



April 2017

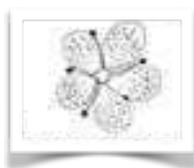
Hello,

The month of April living up to reputation this year. Wishing you happy gardening between the showers. To spur us on, turn your thoughts to warmer days and the pending plant sale Sat. April 29th.

“April weather: rain and shine both together”.

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda:- for **Monday, April 24th** 1:pm - 3:pm (doors open at 12:30p.m.) **Qualicum Beach Civic Centre**, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach.
- **David Sellars ‘Chaos in the Rock Garden Putting Theory Into Practice.** (\$5.00 at door for AGCVI, ABC-BC & VIRAGS Members). See Poster below. (Courtesy Valerie Melanson).
- Prize Draw and Refreshments will be available in which to partake.
- Meeting Minutes: March 27th 2017.
- March Meeting: Thank you to Linda Derkach
- April Plant Sale Poster. (Courtesy Valerie Melanson).
- Programme 2017.
- Alan McMurtrie, May 8th Poster (Courtesy Valerie Melanson).
- Jiri Papousek, June 12th poster (Courtesy Valerie Melanson).
- Refreshments.
- Website: Members Garden Spotlight and Information (Acknowledgement to Teri Hyde)
- Notices: Qualicum Beach Garden Club Meeting, Eaglecrest Club Meeting. Mars Plant Sale, April 22nd. QBGC Plant Sale, May 13th. Nanoose Plant Sale, May 13th. Mt. Arrowsmith Bonsai Annual Spring Show, May 13th.



Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island

Regular Meeting Minutes March 27th 2017.

Meeting: called to order 1:06p.m. (23 Attendees)
Bev Young Chaired the meeting in Mike's absence.

Approval of minutes February 27th 2017 meeting - adopted by Bridget.
All in Favour.

Business Announcements:-

June asked for help April plant sale - sign up sheet issued around the room.
Valerie's flyers issued for David Sellars April 24th & Plant sale April 29th to be distributed on public notice boards.

Treasures Report: Presented for information by June Strandberg for our information.

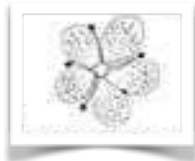
Other Announcements:-

- Please don't forget to 'sign in' book.
- Don't forget to renew membership.
- New password for website to be sent out in an email.
- Report from VIRAGS Show... 16 attended, 5 contributed plants and a 'thank you' received.
- Decide topic for Jiri to present June 12th.... Daphne plants first choice, Lago di Garda 2nd choice.
- Hosting Alan... Bev Young
- Hosting Jiri?
- Show what you grow
- Purchase tickets for Prize draw
- Invite to tour Paddy Marks Garden. Sunday April 23rd or April 30th Show of hands to attend many interested.

Meeting Adjourned 1:15pm

Followed by talk and slide show given by Linda Derkach 'Tour of Rock gardens Hidcote, Rodmarton Manor & Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden UK'.

Minutes taken by Marion Summerer as Elaine absent.





Present **DAVID SELLARS**



To speak on

Chaos in the Rock Garden:
Putting Theory into Practice

Monday, April 24, 2017, 1-3 p.m.
(doors open 12:30),
QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,
747 JONES, Q.B.

**\$10 at door (\$5 for AGCVI, ABC-BC &
VIRAGS members) includes entry in prize
draw & coffee/tea & goodies.**



This talk is about rock garden design and how it relates to natural landscapes and preferred plant habitats. An introduction to Chaos Theory is followed by explorations to find natural crevice gardens in the mountains. The presentation concludes with a case study of how to plan and construct a rock garden that reflects mountain forms and attributes.

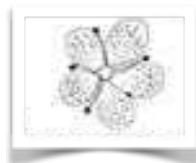


David Sellars is the Past President of the Alpine Garden Club of British Columbia and together with his wife, Wendy, he is developing an extensive alpine and woodland garden in coastal British Columbia. He is an avid mountain hiker and maintains the website: <http://www.mountainflora.ca>

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

March Meeting Followup

Thank you Linda for the talk and slides; which gave us an insight to some glorious gardens of the Cotswolds UK. Opened my eyes, to Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson to whom we owe so much.





GIANT PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

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

AGCVI PROGRAMME SCHEDULE as of APRIL 2017.

April 24th – David Sellars: Chaos in the Rock Garden: Putting Theory into Practice. QB Civic Centre, Jones at Fern. Doors 12:30, Meeting at 1 pm. Members \$5 at door, includes Prize Draw and refreshments. See poster for more details. David is selling plants by pre-order. You will soon have an email confirming which plants you will receive.

Saturday, **April 29th - Our Plant Sale**, at Louise Cotterill's, confirmed - MARS & Eaglecrest are April 22, Milner is April 29/30, MARS Garden Tour is May 13/14

May 8th – Alan McMurtrie of reticulatas.com, will speak on **Magical Canadian Bred Reticulata Iris**, QB Civic Centre, Jones at Fern. Doors 12:30, Meeting at 1 p.m. Members \$5 at door, includes Prize Draw and refreshments. See poster for more details. He is giving the same talk to VIRAGS on May 9th and to AGC-BC on May 10th.

May 29th – TBC Hypertufa Workshop at June Strandberg's.

June 12th – Jiri Papousek, Alpine Parrot, will speak on **Small Daphnes and Their Cultivation** – QB Civic Centre, Jones at Fern. Doors 12:30, Meeting at 1 p.m. Members \$5 at door, includes Prize Draw and refreshments. See poster for more details..

June 26th – TBC **Mini Garden /Nursery Tour** – Bev Young's & Teri Hyde's and possible Carmen Pahl's.

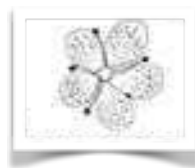
July 31st – TBC Paradise Meadows Hike

Aug 28th – 2016 **Trough / Dish Garden Workshop** Followup – review last year's troughs, fix any problems, create new troughs.

Sept 25th – Speaker TBA, at Shelly Hall, Parksville TBC

Oct 30th – **Bulb Planting Workshop** at Nanoose Place

Nov 27th – CHRISTMAS LUNCH





Present **Alan McMurtrie**



To speak on

MAGICAL CANADIAN BRED
RETICULATA IRIS

Monday, May 8, 2017, 1-3 p.m.
(doors open 12:30),
QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,
747 JONES, Q.B.
\$10 at door (\$5 for AGCVI, AGC-BC &
VIRAGS members) includes entry in prize
draw & coffee/tea & goodies.

This talk will focus on Alan's work, from his early days of hunting species Iris in Turkey, to his achievements in hybridizing dwarf Reticulata Iris. His beautiful new cultivars have been enthusiastically received in England and Europe and have started to become available in Canada in the last two years. Some you may have seen include "Eye Catcher" and "Scentsational".



Alan McMurtrie is a retired Electrical Engineer. He has been an Iris "nut" for close to 40 years. In 1985 & 86 he went plant collecting in Turkey with a primary goal of finding diploid *Iris danfordiae*. As a result of his hybridizing work, he has opened up a whole new world of colours and patterns for Reticulata Iris. "So far we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg."

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



Present **Jirí Papoušek**

To speak on

SMALL DAPHNES AND THEIR CULTIVATION



Monday, June 12, 2017, 1-3 p.m.
(doors open 12:30),
QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,
747 JONES, Q.B.

**\$10 at door (\$5 for AGCVI, AGC-BC &
VIRAGS members) includes entry in prize
draw & coffee/tea & goodies.**

Jirí will share his experience with growing daphnes in crevice & open gardens, pots and in tufa walls. He will also share his experiences in propagating these lovely little plants and shrubs.



Jirí Papoušek, "The Alpine Parrot", is well known in Czech and European rock and alpine gardening circles. He has 30 years experience of growing & exhibiting alpiners at the famous Prague Rock Garden shows and has been on the International Czech Rock Garden Conference Committee of 2008, 2013 and now 2017. In the last 5 years he has given lectures in Scotland, USA, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Norway and Sweden.

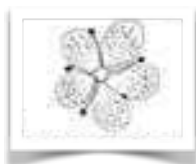
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Refreshments:

Please don't forget to bring along you own mug enabling you to partake in the refreshments on offer.

Thank you to **Valerie Melanson, June Strandberg, Marion Summerer** and **Mary Taylor**. (Please bring just over 2 dozen each). For providing the “goodies” for **Monday, April 24th meeting**



Website for AGCVI:

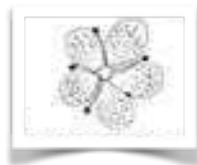


Teri would like to remind you to take a look at the website:
It is full of interesting information from history to images. The Garden Spotlight is very inspiring.

<http://alpinegardenersofcvi.wixsite.com/agcvi>.

New addition to the website: **Members Garden Spotlight**
for all Alpine garden members. Send photos of your garden or alpine plants from a trip and any information you would like with them to alpinesrock@shaw.ca
Every month or two there will be a new **Garden Spotlight** at
<http://alpinegardenersofcvi.wixsite.com/agcvi/pictures>
If you have any ideas or suggestions email them too, all ideas are welcome!

Please note: For the Members Only Section of the website, the member password for 2017 is
"iris ". lower case.





Notices:

Qualicum Beach Garden Club. (Regular monthly meeting).

Wednesday, (Note Day Change) May 10th 2017 at 7:p.m.

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St., Qualicum Beach.

All welcome. Guests \$3.00 (Annual membership \$15.00).

Refreshments, Show & Tell table, Plant Sale table, plus Library for members.

Speaker: **Roger Griffiths**. A Visit to the Channel Islands and the Netherlands Keukenhof Gardens.

For more info: email Laurie laurie@objectraku.com or Helen catherall@shaw.ca

Eaglecrest Garden Club

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7: PM

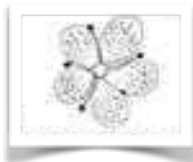
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

All welcome. Guests \$3.

Speaker: **Jamie Wallace**

Topic: Intro. to Permaculture

For more info: Jenny 250-954-3888





Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron
Society Presents the *25th* annual

Rhodo Show & Sale

Saturday April 22, 2017

PARKSVILLE CURLING CLUB

(Highway 19A & Corfield)

10 am till 2 pm

Admission FREE

This popular MARS event brings vendors from the mainland, all over Vancouver Island. Come and view the tables of rhodo blooms on display; vote for your favorite and shop for the unusual -- rhodos, Japanese maples and more

Coffee, snacks available

For more information: 250-752-3694

Qualicum Beach Garden Club Spring Sale



Qualicum Beach Garden Club

ALL ABOUT the GARDEN SALE

Plants and garden-related items

Saturday, May 13
8 am to 1 pm

234 Crescent Rd E
Qualicum Beach





Nanoose Garden Club

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 13th

9am—1pm

Nanoose Library Centre

Northwest Bay Road

Vegetables • Heritage Tomatoes • Perennials

Master Gardeners in Attendance



LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Book Sale • Bake Sale

Car Boot Sale

New & Used Garden Treasures

Bring Your Family, Friends & Neighbours!

For More Info Contact Lorraine (250) 468-9749



Mount Arrowsmith Bonsai Club

Annual Spring Show: Qualicum Beach.

Saturday, May 13th 2017 11:00am - 3:pm

Beautiful Display of Members' trees.

Glassford Square@ Fountain By Qualicum Beach Library.

Club Information/meetings. etc.

For more info. call David 250-752-7979.

