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## WHAT'S NEW IN MY GARDEN - Kirsten Juergensen

May 20<sup>th</sup>



## WHAT'S NEW IN MY GARDEN - Gladys Kinsman

In mid April Gladys was pleased to find her *Aquilegia saximontana* in full bloom.



## WHAT'S NEW IN MY GARDEN - Paddy Mark

In May, Paddy had these lovely blooms in her troughs:



On the left is *Androsace bulleyana*, a purchase from David Sellars, and on the right is a species *Aquilegia* - possibly *A. saximontana*.



## WHAT'S NEW IN MY GARDEN - Margot Moser

On May 17th, Margot wrote: "Here is a photo of my *Cypripedium montanum*, that I bought last year from Fraser's Thimble Farms. I've been worried that I may not have chosen a good spot to plant it but it had only one flower last year so I am encouraged that it will thrive.



Margot also recommends checking out E-Flora BC and notes: "You're probably aware of the orchid information on E-Flora BC but, just in case you don't, here it is: <http://ibis.geog.ubc.ca/biodiversity/eflora/orchidsbc.html> . I see 40 taxa of orchids have been found in BC. Amazing! "

## WHAT'S NEW IN MY GARDEN - Lori Pross

On May 2nd, 2016 the *Lewisia* bed was ablaze



## WHAT'S NEW IN OUR GARDEN - Vel Rhodes & Dan Schwarz

On April 28th there were many lovely spring blooms to be found in Vel and Dan's garden:



L: *Cypripedium formosanum*, R: *Erythronium*





L: *Fritillaria meleagris*, R: *Lysichiton chamtschatcensis*



L: *Glaucidium palmatum*, R: *Uvularia grandiflora*



L: *Trillium albidum*, R: *Trillium chloropetalum* seedlings



And in their greenhouse:



L: *Myosotidium hortensia*, R: *Veltheimia bracteata*

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## **VISIT TO GARDEN OF VEL RHODES & DAN SCHWARZ**

**Report and photos by June Strandberg,  
with additional photos from Vel Rhodes**

On May 12<sup>th</sup> a group of us drove over The Hump to Port Alberni to see Vel and Dan's garden. We had a beautiful day and the garden was wonderful. First, an herbaceous border full of plants - peonies, lilies, columbines, foxgloves, poppies, lupins, roscoea and lots more. All backed by rhododendrons and partly shaded by a dove tree.



Dove Tree at back on left, Lilies in centre, Rhododendron to the right

Next is the spot earmarked for the proposed rock garden! Opposite, against the house, are shade-loving plants like Spotty Dotty.



*Podophyllum* 'Spotty Dotty' next



to *Podophyllum pleianthum*

We went on past the (as yet) empty vegetable garden, past the redbud and sequoia,



L: Redbud, R: *Sequoia* dwarfs the visitors



through the woods to the primula, blue poppies and specimen trees. All kinds of native N American wild flowers grow here like *Erythronium*, *Trillium* and shooting stars but these are already over (with nice fat seed pods!) On a little farther and we come to some new plantings of rhododendron and azalea and most probably some new and interesting trees of Dan's. Back on and around and we come to the 'Blow Downs'



Blow down with *Clematis* and *Meconopsis* (Blue Poppies)



These are huge Douglas Fir that came down during one of our storms when the winds came from the Pacific and hit the trees on their non-braced side. These winds come, every now and then, in kind of streams and take out long, narrow swathes of trees. Vel has made good use of the up-ended roots of one of these trees by chipping out all the dirt ( I think her daughter helped!) and planting clematis to clamber up and blue poppies in front. Note the new tree waiting for the work party!



Dan has already dug dirt from in front to make room for all the chippings. We came out to another border, more shade this time with, amongst many other plants, hostas, orchids and more primula.



L: *Dactylorhiza* sp., *Epipactis* sp.





*Primula glade*

Foliage in every shape and colour and dozens of *Cardiocrinum giganteum* !



*Cardiocrinum giganteum*

These come in all sizes, many will bloom later in the season - mostly are self sown. Dan got a pink one on one of their visits to the States - it bloomed last year somewhat pink and Dan has high hopes for its seeds. We ended up seeing some of the front garden that we didn't even know was there!





I guess we ran out of time last year that being our first visit - the garden is huge!! I think it is here that we saw the bean tree (*Catalpa bignoniodes*) that Dan grew from seed - I think he said it doesn't make beans.

To round off a wonderful visit on a warm day, we had ice cold water on the new patio beside Vel's plants and the potted tomatoes etc designated for the vegetable garden. This garden will be covered with a plastic tunnel, Port Alberni having a far wetter Fall season than we do on our side of the mountain. We had a thoroughly full and interesting day. Thank you Vel and Dan.

**Other blooms in Vel & Dan's Garden, mid June:**



L: *Deutzia* 'Pink a Boo', R: *Oenothera triloba*



*Speirantha convallarioides*