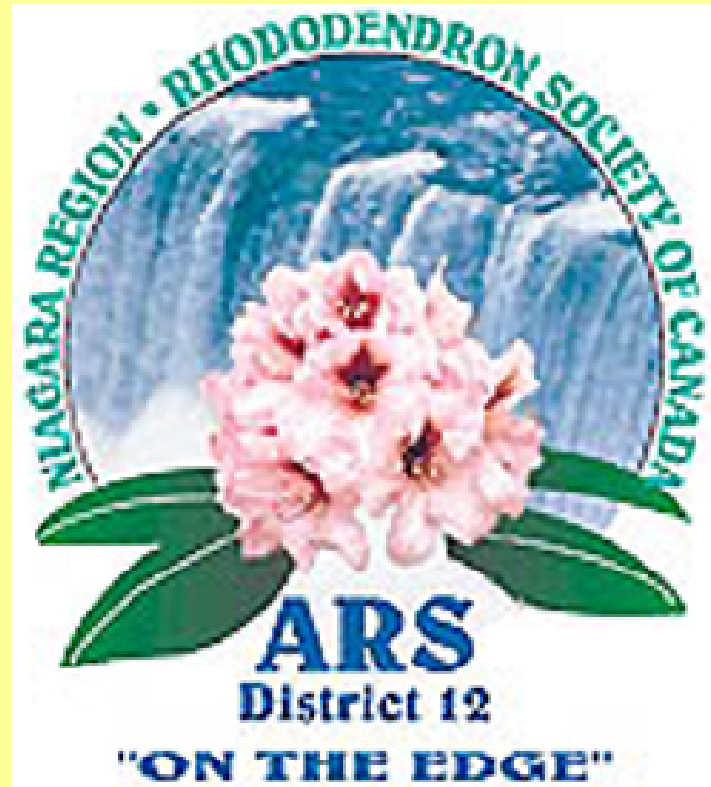


2008 Annual Plant Sale



Saturday, April 19, 2008 10 a.m.

Main Garage, HRIO (Vineland Research & Innovation Centre)

Victoria Avenue – Vineland, Ontario

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Rhododendron dauricum 'Arctic Pearl' (Baldsiefen)



Salem, NH

S & J Perkins

ARCTIC PEARL - A form of R. dauricum. Snow white, very hardy, upright growth habit, blooms early in the spring, fast growth rate. 3-4 ft tall. Hardy to -25F. As with most lepidotes, R. dauricum performs better when planted in good sun. Aside from its need for sun, R. dauricum is a tough, undemanding, excellent rhododendron, attractive all year and spectacular in early April when we need something bright bursting into full bloom. One would expect this to bloom at the same time as Cornell Pink.

Rhododendron 'Blue Baron' (Mezitt)



BLUE BARON - (Gletschernacht x Waltham), A light purple is predominant flower colour. Foliage is glossy near blue. Foliage turns bronze in winter. Very hardy, compact growth. Early midseason. 3 ft tall x 2 ft wide. Hardy -10F to -15F

Rhododendron 'Checkmate' (Mezitt)



CHECKMATE - A compact form of the famous PJM, requires a minimum of maintenance and is well suited for the smaller garden. lavender pink flowers with dark mahogany winter foliage. Blooms cover the plant in early spring. 2 ft tall x 2 ft wide. Hardy -20F to -25F. Very suitable for the small garden.

Rhododendron 'Consolini's Windmill' (Consolini)

Crop failure — variety is not available



CONSOLINI's WINDMILL - This is a stunning picotee-type flower, a multicolored red with a broad longitudinal white band in each lobe with yellowish green speckles on the upper lobe. Midseason bloom. Prefers partial shade. 5 ft x 5 ft. Hardy to -15F. A fast grower with good habit and shiny foliage; does best in a site with dappled shade. Always a sensation in bloom.

Blue Jay

A ponticum seedling

A ponticum hybrid. Blooming late in the season, the lavender-blue flowers with a dark blotch is an attention grabber in the garden. In shade, it tends to sprawl and get leggy but regular pruning helps keep this habit in check. Give it plenty of room to grow.



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VERNUS - A Shammarello / Leach hybrid is probably the first large-leaved rhododendron to flower in the spring, and it's a beauty with star-shaped shell pink flowers, each with a dark red blotch. Plants are sun tolerant, vigorous, and cold hardy. Upright open habit. 5' x 5' after 20 years. Hardy to -25F.

Rhododendron 'Chionoides' (Waterer)



CHIONOIDES - A ponticum hybrid. White. green spotting in throat. Shrubby, evergreen "ironclad" rhododendron with medium narrow leaves. Blooms late midseason. Prefers partial shade. Hardy -20F to -25F



Rhododendron 'Chionoides' (Waterer)

Sally and John Perkins



CORNELL PINK - Rh. Macronulatum Cornel Pink. A blaze of wonderful eye catching pink in the early garden. The color is a pure phlox pink without any trace of lavender. It opens deep pink and matures to a soft, pale pink. Blooms at about the same time as PJM and in some cases a week earlier. In St.Catharines 4 ft tall x 3 ft wide after 20 years. Prefers well watered conditions with sharp drainage. The pinky lavender blooms of Rhododendron Macronulatum make an excellent compliment to the earliest of spring blooming bulbs, especially deep blues like *Scilla siberica* and *Chionodoxa* (glory of the snow), as well as yellows like *Aconite* and *Narcissus February Gold*. The leaves are small and they turn shades of red and yellow in the fall. However the plant is totally deciduous. In the spring, when in full bloom, Cornell Pink is totally leafless, giving a nice airy effect and showing the blossoms to maximum effect. This variety is very rarely available.



CUNNINGHAM'S WHITE - caucasicum x ponticum, white flowers with greenish yellow blotch. Buds flushed with pink. Dark green foliage. Mid season. 3- ft tall x 4 ft wide. Prefer some shade, but require bright light to bloom well. Hardy to -25F



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Cunningham's White – Plant habit



EDITH BOSLEY – (Dexter Bosley #1035 x Lee's Dark Purple). Deep purple flowers with purplish black markings. Blooms in mid season. 4ft tall x 4 ft wide. Performs in partial to full shade. Hardy to -25F



Rhododendron 'Fantastica' (Hachmann)



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FANTASTICA - Hachman, a plant breeder in Germany, has been described as probably the world's best rhododendron hybridizer. This consistently reliable cultivar, relatively new to North America, is a prolific bloomer. It performs well in the harsh climate of southern New Hampshire.



HOT SHOT - An evergreen azalea, Girard's Hot Shot has large, 3" ruffled orangey-red flowers that cover this plant in mid May! It's habit is dense and compact with green foliage turning to orange-red in the fall. Prefers very well drained soil and bright light. 2-3 ft tall x 2-3 feet wide. Evergreen azaleas tend to be heat tolerant but do require moisture and well drained conditions. The bright coloured reds provide a striking shot of colour in the garden, especially if 2 or 3 are massed together.

Rhododendron 'Ingrid Mehlquist' (Mehlquist)



INGRID MEHLQUIST - An exceptional Yak hybrid developed by Gus Mehlquist of the University of Connecticut. In late midseason (later than most other Yaks), clusters of large pink buds open to ball-shaped trusses containing 20 or more pure white blooms. Just as attractive is the foliage, which is deep green and convex, with light indumentum below. Compact, well-branched habit. Very floriferous at a young age. 2' x 3'. **HARDY TO -25F**

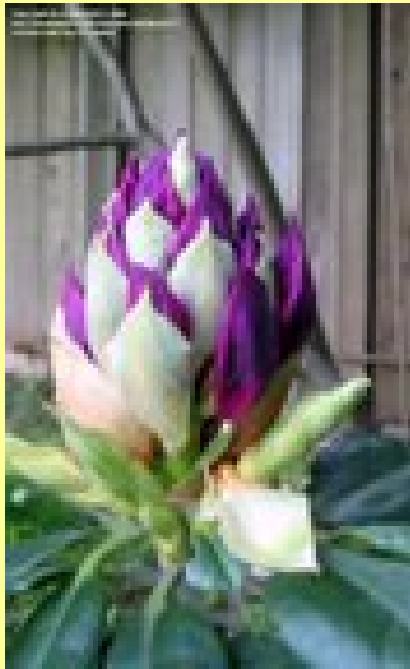
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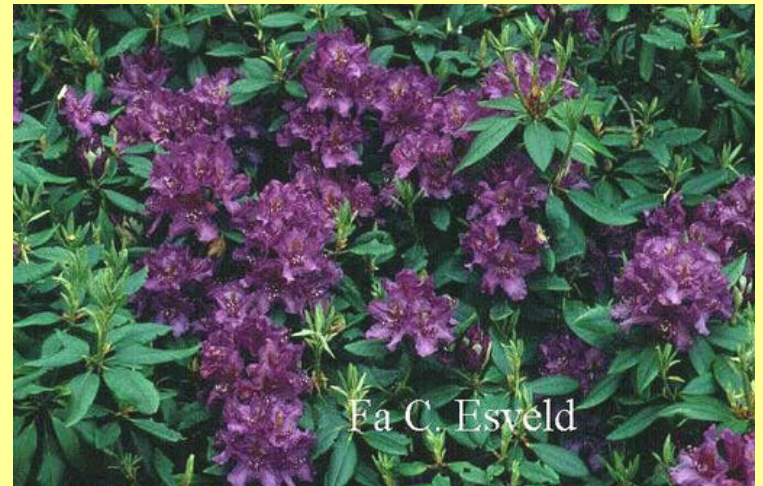
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Ingrid Mehlquist – Young plant habit – blooms at an early age.



**Lee's
Dark
Purple**



Fa C. Esveld



LEE'S DARK PURPLE - catawbiense x unknown. Very dark purple buds, dense trusses of violet-purple flowers enhanced by brownish blotches. Lovely, dark purple flowers in late May surrounded by large, waxy, glossy dark green leaves, with slight waviness. Erect compactly branched broad mound. Prefers site with morning sun and afternoon shade. Moderate grower to 6 feet high, 6 to 8 feet wide. Hardy to -15F



VERNUS - Plant habit



Rhododendron 'Wojnar's Purple' (Mehlquist)

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WOJNAR'S PURPLE -
Parentage unknown, though usually assumed to contain Rh Ponticum Rh catawbiense or both. Leaves are slightly rolled, four to seven inches long on a compact spreading shrub only three to four feet tall in ten years. Vivid reddish purple flowers occur in trusses of a dozen to twenty florets. Each floret has a darker purple-red blotch on the dorsal petal. Each petal is slightly pointed & smooth-edged. The plant is considered to be a very hardy Ironclad. It likes bright shade but can tolerate full sun with just a little protection during the hottest days of summer. It's cold-hardy to minus -20 F.



Deciduous Azaleas

Deciduous azaleas grow well in very bright light to full sun but they need sharp drainage and good watering during hot spells.

These plants lose their leaves in the winter after providing a fine display of foliage colour. They perform very well in St. Catharines.

In the spring or in the pot, when they are first obtained, they appear to be long sticks with buds. Once they leaf out and come to bloom, the effect is breathtaking in the brilliance and size of blooms.

Grouped together and planted on 3 foot centers with deciduous azaleas of different colours they create a delightful bright kaleidoscope in the May garden. These plants are hardy in Southern Ontario.



MANDARIN LIGHTS – A deciduous azalea of the Northern Light series developed by Harold Pellet at the University of Minnesota. Probably the best performing of the Northern light series. Requires very bright light to full sun. These plants lose their leaves in the winter after providing a fine display of foliage colour. In the spring or in the pot, when they are first obtained, they appear to be long sticks with buds These plants are hardy to -30F.

Rhododendron 'Mary Fleming' (Nearing)



Salem, NH

S & J Perkins

MARY FLEMING - A Nearing hybrid [(racemosum) X (keiskei)] X [(keiskei)] . Yellowish - Salmon two-toned flowers are very attractive. Early to mid season blooming. FULL SUN required to get the best performance. Small leaves about 1" long are bronze when new growth. 3 ft tall in 20 years. Hardy to -15F.

Rhododendron 'Midnight Ruby' (Mezitt)



MIDNIGHT RUBY - A Mezitt, Weston Nursery introduction ('Olga' x PJM Group). Red-purple, yellowish eye. Compact growing; almost black-bronze winter foliage. Compact upright habit. Early season bloom. 2 ft tall x 3 ft wide. Does well in full sun to partial shade. Hardy to -25F.



MILKY WAY - Commonly called "Marsh Tea" or "Wild Rosemary" it grows well in peat bogs, preferring moist soil in full shade. It is hardy to Zone 2, ranging from northern North America to northern Europe and Asia. Five petaled Flowers, 1/2 inch across, in white, cream or rose appear from spring until early summer. They are held in rounded, terminal "corymbs", 2 inches across. CONTINUED . .



MILKY WAY - 'Milky Way' covers itself with rounded trusses of pure white flowers in mid-spring. While each individual saucer-shaped flower is small, they are grouped in six or seven individual trusses containing up to 20 flowers each. The attractive evergreen foliage is deep green with woolly indumentum on the lower surface and young stems. 'Milky Way' is a tough and adaptable plant, but performs best in a moist, well-aerated organic soil in sun or light shade. Hardy to -30F. *R. tomentosum* forms a bushy, erect to spreading evergreen, usually rounded shrub, up to 3 feet high and wide.



MOTHER'S DAY - A Kurume azalea hybrid derived from 'Honode-giri,' with bright crimson flowers even- very small-leaves. Flowers are doubles and hose-inhose. A lovely sight when in full bloom. Does well in full sun. Kurumes tend to be upright twiggy azaleas with dense evergreen leaves & small flowers. They're cold-hardy & most Kurumes like about half shade, half sun, though the 'Mother's Day' azalea is fond of full sun in zones that aren't too warm, though it will certainly tolerate some shade.



MOTHER'S DAY - Plant habit. This photo was taken in May. Kurume evergreen azaleas have done well after 20 years in a garden in St. Catharines. The ideal condition would be moist well-drained acidic soil in temperate weather, but it is forgiving of conditions less than ideal just so long as the soil isn't alkaline or too dry or salty or the location too windy. Blooms from mid April to Mid May. This photo was taken in April.



STEWARTSTONIAN - A evergreen azalea Gable introduction for which the plant parents are unknown. A dense compact small leafed plant with a compact habit with 3/4" long, glossy, green tinged red, wine red in winter. In St. Catharines has never failed to bloom and is 3 ft tall x 2 ft wide after 20 years. Bright yet dark red leaves are eye popping when in full bloom. hardy to -15F.

**Cultivars Provided
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Nettle Creek Nursery Fonthill, Ontario

Prices are shown on description of each cultivar



Deciduous Azalea: 'My Mary' (R.'Nacooch' x R. austrinum). Brilliant yellow flower with orange tube, no markings, tubular funnel-shaped, wavy lobes, 2-1/2" across, fragrant. Conical trusses hold up to 25 flowers. Blooms early midseason. Leaves near narrowly obovate to elliptic, 1-1/4" long, deciduous. Attractive, compact habit. Grows to 5 ft. in 10 yrs. Hardy to 0°F (-18°C). Insect and disease resistant. Hybridized by Beasley. Price \$20 (Large plant and well budded) Limited quantities available)



Deciduous Azalea Trilights: A Pellett, University of MN, introduction. The flowers, white with a pink tinge and a yellow center appear in May and last until early June. As all Azaleas, Tri-Lights prefers bright light and well drained soil that is rich in organic material. Has shown good resistance to powdery mildew. Burgundy leaf colour is attractive in the fall. Flower buds hardy to -30°F. Price \$25 (A large plant and well budded) Limited quantities available.



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ANNA H. HALL – a Leach elepidote. (*R. yakushimanum* x '*Catawbiense Album*'). White flowers open in midseason from bright pink buds. Very cold hardy; blooms well in New England and the Midwest. A rounded plant with indumentum (fuzzy growth) on the undersides of the foliage. 3' x 3'. Hardy to -25° Price \$15



APRIL MIST – lepidote. Beautiful double flowers, open white with a mauve edge. Tall, dense plant habit. 4-5 ft tall at maturity. Booms early in season. Hardy to -25°F.

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Rhododendron 'Crete' (Lancaster)



Salem, NH

S & J Perkins

CRETE – elepidote. One of the most popular yakushmanum hybrids for commercial production. Buds are purplish pink, as are the flowers at first; they soon turn white. Early-midseason bloom. Silvery tomentum (fuzz on the top of the leaf) on the new growth; beige indumentum (permanent fuzz on the bottom of the leaf) on the undersides of the leaves. Low-mounding habit. 4' x 5'. Hardy to -25°F) Price \$15



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Rhododendron 'Molly Fordham' (Mezitt)



Lowell, MA

S & J Perkins

MOLLY FORDHAM a Mezitt hybrid ('Balta' x minus var. minus Carolinianum Group)
Resembles a white PJM-type rhododendron, but covered with trusses of exceptional white flowers and set off by dark green and glossy foliage that holds its colour in winter. It comes into bloom just as PJM finishes. Growth habit is compact and upright. 4' x 4'. As with all lepidotes, provide sharp drainage. Hardy (-20° to -25°F) *Price \$12*



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Londonerry, NH

S & J Perkins

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