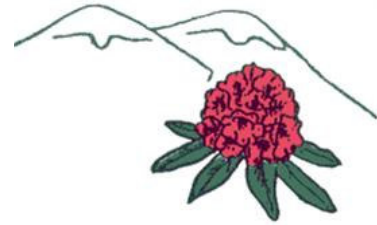


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DON'T FORGET THE WINDUP POT LUCK

27th June 4pm

Barbara Kulla wants everyone to know that there will be a Plant Auction again at the windup on Sat. June 27th at her home. "If you will be donating your exotic or rare or particularly beautiful plant, please let me know as soon as possible as I need to make a list of plants to keep track of purchases," she said. Only the first 15 plants offered will be accepted for the auction.

e-mail address is: bkulla@shaw.ca
307 Crescent Rd. W.

There is parking for three cars on a pad on Crescent at the west end of the lot. There is parking for four in the back driveway off Poplar Avenue. Otherwise the best place to park is on the verge of Poplar which is the equivalent of a back lane for the Kullas. In either case enter through the gate.

Barbara says she has 18 outdoor chairs, so if toting a chair is a problem, phone her at 250-752-7396 to reserve one or two.

She mentioned there are still a few things left over from the May 10th dinner at Linda's and these will be on display at Barbara's. These are: a blue plastic tray, a blue plate or round platter, a large ceramic dish, two ceramic dishes and a dinner knife. Bring your own garden chairs, plates cutlery, something to drink and Pot Luck to share.

The early part of the afternoon is the Annual Bean Bag Toss. Later we have our Pot Luck and Plant Auction.

Come and enjoy the party.

MARS Meetings

Qualicum Beach Civic Center
2nd Wednesday of the month
7:30 pm

MARS

20th Anniversary Dinner

Milner Gardens

Wed, 5 Aug 2009

The cost of the buffet dinner will be \$30 a plate, which includes taxes and gratuities. The club will subsidize each member \$12- club members will pay \$18 per person.

Set up and take down for the dinner will be paid for by MARS as will the liquor licence to allow BYOB at the dinner.

Buffet menu will be determined in consultation with Carol Hansen- MARS member and Milner Chef.

John England

NEXT Meeting 9th September

We all take a rest in the summer and enjoy the gardens.

Events

Milner Gardens

Art & Photography in the Garden

July 18 & 19, 2009

10:00am to 5:00pm (last entry at 4:30pm)

Meet, mingle and be inspired by local artists at work. Artists will be painting, sketching, carving and photographing the beauty of this Artist's Garden. Bonsai artists and potters, and live music.

Tea Room opens early from 11:00am to 4:00pm for assorted homemade soups and scones. Silent auction of artists' work in support of the gardens.

FMI 250-752-6153 or www.milnergardens.org

Comox Garden Tour

The Comox Valley Horticultural Society is mounting a two-day garden tour on June 13 and 14 that may interest MARS members. Called Gardens in Bloom, it includes 10 gardens from Union Bay, Royston, Comox and Courtenay. Local artist Brian Scott and some of his friends will be painting in several of the gardens. Tickets are \$15 and include a map, although a good area map is also recommended. Tickets are available at Art Knapp, The Plant Collector and Home and Garden Gate in Courtenay, The Blue Heron or Country Gardener in Comox. For more information call Isabel Petch at 250-338-4047.

Party Recipe Favourite

Spinach Loaf

1 round loaf

1 cup mayonnaise

2 – 8 oz. Cream Cheese

¼ cup chopped green onion

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

1 garlic clove, crushed

½ tsp. Dill weed

1 cup crumbled bacon

1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach (well drained)

Pepper

Mix all ingredients together adding the spinach last. Cut off top of loaf, hollow out, saving pieces for dipping. Stuff and replace top.

Wrap in foil, bake @ 325° for 2 hours.

Use bread tuffs, crackers and/or veggies for dipping.



Congratulations Harry.

Harry Wright with his wife Gwen holding his silver medal certificate.

Sorry for any inconvenience due to incorrect information which was included in the magazine. North Island Club was started first and then MARS was set up.



MARS GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 13th May, 2009

MEETING AT: 7:30 pm. at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Minutes of the general meeting appeared in the Rhodovine and were approved.

REFRESHMENTS: Anne Gutsche and Marlys Diamond

GUESTS: Sheila Irving

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. John England welcomed Doug and Rita Poole who rejoined MARS after several years' absence. John also passed along a tip from Ann Gutsche to owners of the rhododendron, Jingle Bells. Spray it with water before deadheading and it won't stick to your fingers.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Sooke Philharmonic Society sent a poster about its June 7 Secret Garden Tour. The Rhododendron Species Foundation in Federal Way thanked MARS for the 2009 fees and reminded members planning a visit to take along their MARS membership card and they will be admitted free.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Ansdell reported a healthy bank account after three successful events, the Rhodo Show, Oceanside Sale and Garden Tour. He promised a final accounting at the June windup.

WAYS AND MEANS: The door prize was R. yak by R. Fayette. Other prizes were R. Hansel, R. Unique Marmalade, R Bambino, R Moonstone.

ELECTION: The May meeting also saw the election of the new executive for 2009-10. Brenda Moore presented the slate, which is: President, John England; Vice President, Ann DeBrincat; Secretary, Marilyn Dawson; Treasurer, Tony Ansdell. Don Brigden and Ann Robertson were elected as new directors for a two-year term. Velda Rhodes and Dan Schwarz each have another year as directors. Linda Derkach and Art Lightburn are directors-at-large for a one-year term.

GARDEN TOUR: Linda Derkach thanked everyone who participated in the Garden Tour on Mother's Day Weekend. The tour went off again without a hitch. She also mentioned that there will be a Master Gardeners program offered in Parksville this fall.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. John England announced that the annual windup party is set for Saturday, June 27 at 4 pm at Ken and Barbara Kulla's home on West Crescent. There will be the bean bag game on the back lawn and the auction of a few plants. At this point, Terry Richmond moved that the auction not be held, because we had had enough fundraisers this year, but a show of hands heartily indicated the auction will go on. 2. Ann Robertson reported that name tags for new members will be available at the June party. 3. John England outlined plans for the 20th Anniversary Party. It will be held at Milner Gardens on August 5, a buffet dinner at 6 pm. Weather permitting it will be outside. The cost to non-members is \$30 each including taxes and tip. Members will pay \$18 each, the rest being subsidized by MARS. It is BYOB, but MARS will pay for the liquor license, the setup and cleanup. Members should bring flashlights for Milner has no night lighting.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Geophysicist Ted Irving, who retired in 1992 from the Pacific Geoscience Centre of the Geological Survey of Canada, talked about how climates and plate tectonics changed where rhododendrons are found. He noted that rhodos occur in fairly isolated pockets in western continents, but lots of species were found in parts of Asia. His lecture about continental drift brought lots of questions from the audience.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9.30 pm
John England, President
Marilyn Dawson, Secretary





Editors Corner

All these lovely Rhodo photos were taken by our Susan Lightburn when she and Art went on their recent travels to gardens including Bill Stipe's garden and Hybridizer Frank Fujioka's garden. Have a wonderful Summer, including our Wind up Party and 20th Anniversary Dinner.