



## May 2016 Newsletter

Hello fellow gardeners,

Hope that you have been enjoying your time outside this month dabbling in the soil. A good down pour would be very much appreciated though.

There were no minutes taken at the April meeting. The meeting presentation "A world full of Saxifrages" by Malcolm Mcgregor was well received.

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda for Monday May 30th David Sellers Pyrenees Flora in Perspective & Photographing Alpine Plants 1pm-3pm (doors open at 12.30pm) Qualicum Beach Civic Centre \$10.00 at door includes tea & goodies. There will also be a Plant Sale (See wonderful poster attached (acknowledgement to Valerie Melanson).
- Plant Sale Report from (Saturday May 7th 2016)
- Latest Programme Calendar prospective events.
- Eaglecrest June meeting Announcement
- Dan & Vel Garden Visit Report (Thursday May 12th 2016)





Present **DAVID SELLARS**



To speak on  
**Pyrenees Flora in Perspective: From Andorra to Gavarie,**  
Also  
**Photographing Alpine Plants: A Landscape Point of View**



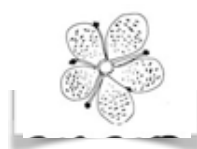
**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 1-3 p.m.**  
(doors open 12:30),  
**QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE,**  
**747 JONES, Q.B.**  
**\$10 at door includes entry in prize draw &**  
**coffee/tea & goodies.**  
**There will also be a plant sale.**

**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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## Alpine Plant Sale Report (May 7th 2016)

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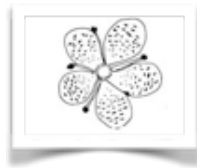
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We did very well and took in **\$1050.00** on the Saturday and plan to sell the remaining plants at our next meeting, **May 30th**.

Many thanks to all our helpers and donors and to **Louise** and **Ewan** for lending us their drive way.

I have a deep rectangular black tray used by someone to carry their plants. If it is yours you can claim from the sale table on 30th.

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## 2016 updated AGCVI Programme Calendar for 2016 & Forward:-

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- **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 (booked 12-3:30), \$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 already, and will report back on what he can supply. He is putting together another plant list which Valerie will circulate. Watch your email for details on both.
- **June 27** – Mini Garden Tour – Parksville and Nanoose – We have 3 gardens to visit:
  - **Judy Millicheap at 51 Pioneer Crescent, PV.**
  - **Mary Taylor at 2454 Glenn Place, NB.**
  - **Margot Moser at 2403 Arbutus Crescent W NB**

Further details will come to your email box soon.

- **July 25** – Seminar on Filling and Planting Troughs. Details to come.
- **August 29** – Frank Hovenden, powerpoint & samples on Alpines & Bonsai. Nanoose Place, room on left, inside front door.
- **Sept 12** - Guest Speaker: Mike Kintgen from Denver Botanic Garden – Great Rock Gardens of Europe. QBCC East Hall booked for 12:00-3:30. \$10 at door including coffee & draw TBC
- **Oct 31** – Round Robin of 3 or 4 stations. Nanoose Place or Shelly Road (Venue to be booked)
- **Nov 28** – Christmas Lunch

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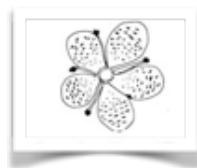
- June – TBC later - Jiri Papousek, Alpine Parrot, from Czech Republic. Part of tour with VIRAGS, AGCBC, CRAGS, et alii.

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TBC later - Ger vanden Beuken, from the Netherlands. Part of tour with VIRAGS, AGCBC, CRAGS, et laii

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## Eaglecrest Garden Club Weds. June 15th Meeting

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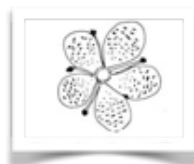


7:pm QB Civic Centre

All Welcome, non members -\$3.00

**Shelagh Horner  
presents:**

Eaglecrest Garden Club  
Wednesday, June 15th,  
QB Civic Centre  
7:00pm.  
All welcome  
Non-members:\$3.  
Susan: 594-7468

**Plant Problems  
RECOGNIZE AND RECTIFY . . .**  
*plant diseases, insect pests, and  
beneficial insects common in the  
Pacific Northwest.*



## Garden Tour Report (May 12th)

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**Dan & Vel** very kindly opened their beautiful garden for us over in Port Alberni. A group of us trekked over for a guided tour of their extensive plant filled bit of paradise. Lots of unusual plants. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Louise & Barb L for doing some driving. Here is just a snapshot... by kind permission of Dan & Vel.



Meconopsis - Blue Poppy

A beautiful array of spring flowers



