

The *"Niagara Rhodo"*  
The Niagara Chapter,  
Rhododendron Society of Canada  
*April 2008 Newsletter*



Website: <http://www.rhodoniagara.org>

## Our Purpose

We are a non-profit organization whose aim is to promote, encourage and support interest in the genus *rhododendrons*, including *azaleas*. **Our goal is to encourage gardeners to grow and appreciate these plants, by providing educational meetings with knowledgeable speakers, access to topical publications and hosting joint meetings with other chapters.**

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## Reminder

**Annual General Plant Sale: Saturday, April 19, 2008, 10 A.M. Vineland Center for Research and Innovation (formerly the HRIO, Vineland), Victoria Avenue, Vineland, Ontario.**

Only 200 plants will be available; approximately 35 varieties, and approximately 5-6 of each variety, will be selected for their uniqueness as local offerings, and adaptability to the southern Ontario growing environment. The selected cultivars are listed below and photographs of their blooms are shown on the web site at [http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008\\_Annual\\_Plant\\_Sale.pdf](http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008_Annual_Plant_Sale.pdf).

This year we introduced an innovation to complement the on-site sales at Vineland – ***Pre-ordering of selections*** - Please see January 2008 and March 2008 Newsletters): Members who pre-ordered their selections are invited to pick up their orders at the main plant sale at the Pre-order Desk at the plant sale. Your request will have been collated and will be available ***for pick up*** 10 A.M. on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Please see Lil Haworth on arrival at the sale.

### Plants for Member (P4M)

An additional unique 50 plants will be made available at the sale from our ***Plants-4-Members*** lists which were available on previous occasions. These are now plants in 2 gallon pots, which have grown over the past year, having been re-potted to ensure proper root development and some are budded ready to flower. Descriptions and photographs of these plants are provided on the web site. [http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008\\_P4M.pdf](http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008_P4M.pdf). These plants are being made available to members only at cost . . . \$10 per plant.

**Membership Registration will be available at the Membership Desk at the Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 10, 2008, 10 – 12 A.M. Garden Tour and Plants 4 Members.

Members are invited to a garden tour and discussion forum at The Yarmoshuk's, 57 Highland Avenue, St. Catharines. This garden has evolved over the last 20 years into a collection of about 300 rhododendrons and azaleas with 6 different Magnolia, several of Cornus Kousa and a number of other trees relevant to a rhododendron setting. Successes and failures pertaining to growing rhododendrons and azaleas in raised beds will be described. Members will have an opportunity to see the results, favourable and unfavourable of growing many plants in a relatively small area. A manually controlled selective area watering system is on the site and may be of interest to members who wish to water their yards yet minimize water usage. Unique selections of *Plants-4-Members* will be available for sale at cost. Photos and descriptions may be viewed on [http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008\\_P4M.pdf](http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008_P4M.pdf).

## 2008 Plant Sale Lists and Prices

**Photographs of all plants that will be available may be seen on the Society's web site:  
[http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008\\_Annual\\_Plant\\_Sale.pdf](http://www.rhodoniagara.org/2008_Annual_Plant_Sale.pdf)**

The following cultivars will be available at \$25 per plant. A 10% discount applies to all members' purchases. These cultivars are made available to us by Blue Sky Nursery a wholesale grower in Beamsville, Ontario.

Azalea Evergreen	Girard's Hot Shot	2 Gal
Azalea Evergreen	Mother's day	2 Gal
Azalea Evergreen	Stewartstonian	2 Gal
Az Northern Lights	Mandarin Lights	2 Gal
Lepidote	Aglo	2 Gal
Lepidote	Arctic Pearl	2 Gal
Lepidote	Blue Baron	2 Gal
Lepidote	Checkmate	2 Gal
Lepidote	Cornell Pink	3 Gal
Elepidote	Consolini's Windmill	3 Gal
Elepidote	Cunningham's White	2 Gal
Elepidote	Edith Bosley	2 Gal
Elepidote	Fantastica	2 Gal
Elepidote	Ingrid Mehlquist	2 Gal
Elepidote	Lees Dark Purple	2 Gal
Lepidote	Manitou	2 Gal
Lepidote	Mary Fleming	3 Gal
Lepidote	Midnight Ruby	3 Gal
Elepidote	Milk Way	2 Gal
Elepidote	Roseum 2	3 Gal
Elepidote	Vernus	3 Gal 40 cm
Elepidote	Wojnar's Purple	2 Gal

Plants listed above will be available at \$25 per plant. A 10% discount applies to purchases by members.

Additional cultivars, listed below, will be available at the prices shown. A 10% discount applies to all members' purchases from this listing. These cultivars are made available to us by Nettle Creek Nursery, a dedicated grower in Fonthill, Ontario. Prices for each cultivar will be as shown below.

R. Anna Hall	\$15	R. April Song	\$12
R. Fantastica	\$15	R. Peppermint Twist	\$12
R. Skookum	\$15	R. Arctic Pearl	\$12
R. Crete	\$15	R. April Mist	\$12
R. Molly Fordham	\$12	R. Aglo	\$12
R. Isola Bella	\$12		
R. Thunder	\$12	Azalea Trilites	\$25
R. Checkmate	\$12	Azalea My Mary	\$20
R. April Rose	\$12		
R. Manitou	\$12		

These two azaleas are very large plants and are well budded. A small number will be available.