



# "Niagara Rhodo"



Newsletter of the Niagara Chapter,  
Rhododendron Society of Canada  
District 12, American Rhododendron Society

September, 2014

**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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## 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*

## Season's End, Members' September 27, Picnic & P4M

at

### Lil Haworth's Garden

Saturday, September 27 @ 11:30 A.M.

4 Deer Park Crt, Grimsby, ON

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## The Season's End

This month we close out the Niagara Chapter's Winter and Spring program with a late September Pot-Luck Picnic, and start the Fall program with a concurrent distribution of interesting and hard-to-find cultivars in the P4M program.

Before we thoroughly describe what is available in the P4M offering, a brief reference to how the spring season ended. Again, member and volunteer interest in and support of the Chapter's programs was stronger than ever. In February March and April more than 50 members and guests attended each meeting and again provided outstanding support of the annual plant sale.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone, and

especially the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make this past year very successful. The following, in one way or another, cheerfully participated in the work of the Chapter and helped to make the past year successful: *John & Angela Calixto, Paul Chafe, Wendy Fletcher, Joan & John Kooger, the Foltarzs, Peter Hannam, Lille Haworth, Kevin Kavanagh, Ray Kaczmarzski & his staff at Vineland research, the Klammers at Blue Sky Nursery including Peter Zwaagstra, Steve Krebs, Marie Johns, Addy Majewski, Sondra Meis, Peter & Barbara Phelps, Gordon & Marilyn Polych, Bonnie Priest, Irma Purchase, Ron Sutton, Christina Woodward, Wanda Yarmoshuk.* Thank you one and all.



Some of the cultivars to be available at the P4M distribution. In the collage shown below, counterclockwise from top left: *Koromo Shikibu*, *Holden's Spring Herald*, *Holden's Solar Flair*, *Vineland Fragrance*, *Mist Maiden*, *Al's Picotee*, *Mary Fleming*, *Luteum "Golden Comet"*.

## Members' September Picnic & P4M

The September Picnic and the Plant for Member's distribution combines renewing of personal contacts among members and of acquiring some varieties of rhododendrons that may have been long anticipated by members.

We are fortunate to have a member who has a splendid garden to visit at this time of the year, and one that affords space where plants that have been acquired and have developed over the past year or two, can be effectively displayed and distributed to members. Shown on the last page are colour images of the plants available to members.

Each of the plants will be available to members at \$12 per plant. This price will recover the Chapter's costs of obtaining these plants.

The picnic is a pot-luck picnic where members are invited to bring salads and desserts, their own cutlery and plates and lawn chairs. Various BBQ meats and soft drinks will be provided by the Chapter.

It would facilitate planning if we could please have some indication of potential numbers at this event. Members are requested to please drop a short note to Lille Haworth indicating their potential interest in attending. [ljhaworth@sympatico.ca](mailto:ljhaworth@sympatico.ca)



# Membership Matters



2014

ARS & Local Membership fees for the Niagara Region Chapter are now due.

Membership in the Niagara Region Chapter, Rhododendron Society of Canada, are valid for the calendar year.

We ask that all ARS fees be submitted to the membership secretary, Lille Haworth, as soon as possible. The ARS membership office requires that fees be transmitted to the International office late in October so that Journal deliveries can be expedited reliably.

Local Membership entitles members to:

1. Newsletters/notices sent by email. This is for a \$5 membership fee.  
or  
Newsletters/notices sent by Canada Post. This is for a \$10 membership fee.
2. 10% discount at the spring plant sale.
3. Advance notice of plants available.
4. Ability to pre-order for the Annual Plant Sale.
5. P4M's (Plants for Members) available only to members. These are specially acquired plants available to members at or near cost.
6. Participation in Research Projects such as evaluation of the Brueckner hybrids.
7. Garden Tours Open only to members.

Please return section below with payment made payable to ARS Niagara to:

Lille Haworth, 4 Deer Park Court, Grimsby, ON, L3M 2R2 OR . . . . .

Bring your cheque for payment at the picnic on Saturday, September 27.

Name: ..... Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

ARS or Niagara Local Membership) ..... (\$5 e-mail or \$10 Canada Post or \$35 ARS) .....

**NOTE: Membership in ARS (\$35.00 CDN) entitles members to all Local Chapter benefits shown above . . . . . plus . . . . .**

1. The quarterly, colourful and informative *ARS Journal*.
2. Access to special plant acquisitions made by the Niagara Chapter for ARS members.
3. Priority access to plants from Species Foundation.
4. Free Entrance to Species Foundation Gardens in Seattle, Washington.
5. Priority access to the seed exchange.
6. Discounts on books.

If you chose ARS membership, please complete the form shown above and forward your cheque for \$35 CDN to Lille Haworth at the address shown above.



# Annual P4Ms @ Picnic September 27, 2014

Lille Haworth's Garden, 4 Deer Park Crt. Grimsby, ON



Al's Picottee



R. adenopodum



R. alabamense



Calsap



Double Besse



Faisa



Janet Blair



Maude Corning



Mary Fleming



Mist Maiden



Holden's Solar Flair



Holden's Spring Herald



Koromo Shikibu



luteum "Golden Comet"



Vineland Fragrance

See the next page for a brief account of their source.

## Source of these Plants

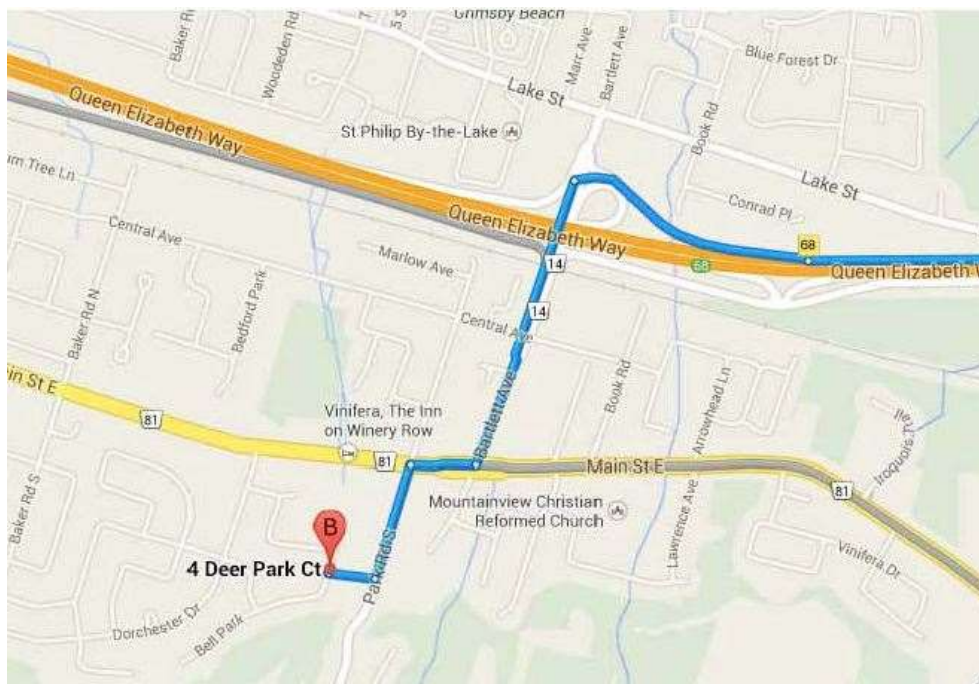
The Plant Sale at the 2014 ARS Convention presented a valuable opportunity to obtain some interesting cultivars for Niagara's members. Steve Krebs and Karen Wagner were most co-operative in making a selection of these plants available to us. Steve Krebs cared for the plants for several months and provided the necessary phyto-sanitary documentation to ease transport across the border. Nick Yarmoshuk transported them from Leach Research Station at Holden Arboretum in July.

These cultivars represent plants that have done well in various gardens in Niagara. Most of these are rarely seen to appear in local sales.

Three azaleas are in this collection: *R. alabamense*, *R. Koromo Shikibu*, and *R. luteum* 'Golden Comet'. These three deciduous azaleas bloom at approximately the same time in mid-May and provide an interesting "blue", yellow, white tapestry. Golden Comet is strongly scented and fills its area with a delightful spice aroma.

### **Directions to Lille Haworth's garden. 4 Deer Park Ct. Grimsby, ON**

Take the QEW to Bartlett Avenue, Grimsby exit 68. Follow Bartlett to Main Street. Take right on Main St and immediate left on Park Road. Follow Park Road to Bell Avenue. From Bell Avenue turn right to Deer Park Ct. Lille Haworth is on the right hand side.



## **The Winter (Polar Vortex) of 2013-2014 Gord Polych's Experience with Rhododendrons**

In Vineland there is a unique rhododendron collection that has been developed over the last 15 years. In July 2014 Gord agreed to provide "Niagara Rhodo" with a list of his rhododendrons and a description of how his plants performed in the spring following the Polar Vortex of November 2013 through to March 2014. Each of these plants was obtained in Niagara and mostly through distributions by the Niagara Region Chapter of the ARS.

Variety	Experienced Some Damage	No Damage	Recovery if Any
Aglo		x	
Arctic Pearl	X		Good
Arneson's Gem		x	
Bedamd ??? (2 plants)	x		Good
Bixby	x		Good
Blue Peter	x		Good
Brueckner (IX-67)	x		????
Brueckner (XIV-30)		x	
Brueckner (IV-8)		x	Good
Brueckner (XIV-21)	x		See Note
Candy Lights (3 Plants)		x	
Cherry Drops (2 Plants)			Dead
Consolini's Windmill	x		Good
Cordy's Pride (Mist Maiden)		x	
Delp's Loye	x		Good
Delp's seedling (No Name)	x		Good
Dreamland	x		Good
Eruption	x		Good
Gigi	x		Good
Helen Fenichia	x		Good
Ingrid Mehlquist		x	
Kalmia Prtistine		x	
Karin Selegar		x	
Manitou		x	
Mother's Day	x		Good
Northern Hi Lights		x	
Northern Hi Lights		x	
Pearce's American Beauty	x		Good
Percy Wiseman	x		Good
Pink Diamond (2 Plants)		x	
Pink Parasol	x		Good
Polarnacht (2 Plants)	x		Good
Purpureum Elegans	x		Good
Ramapo	x		Good
Rosebud	x		Good
Rosebud Pink	x		Good
Rosebud white	x		Good
Skookum (2 Plants)	x		Good
Spellbinder	X		Good
Tapestry	x		Good
Thunder	x		Good
Tri Lights		x	
V6009 (Al Smith plant)	x		Good
Wojnar's Purple	x		Good

**Note:**

1. XIV-21 Put out good new growth, started to wilt & does not look like it will survive.
2. Cherry drops survived the winter well in another garden in St. Catharines.
3. Good in the last column indicates windburn, flowered and new growth was successful.