



# Niagara Rhodo



*Newsletter of the Niagara Chapter, Rhododendron Society of Canada  
District 12, American Rhododendron Society  
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## June 2020 Special Edition!

**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*

## ***A Message from the President***

A couple of weeks ago I went to bulk up my collection of annuals for the summer garden, only to find most places are sold out! And we were still in the month of May! There could be more gardeners like me out there who get energized and buy plants at a faster rate than they can plant, creating a backlog to get into the ground in May/June.

How are you faring with your summer plantings? Are your rhododendrons healthy and beautiful after a rough and prolonged spring? Are you keeping healthy and well?

This summer our Newsletter Editors are offering a summer edition of *Rhodo Niagara*. For some it will help fill the void if you've not been able to visit other gardens, public or private. For others, it might be a point of interest to check out specific plants in other Chapter members' gardens. For a few of us, it has been an opportunity to share with you those special plants which are our pride and joy; albeit through photographs via digital means. Thanks to technology!

There is still time to send in your photographs - don't hesitate, flowering is all too brief. We might issue another edition of *Rhodo Niagara* before the summer ends.

Upon permission, our Chapter Plant Sale finally succeeded in receiving and distributing the plants that were purchased. It was one of the best organized and financially successful plant sales the Chapter has enjoyed. Kudos to the organizers, volunteers, and customers!

*Sondra Meis*

## ***Annual Chapter Plant Sale***

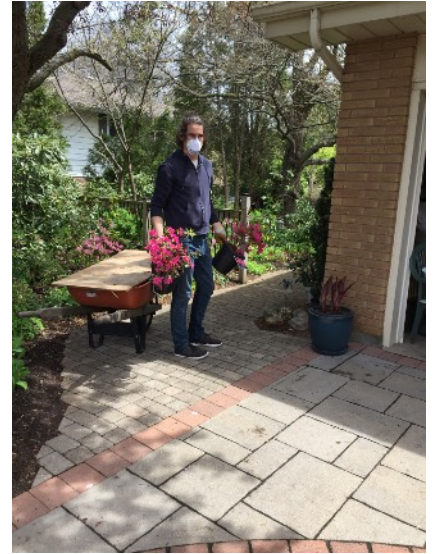
Due to the lockdown, Vineland was no longer available for the plant sale. A huge thank you to Lilli Haworth and Angela Calixto for organizing, to Lili for offering her driveway, and to the other volunteers: Sondra Meis, Tom Laviolette, Stephanie Jocius, Kelvin Devries, Christina Woodward, all of who staggered their schedules to accomodate social distancing.



Unloading the Blue Sky truck



Plants organized into groups in Lil's driveway



Kelvin moving plants



Kelvin, Angela, Stephanie sorting plants by customer orders



Tom and Lillie discussing invoices



Customer's packed trunk



Job done. Sondra, Tom, Angela, Stephanie, Kelvin - keeping the distance.



## *Chapter Members' Gardens*

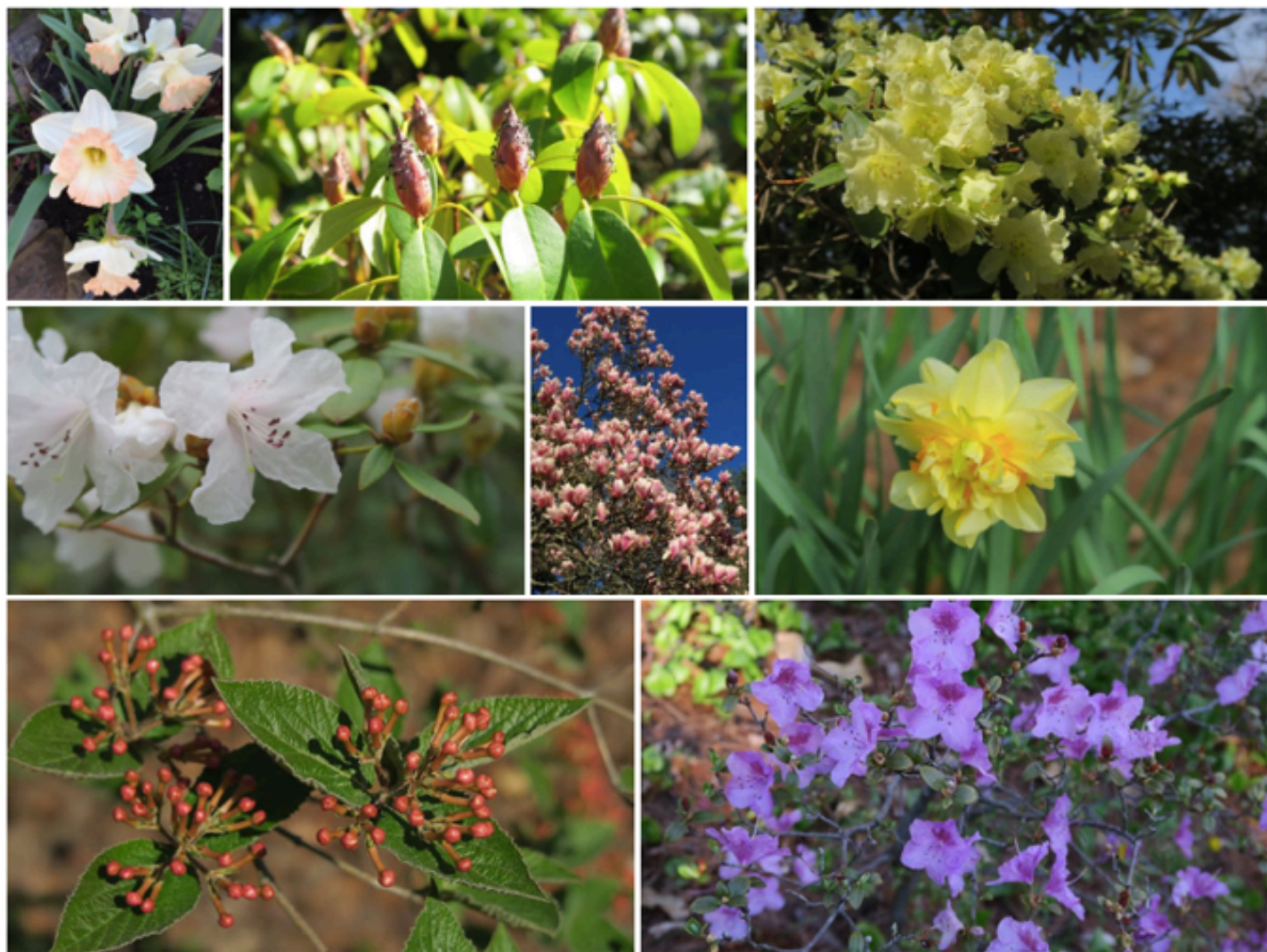
I'm excited to share the panorama on the following pages, submitted as jpegs by Chapter members over the past 7 weeks and then posted to the Chapter's Facebook page. If you don't use Facebook, you can still share in the enjoyment of these beautiful specimens, reproduced on the next pages.

It's a little complicated to move all the information from the Facebook page to this newsletter. If you wish to identify the plants and/or their grower, do visit the Niagara Region Chapter on Facebook. No need to register, just click on the link

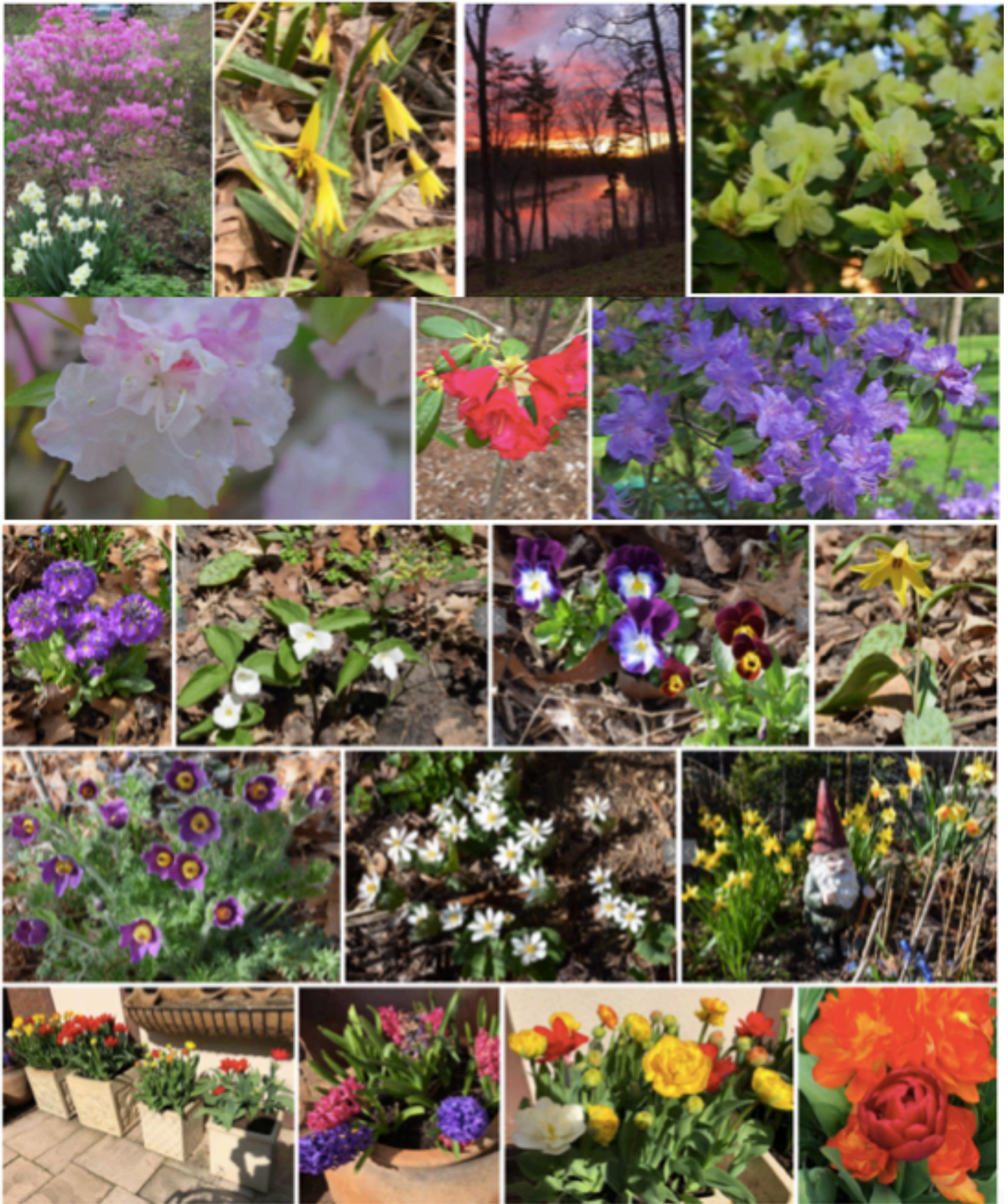
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The most recent "posts" will appear in the central column as you gently scroll down the page. Since I work on 3 separate photo albums (Chapter Members' Gardens, Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, and The Riverwood Conservancy) click on the album titles you wish to view. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need a hand ([canadacaw@yahoo.ca](mailto:canadacaw@yahoo.ca)) - Christina Woodward

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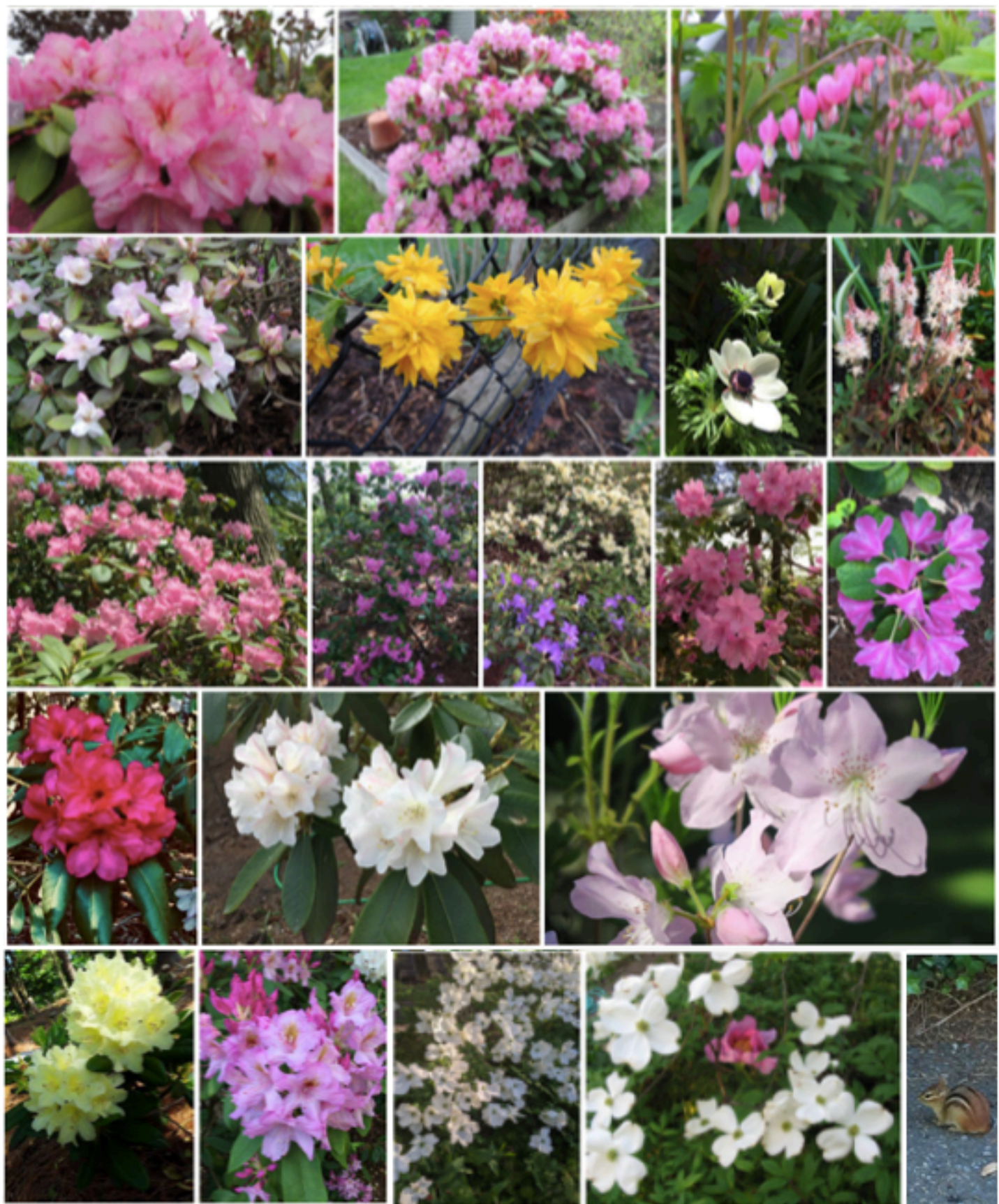




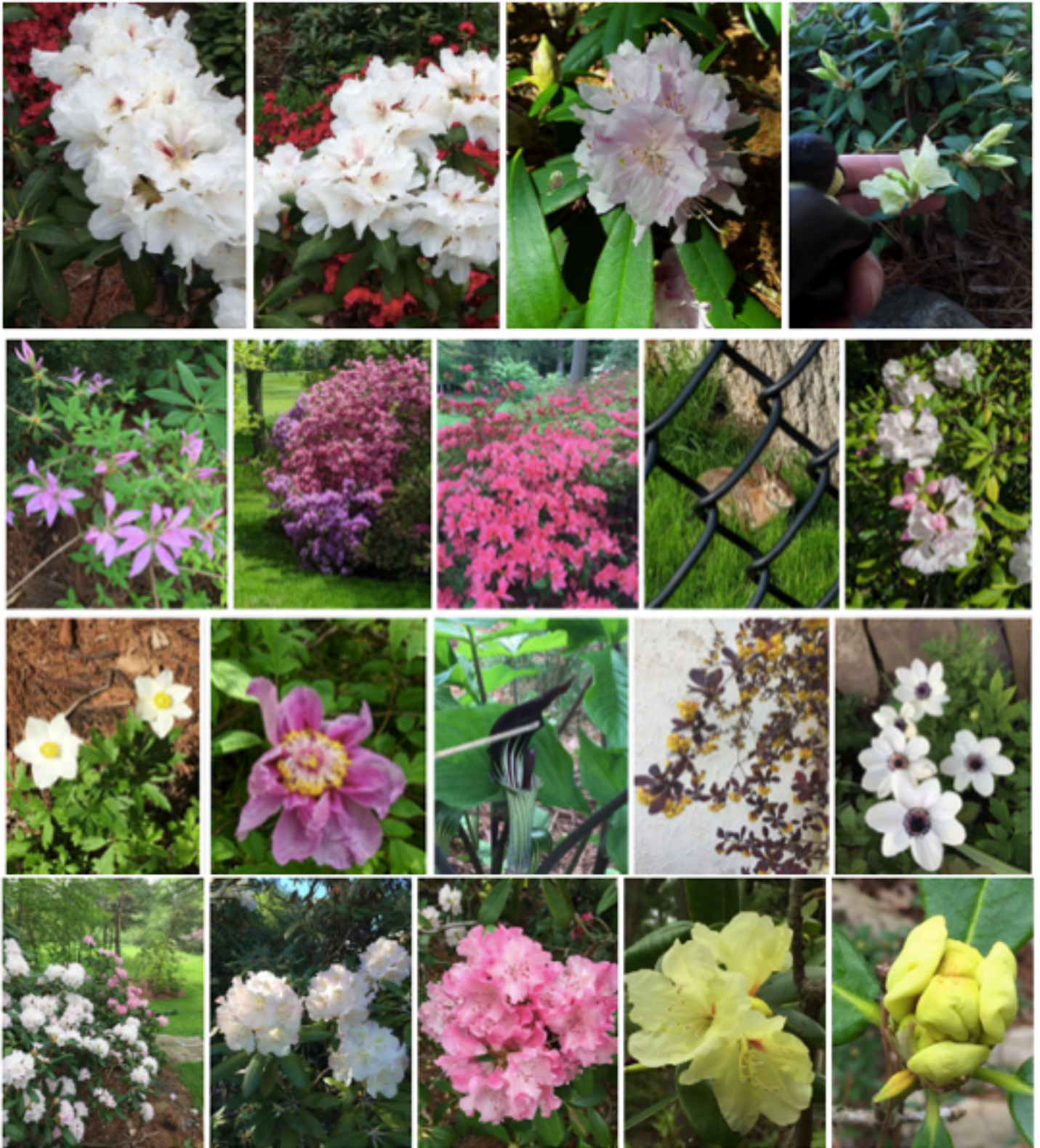
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That was May.

A huge thank you to all those who took part in this little project. You're photographs were splendid and I hope you feel, as I do, that we enjoyed a special invitation into your gardens. Maybe others will venture to photograph their June/July garden treasures and treat us to further delights.

God willing, we will see one another soon enough. Enjoy the next months, stay well!