be nice if a few of the group did go since he has bothered to give us a discount!

Information at <http://www.valleysucculents.ca> 2210 Anderton Rd, Comox

**Eswyn's Alpine and Rock Garden:** Thank you to members who helped with weeding the garden after the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. We invite you to another weeding session on **April 22 at 12:30** or just come by to have a look. There are many blooms coming out now that the weather is warm.

**GardenTour** of Paddy Mark's and Mark Nixon's in Garry Oaks in Nanoose **Tuesday, April 22** at 2:00 (right after doing some weeding at Eswyn's Garden!) or with the Nanoose Garden Club on **Thursday April 24** at 2:00. June suggests the 22<sup>nd</sup> for anyone really interested in rock plants, troughs, rhodos, bog gardens etc. And there is no reason why a person can't go to both!! To have general numbers for Paddy, contact June with your preferred date. Please consider carpooling. Park on the road and walk down. Paddy has a security gate with the numbers on the side of the box. Punch them in and the gate will open (and close) for you.

**VIRAGS Show and Sale Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society's Spring Show and Sale is on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2pm to 9pm and Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am to 3pm. We will car-pool down on **Saturday**, leaving here around 7am. For more information or if you would like to go, please email June.

**AGCVI Plant Sale Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** 10am - 2pm at Lori Pross, 748 Banwell Ct, Chartwell, Qualicum Beach

**Kathy's Claxton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Plant Sale Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>** 9 - 3 at 1596 Marine Circle, Columbia Beach.  
Heirloom Tomatoes, Cucumbers, and other veggies, assorted perennials and Geraniums.  
Small Garage Sale too.

Interested in a day-trip to **E. H. Lohbrunner Alpine Garden at UBC** and perhaps Van Dusen Garden in June or July? If so, please contact Margot at [mmoser@shaw.ca](mailto:mmoser@shaw.ca).

Information at <http://www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/alpine-garden>

**Rainforest Tours** are planning a trip to Rhododendron Lake on a Saturday, **June 14<sup>th</sup>**. For information, contact Gary Murdock [tours@rainforestnaturehikes.com](mailto:tours@rainforestnaturehikes.com). Leaving Parksville Community Centre 10am, return by 4pm. Take a bag lunch. It is a short hike to the lake. Cost \$40.00 cash or cheque, including GST. \$40.00 + \$2.00 GST by Credit Card.

Our annual **Whistler trip** is planned for **August 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**. You must make your own hotel arrangements. Please contact June for further details.

Valerie's list of recommended **Alpine Plant Societies**:

1. The Alpine Garden Society, <http://www.alpinegardensociety.net/>  
AGS Centre, Avon Bank, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 3JP, UK  
4 full colour journals per year "The Alpine Gardener", book store (including books they publish) and seed exchange, etc.
2. The Scottish Rock Garden Club, <http://www.srgc.net/site/>  
SRGC, 10 Quarry Avenue, Acklington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9BZ, UK  
2 full colour journals per year "The Rock Garden", online forum, and seed exchange, etc.
3. North American Rock Garden Society, <https://www.nargs.org/>,  
NARGS, c/o Bobby J Ward, PO Box 18604, Raleigh, NC 27619-8604, USA  
4 full colour journals per year "Rock Garden Quarterly", online forum, and seed exchange, etc.
4. Alpine Garden Club of B.C., <http://www.agc-bc.ca/>  
AGCBC, Membership Secretary, 43212 Honeysuckle Drive, Chilliwack, B.C., V2R 4A4  
4 electronic journals per year "AGCBC Bulletin", meeting at VanDusen in Vancouver, seed exchange, etc.
5. Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society - <http://www.virags.ca/> in Victoria (**VIRAGS**) and Alpine Garden Club of BC - <http://www.agc-bc.ca/> in Vancouver (**AGCBC**) welcome our members. Visit their websites to get information on upcoming meetings.

***May meeting:***

***Goodies' Sign-up:*** Suzanne, Elaine, Karen, Jo, Sue and Linda.  
Contact Barbara [bkulla@shaw.ca](mailto:bkulla@shaw.ca) or 250 752 6359 if you will not be at the meeting

***May plant draw Theme:*** *Alpines/Natives of the American West* - Kenton Seth will be discussing Alpines/Natives of the American West. If you have a plant (or two) to donate, native to the Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming area, please let Marion [mandosumm@gmail.com](mailto:mandosumm@gmail.com) or Valerie [melanson.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:melanson.valerie@gmail.com) know.

**UPCOMING 2014 AGCVI EVENTS-Please mark your calendar!**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: ROAD TRIP TO VIRAGS SPRING SHOW & SALE** in Victoria

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: AGCVI Plant Sale at Lori Pross, 748 Banwell Ct, Qualicum (Chartwell)**

**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: AGCVI Plant Sale at QB Farmers' Market**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING with Guest Speaker KENTON SETH from Colorado:**

**Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:** topic TBA - possibly Hypertufa or Garden Tour

**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, REGULAR AGCVI MEETING with Guest Speaker CLIFF BOOKER from UK**

**Monday, August 11 to Thursday, August 14 - EXPEDITION TO WHISTLER**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:**

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:**

**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: REGULAR AGCVI MEETING:**

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**AGCVI Board Members 2014**

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