



May 2017

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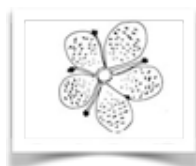
Following a cool start to the month of May, looks as though we are ending the month on a much warmer note; summer at last! Get out there and enjoy all that the summer has to offer.

'The rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.' Shakespeare

We had a touch of that earlier this week.

This months newsletter contains:-

- Agenda:- for **Monday, May 29th 1:pm Hypertufa Workshop. June's house. 1980 Island Highway, w Qualicum Beach, BC.**
- Information pertaining to Hypertufa workshop & April Plant Sale: June Strandberg.
- Meeting: David Sellars & Alan Mcmurtrie.
- Library update: Valerie Melanson.
- Programme 2017.
- Jiri Papousek: June 12th poster (Courtesy Valerie Melanson).
- Website: Members Garden Spotlight and Information (Acknowledgement to Teri Hyde).
- Notices: Qualicum Beach June12th Garden Club Meeting.



Hypertufa Workshop:- June Strandberg

Hypertufa workshop 29th May 2017 at June's 1 pm.

The following members have enrolled for the workshop:-

Barb, Betty, Cecil, Dan, Elaine P, Joanne (bag reserved), June (2 reserved), Kirsten (2), Linda D., Louise, Margot, Mary, Teri, Toine, Vel.

A list of items to bring for Monday, will be emailed to participants.

If anyone forgot to tell me they are coming. Email me normjune@shaw.ca immediately as there are only 2 bags of hypertufa mix left. We need to buy another bag of cement, if more people come and that will make the price per bag more. At the moment it is \$4.55.

Coffee will be provided. Please bring your own mug & snack if you so wish.

There will be NO Prize Draw or Library at Monday's meeting.

(See note below (page 5) from Valerie re Library Update).

April 2017 Plant Sale Report:- June Strandberg

Total amount for sales is \$892.10

A Big Thank You to all our donors and helpers (who weathered the damp & cold) and a Huge Thank You to **Louise** and **Ewan** for letting us use their driveway.



April Meeting Followup:

April 24th: David Sellars & his great talk & slide show 'Chaos in The Rock Garden.'

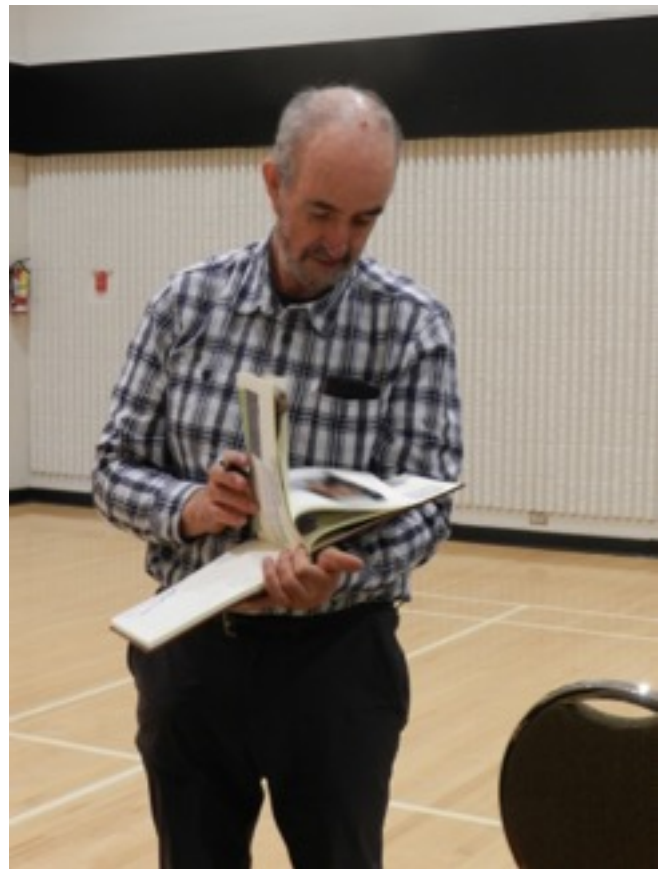
From which we were introduced to the Fractal Geometry of Nature (1982).

Clouds are not spheres, mountains are not cones, coastlines are not circles, and bark is not smooth, nor does lightning travel in a straight line.

Benoit Mandelbrot.

Something to ponder when planning and planting a garden.

William Robinson (1838 -1935) & Reginald Farrer (1880-1920) both supporters of natural diversity. Proponents of rock gardens and a landscape that blends within the natural landscape. Free design in which human intervention is to be kept undetectable. Both gardeners and writers determined to eschew the Victorian formal rigidity that had taken hold within the gardens of the humble and great estates.



David Sellars above
Photograph courtesy
Kirsten Juergensen.



May 8th: Alan McMurtrie. reticulatas.com His very knowledgeable, specialized talk on Reticulate Irises, hybridizing. A retired electrical engineer. Who way back in 1985 after seeing the Reticulate Irises growing wild on a Turkish hillside was smitten. His hybrids are now recognized by the Royal Horticultural Society. Some of the stunning and beautiful are available to purchase within Canada.

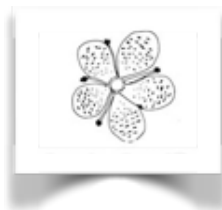
Alan McMurtrie to right.
Photograph courtesy
Kirsten Juergensen.

Image below:-
Eye Catcher Sport



Library Report:- Valerie Melanson

The Library will be at the **September 25th** meeting at Shelly Hall. If you have any books out, could you please return them, or renew. If there is anything you would like to sign out in the meantime, let me know at melanson.valerie@gmail.com and I will bring to the June 12th meeting for you. The Library will also be at the **October 30th** meeting at Nanoose Place."



AGCVI PROGRAMME SCHEDULE as of May 2017.

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



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!





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 alpines 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.

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



Notices:

Qualicum Beach Garden Club. (Regular monthly meeting).

Tuesday June 13, 2017 at 7 PM at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

All are welcome, guests \$5 for this special speaker.

Speaker: Linda Gilkeson PhD of West Coast Gardening. Linda is an entomologist and is a specialist on pest control. Her books will be available for sale at the meeting.

Topic: Tips for the Summer Food Garden – how to manage common fruit and vegetable pests, sowing for a winter harvest, thinning and pruning fruit trees.

