



"Niagara Rhodo"

*The Niagara Chapter,
Rhododendron Society of Canada
District 12, American Rhododendron Society
November, 2012*



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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**What's in the program for Sunday
November 18, 2012**

Word of Caution

By becoming a successful grower, the reader will be exposed to a contagion for which there is no cure. Once infected with an appreciation of rhododendrons and azaleas most gardeners spend a lifetime collecting these most beautiful of all plants.

H. Edward Reiley

Evaluating Rhododendrons and Azaleas Sunday, November 18, 2012

The program for this coming Sunday will include a panel of member growers who will conduct a workshop to explore the following three questions:

1. What characteristics are important for evaluating rhododendrons and azaleas?
2. How does the Chapter decide what rhododendron and azalea cultivars to offer each spring?
3. What characteristics do our members believe are most important?

Peter Hannam, Kevin Kavanagh, Christina Woodward and members of the Niagara Chapter Board will participate in discussion of answers to these questions. They will draw on their own experiences: (1) from work in their gardens; (2) information gleaned from dealing with a wide range of associates in the international gardening community and (3) from commercial growers; from (4) preferences expressed by clients when engaged with landscaping projects; (5) preparing registrations of named cultivars with the American Rhododendron Society; and (5) from listening to members of the Niagara Region Chapter.

The modified evaluation form for the Brueckner Hybrid Evaluation Project will be made available so that sample plants from this project may be evaluated using characteristics listed in this form.

The plants to be evaluated, using criteria in the Brueckner evaluation form, and any other criteria favoured by members will include, R. "Jean's Favorite Blue", an unnamed natural hybrid evergreen azalea (R. kaempheri x R. poukhanense), Brueckner hybrids R. "Bluenose" (R. augustinii, Gable hybrid x R. dauricum sempervirens), Fairy's Fairy (R. 'Yaku Fairy' x R. keiskei) and Karin Seleger (R. impeditum x R. dauricum, collected by Vasak, NW of Lake Baikal). All but Fairy's Fairy will be available in the plant raffle draw. Photos below show these plants in bloom.



R. "Bluenose"



R. "Fairy's Fairy"



R. "Karin Seleger"



(R. kaempheri x R. poukhanense) Fall colour



(R. kaempheri x R. poukhanense) in spring



R. augustinii "Jean's Favourite Blue"



Membership Matters



Membership in the Rhododendron Society of Canada, Niagara Region Chapter and the American Rhododendron Society (ARS) are valid for the calendar year.

The **2013 local and ARS** membership fees are now due.

The benefits of a \$5.00 local membership (NR-RSC) are

1. Newsletters/notices sent by email.
2. 10% discount at the spring plant sale.
3. Advance notice of plants available.
4. Ability to pre-order for the Plant Sale.
5. P4M (Plants for Members) available only to members.
6. Participation in Research Projects such as evaluation of the Brueckner hybrids.
7. Garden Tours Open only to members.

Note: A \$10 Local membership fee applies to Newsletters mailed by Canada Post to those so requesting.

Membership in ARS (\$35.00) entitles members to all the above benefits plus

1. The Quarterly, colourful and informative *ARS Journal*.
2. Access to special plant acquisitions.
3. Priority access to plants from Species foundation.
4. Discounts on books,
5. Priority access to the seed exchange.

Please use the form on **page 4** to send in your renewal to:

Lillie Haworth, 4 Deer Park Court, Grimsby, L3M 2R2

OR

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Plan to renew your ARS or Chapter membership at our November 18, 2012 meeting.

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Membership 2013

Membership fees for the American Rhododendron Society 2013 are now due.

To continue receiving *The Journal* all fees must be submitted to the membership secretary by November 18th for submission to ARS.

Please make cheques payable to **RSC Niagara** and send to **Lillie Haworth**
4 Deer Park Court
Grimsby, ON. L3M 2R2

<u>ARS (& Local) Fees for 2013</u>	<u>Local Membership Only for 2013</u>
<p>1. ARS Individual or Family membership Includes local fees \$CDN 35.00</p> <p>2. Commercial membership Includes local fees \$CDN 90.00</p> <p>This fee includes all the privileges of ARS membership i.e. <i>The Journal</i>, seed exchange, etc. as well as the Niagara Region Chapter Newsletter via email. See page 3 for details of ARS benefits</p> <p>Please note there is a \$5.00 surcharge if you wish to receive your Niagara Newsletter by Canada Post.</p> <p>Additional Chapter Membership: (\$10.00 each) Toronto Atlantic</p>	<p>Fee: e-mail only (\$5.00) Canada Post Mail (\$10.00)</p> <p>This fee includes all the benefits of local membership described on Page 3 of this Newsletter.</p> <p>Local members who have already subscribed for the 2013 year and who wish to upgrade their membership to ARS membership will have their local membership applied to the ARS membership fee.</p> <p>Please contact Lil Haworth for further information on this option.</p>

Please return section below with payment

Name:.....Address:

Telephone: Email:.....

ARS (includes Local Niagara Chapter Membership) (\$35)
 Additional chapter membership ~ Toronto (\$10) &/or Atlantic (\$10) **OR**

Local Membership only e-mail (\$5)..... Canada Post Mail (\$10)

Amount enclosed: