



# "Niagara Rhodo"

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



**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.

## April 4, 2017 Reminder – April 9, 2017 Plant Sale Discussion

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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*

### Program

**Sunday 2 P.M. April 9, 2017**

**Rittenhouse Hall, Vineland Innovation Research Centre**

**Victoria Avenue, Vineland Station, Just north of the QEW at Victoria Avenue Exit**

**The Topic:** Kevin Kavanagh and Nick Yarmoshuk will present what has become an annual discussion, with a slideshow, of the strengths, weaknesses and usefulness of each variety of rhododendron and azalea available at the Annual Plant Sale. Always a freewheeling session, participants share experiences & techniques in growing these plants, hear about new research and profit from Kevin's detailed knowledge of growing rhododendrons across a wide area of Ontario and from Nick's experiences in St. Catharines and his rhododendron research odysseys.



**Kevin Kavanagh:** Those who have met Kevin will know of his passion for plants and appreciation of nature instilled in him when he was growing up surrounded by forests and wetlands in Quebec's Eastern Townships. His interests in plants of southern regions set in at an early age as he struggled to find ways to overwinter broad leaved Rhododendrons in his parents' backyard where temperatures regularly dipped to -30 F. Today he and his partner reside on 28 acres overlooking wetland bordering Lake Erie. Kevin held full-time positions at World-Wildlife Fund Canada, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada before opening South Coast Gardens in the midst of the rich Carolinian forests of Norfolk County. Kevin holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) from McGill University and an M.Sc. from York University, and undertook several years of post-graduate research in botany, biogeography and plant ecology at the

University of Toronto.



**Nick Yarmoshuk:** Nick has grown rhododendrons and azaleas in St. Catharines since 1975. He claims this genus is easier to grow more reliably than perennials. Perhaps growing more evergreen azaleas and lepidotes than broadleaf rhododendrons accounts for this relative success. Nick is a founding member of the Niagara Region Chapter and has served as Chapter President, President of the Rhododendron Society of Canada, District Director to the ARS Board of Directors and currently is Secretary to the Niagara Region Board of Directors and Chair of the ARS Test & Display Garden Committee.



# "Niagara" 2017 Annual Plant Sale

## Members' Pre-Order form (April 6, 2017)

Plant	Members' Price	Qty.	Plant	Members' Price	Qty.
<b>EVERGREEN AZALEAS</b>			Purple Gem (2 gal)	\$21	
Annamarie (2 gal)	\$17		Ramapo (2 gal)	\$21	
Bixby (2gal)	\$17		Sugar Puff (2 gal)	\$21	
Boudoir x nakahare (2gal)	\$17		<b>LARGE LEAF RHODOS</b>		
Elsie Lee (2gal)	\$17		Catawbiense Boursault (2 gal)	\$24	
Helen Curtis (2gal)	\$17		Catawbiense Grandiflora (2 gal)	\$24	
I'll be damned (2gal)	\$17		Catawbiense Grandiflora (3 gal 40cm)	\$30	
Lake Erie (2gal)	\$17		EINO (3 gal 50 cms)	\$30	
Lake Michigan (2gal)	\$17		ENGLISH ROSEUM (3 gal 50 cms)	\$30	
Lake Ontario (2gal)	\$17		Fantastica (3 gal)	\$30	
Lake St.Claire (2gal)	\$17		Florence Parks (2 gal)	\$24	
Lake Superior (2gal)	\$17		Holden Spring Herald (2 gal)	\$24	
Rene Michelle (2gal)	\$20		Ingrid Melquist (2 gal)	\$24	
Saybrook Glory (2gal)	\$17		Melrose Flash (3 gal 40 cms)	\$30	
Scotia Reef (2 gal)	\$17		Roseum Ekegans (3 gal 50 cms)	\$32	
Scotia Reef (3 gal)	\$17		Roseum Two (3 Gal 50 cms)	\$32	
yedoense POUKHANENSE Species (3 gal)	\$21		Scintillation (3 gal)	\$40	
Zanesville Salmon Flame (2 ga)	\$17		Vineland Fragrance (2 gal)	\$34	
<b>DECIDUOUS AZALEAS</b>			Vineland Fragrance (3 gal)	\$39	
Luteum GOLDEN COMET (2 gal)	\$21		<b>HELLEBORUS</b>		
Molalla Red (2 gal)	\$21		Peppermint Ice	\$17	
Red Demon (2 gal)	\$21		<b>WOODY COMPANIONS</b>		
Rosy Lights (3 gal)	\$24		Beauty Berry Profusion15	\$15	
<b>SMALL LEAF RHODOS</b>			Button Bush `Sugar Shack	`\$17	
Aglo (2 gal)	\$21		Daphne ETERNAL FRAGRANCE (2 gal)	\$28	
Checkmate (2 gal)	\$21		Fothergilla gardenii (2 gal)	\$22	
Cornell Pink (2 gal)	\$21		Pieris SPRING SNOW (3 gal)	\$28	
Karin Seleger (2 gal)	\$21		Ruby Spice Summersweet	\$19	
Patty Bee (3 gal)	\$26		Sciadopitys verticillata (2 gal)	\$35	
PJM ELITE STAR (5 gal)	\$35				

Total number of plants ordered # .....

Please make Cheque (payable to **ARS - Niagara**) \$ .....

\* **Pre - Orders close April 18, 2017**

\* **Pickup** between 9am and 11 am at the Plant Sale, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Vineland Research & Innovation Centre, Victoria Avenue, Vineland Station

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