



"Niagara Rhodo" Newsletter of the The Niagara Chapter, Rhododendron Society of Canada June 2009

Our Purpose: We are a non-profit organization whose aim is to promote, encourage and support interest in the genus *rhododendron*. 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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Rh. Dick Brooks

Rhododendron Grower's Prayer

I do humbly ask for forgiveness of all the rhododendrons which died through my ignorance or through bad advice. Hopefully our website (and by extension this Newsletter) will atone for my errors and help the novice grower avoid the same mistakes.

(adapted from) **Marc Colombel**
President, Soci t  Breton de Rhododendron (France)

Last '09 Garden Visit
June 13, 2009
Nettle Creek Nursery

This Tour & P4M Sale Open to Members Only
10:00a.m., 1830 Hollow Road, Fonthill, Ontario



Where is Nettle Creek Nursery ?

Nettle Creek Nursery is at 1830 Hollow Road, Fonthill Ontario.
Follow the Hwy 406 to Hwy 20. Turn toward Fonthill.
Follow Hwy 20 to Pelham Road in Fonthill. Turn North on North Pelham Road.
Continue to Hollow Road. See Map Page 4.

President's Message

The [Niagara Region Chapter of the Rhododendron Society of Canada](#) continues to flourish, thanks to a dedicated Board of Directors, the support of willing volunteers who pitch in, members who participate in our activities and events, and the broader public that turns out for our Annual Plant Sale. Our sale this year, again, was a sellout success. The Advanced Sale, to members, also, was well received for a second time and contributed to an efficient sale.

The following volunteers participated in preparing the sale site and also worked at the sale: Lillie Haworth, Suzie Jansen, Marie Johns, Marian & Mike Little, Peter Phelps, Marilyn & Gordon Polych, Irma Purchase, Elly Smith, Al & Louise Story, Rosemarie Walsh, Wanda Yarmoshuk. Without the help of each of these volunteers and the goodies prepared by Suzie, Irma and Wanda the event would not have achieved the success it did.

Our ongoing focus is to provide program features that are real interest and benefit to our members: Plants for Members (P4Ms) special "Niagara_hardy-plants" that are not otherwise available, companion plants, attracting entertaining and knowledgeable speakers in our Speakers' program, information and advice on planting and growing rhodos, and social events.

We grow and evolve as gardeners, just as our gardens develop and gain definition over time; socializing with fellow gardeners at our meetings can accelerate this process. Public Garden Tours and Garden Open Houses are an excellent source of ideas for landscape design, plant combinations, wind breaks, etc. We hope to see everyone at the Nettlecreek Open House on Saturday June 13 at which our special collection of P4Ms will be offered.

Now is the time to enjoy our gardens. Relax....

Sondra Meis

P4Ms from Perkins in New Hampshire - June, 2009

The cuttings from which these plants were grown come from Sally and John Perkins, naturalists, hybridizers, experts in rhododendrons, azaleas and companion plants, and strong supporters of ARS Chapters. The original plants are to be found in their woodland property on Canobie Lake near Salem, New Hampshire. Their growing environment is similar to that of woodland southern Ontario. Because of the lake their plants are less susceptible to the devastating summer heat we often experience in southern Ontario in July and early August. Selections represented in the list on the following page and on the accompanying link are considered to be their "good doers". The plants in the photographs will be available for members during the Open House at Nettle Creek Nursery on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Visit our web site at http://www.rhodoniagara.org/nettle_creek_2009_P4M.htm to full information about the nursery visit and photographs of the available cultivars.

P4Ms from Dave Hinton in Orono - June, 2009

The cuttings in this group are from plants hybridized and grown by Dave Hinton in Orono, Ontario, just north of Hwy 401 near Peterborough. Unfortunately photographs of these cultivars are not available. But we have assembled a collection of photos of parent plants for each available cultivar. Dave's goal was to use *brachycarpum tigerstedii* to develop old hardy and heat tolerant plants. Examples of these varieties in is Rhododendron Woods in Orono are some 12 feet tall.

Happy Rolph Garden Tour.

Saturday, May 16, 2009 happened to be a rainy day. But that did not dampen the enthusiasm of sixteen people who toured the site. Rudy Behring's vision for a rhododendron garden on the shores of Lake Ontario is still very viable; the City of St. Catharines Parks authorities have indicated that they are working to revitalize the site and to restore it to the original well tended site started by Rudy. We all thank the City of St. Catharines for providing the very well informed guide who provided interesting information about the site.

J&S Perkins P4M's at Blue Sky Nursery Spring 2009

[Click on a Cultivar Name to View Image](#)

Last Update June 10, 2009

1. April Reign	33. Mary Belle (Jalisco x yakushmanum) 2
2. April Reign plant	34. minas grand pre
3. April Reign truss part plant	35. mucronulatum album
4. Arctic Gold (Photo by J. Perkins)	36. mucronulatum craters edge
5. Arctic Gold	37. mucronulatum Waka Murasaki
6. Arctic Gold (Photo by J. Perkins)	38. mucronulatum album 1
7. Beni Kirishima (Satsuki azalea) (Photo by J. Perkins)	39. mucronulatum album 2 (Photo by J. Perkins)
8. Big Deal	40. mucronulatum crater edge-late Feb (Photo by J. Perkins)
9. Blewbury (Photo by J. Perkins)	41. mucronulatum 'Crater's Edge' (Photo by J. Perkins)
10. Canobie Cassius (Isolepsis x mucronulatum 'Cornell Pink') (Photo by J. Perkins)	42. mucronulatum 'Craters Edge'
11. Canobie Cadet Truss (Photo by J. Perkins)	43. mucronulatum 'Craters Edge' mar Paghat
12. Canobie Cadet Plant habit (Photo by J. Perkins)	44. mucronulatum purple foliage (Photo by jb)
13. Canobie Canary (Photo by J. Perkins)	45. mucronulatum Waka Murasaki kwn (Photo by jb)
14. Canobie Corsage (Photo by J. Perkins)	46. nudipes
15. Canobie Sunset 1 (Photo by J. Perkins)	47. nudipes leaves
16. Canobie Sunset 2 (Photo by J. Perkins)	48. nudipes 1 (Photo by J. Perkins)
17. Crater Lake	49. nudipes 2 (Photo by J. Perkins)
18. Crater Lake (Photo by Lloyd Newcomb)	50. nudipes RSF-89018 habit
19. Dean Hall	51. nudipes RSF-89779 floret
20. degronianum enamotot 1	52. nudipes (plant form) (Photo by J. Perkins)
21. degronianum enamotot 2	53. Palestrina truss (Photo by J. Perkins)
22. Dick Brooks	54. Palestrina (Photo by J. Perkins)
23. 'Dick Brooks' (Patterson Hibben)	55. Patty Bee
24. Dorothy Swift	56. Pioneer 'silvery pink'
25. Holly's Late Pink	57. Rhododendron degronianum 'Rae's Delight' (Photo by J. Perkins)
26. kiusianum multiflora - Habit (Photo by J. Perkins)	58. Weston's Crescendo
27. Lavender Mist - florets	59. White Dimples
28. Lavender Mist - habit	60. White Peter
29. Mackay's Ditch Dweller 1 (Photo by J. Perkins)	61. Yakushmanum #3 (Photo by J. Perkins)
30. Mackay's Ditch Dweller 2 (Photo by J. Perkins)	62. yeodense poukhanense pink
31. Mackay's Royalty (xfortunei op) (Photo by J. Perkins)	63. yeodense poukhanense lavender (Photo by J. Perkins)
32. Mary Belle (Gable) 1	

Dave Hinton's P4M's Spring 2009

[Click here to View Images of Cuttings in Nursery - April 25, 2009](#)

Depending on Internet speed connections this may take a few seconds to load.

1. Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii x (Mist Maiden x Pink Parasol)
2. Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii x R. degronianum
3. Brachycarpum var. tigerstedtii x R. metternechii
4. Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii x Mrs. T.H. Lowinsky
5. Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii x [Mrs.T.H.Lowinsky x (R. yakushmanum x Catalgla)]
6. Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii x Minas Grand Pre
7. brachycarpum tigerstedtii x (R. smirnowii x R. yakushmanum)
8. R. smirnowii x R. campanulatum

For images of Brachycarpum var. Tigerstedtii and images of each of the parents in the various crosses please follow the links on the web site or click on the url below.

http://www.rhodniagara.org/images/Parents_for_each_cross.pdf



Directions to Nettle Creek Nursery

