

Garden Tour 2009

The weather was perfect in view of the heat wave that was to follow later in the week. The gardens were at their best with the proud homeowners welcoming their enthusiastic guests. Many visitors commented on how nice it was to be able to park once and walk the route.....a great 'green' theme!

Raffle tickets were sold at the O'Neil garden and winner was Coni O'Neil. Number of tickets sold will be announced at the September meeting which will happen the Wednesday before the Labor Day weekend this year.....earlier than many would expect.

Thank You

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The owner's of the gardens on the tour will receive special recognition and appreciation at the September 2 meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER to return Garden Tour signs at September's meeting.

Faye Kilpatrick

PICNIC RECAP



As forecast, August 16th dawned bright and sunny and was the perfect day for the return of our BRAGS picnic.

Approximately 30 members and their guests arrived at the garden of Helen and Rodney Vaughan to spend a few hours of visiting and feasting on a wide variety of dishes. The only unwelcome visitors were the many wasps who also enjoyed the food!

A big thank you to Helen and Rodney for being such gracious hosts.

See you next year!

Cheryl Fiddis



*Thank You,
Thank You.*



BRAGS would like to thank our June speaker, Fred Wein, for introducing us the wonderful world of clematis.

Extensive list of clematis and hints are available at www.homeofclematis.net.

The shop opens from mid-April to early June; call 604-532-4070 for details.

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Monthly Meeting

features digital slideshow

"Burnaby Garden Tour 2009"

Rhododendron Basics: Root Weevil

(part 3)

source: A.L. Antonelli, Ph.D., Washington State University Extension entomologist, WSU Puyallup, and R.L. Campbell, Ph.D., WSU Research entomologist, retired.

Root weevils are the most important pests of rhododendrons and azaleas in the Pacific Northwest. About a dozen kinds of root weevils attack these plants, but only three cause serious damage: the obscure root weevil, (*Sciopithes obscures*), black vine weevil (*Otiorhynchus sulcatus*), and woods weevil (*Nemocestes incomptus*).

The obscure root weevil (5-7 mm) is brown, displaying a wavy brown line across the back near the rear. The black vine weevil (9 mm) is about 9 millimeters long often with small flecks of yellow or white. The woods weevil (5-7 mm) is light to dark brown with gray spots on its back.

Larvae of all species of root weevils are very similar in appearance. They are legless white grubs with brown heads. The pupa, white in color, is about the same size as the adult. It is very soft and has the outline of the parts of the adult weevil.

Weevils overwinter as adults (inactive during cold weather) or as larvae in the soil. In late May and June *Otiorhynchus* larvae change to pupae, which are inactive and do not feed. Transformation to the adult stage occurs in June and July. Adults feed on plant foliage and begin to lay eggs 3 to 4 weeks after emergence. Obscure root weevil adults emerge beginning in August and are more numerous from August to October. As larvae emerge from the eggs, they burrow into the soil to feed on roots.

Woods weevil has a life history very similar to the other root weevils except the different stages of growth overlap. It is possible to find adults, eggs, larvae, and pupae all at one time in one location; however, a major peak in adult numbers occurs in late autumn.

Mechanical Control. Apply bands of sticky material to the trunk of the shrub to keep weevils down. Weevils are night feeders. They generally move to the trunk, or any other access to the foliage, the following evening. If a sticky band is present, they either will not cross it or may become trapped in it. This technique is less effective where taller plants overhang the rhododendrons. Indications are that prolonged use of this material on bare bark may be somewhat damaging. Snugly fitting a strip of polyethylene (Visqueen) around the trunk and applying the sticky material to the strip can avoid potential problems.

Biological control. Various insect killing nematodes are available for control of immature root weevils as a soil drench. Limited data relative to the success of this technique is available; however, it is available for your use should you want to try it. They are best used when soil temperatures are 52°F or above (usually late summer to early fall). Also nematodes should be applied to soil previously saturated with water and should never be applied in direct sunlight, as UV light kills them quickly.

Out and About

Farmers' Markets:

Wednesday until October 21:

3 – 7 p.m. Thornton Park across from the VIA Rail Station and near the Main St Skytrain Station, Vancouver.

Saturdays until October 10:

9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Trout Lake, Victoria Dr & E 15th Ave, Vancouver

Saturdays until October 24:

- 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. outside City Hall, Burnaby.
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 1100 Block of Comox Street across from Nelson Park at Mole Hill, Vancouver.
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lonsdale Quay, North Vancouver.

Sundays until September 27:

11am - 3pm, Gastown, 200 Block of Carrall Street - between Water and Cordova.

Sundays until October 25:

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Belevue Ave, between 13th and 14th, West Vancouver.
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 10th Avenue and Larch Street, Parking Lot of Kitsilano Community Centre
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dogwood Pavilion parking lot (Poirer and Winslow Streets), Coquitlam. Events:
September 20 - Kids Day and Kids Market
September 27- Pie Contest
October 25 - Halloween Celebration

September 6 - 7, Saturday: 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.:

Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Flower Show, Van Dusen Floral Hall & Cedar Room. to 4 p.m. Information: Wally Kurth 604-536-6878 wally_kurth@telus.net or Carola Goetz 778-885-5366 lolasjem@gmail.com

September 12, Saturday 10 a.m.: Bird Walk, meet at Van Dusen Garden entrance. Join Jeremy Gordon from Nature Vancouver for a beginners' birding exploration in the Garden. Rain or shine. Limited to the first 20 people. Free for Members or with Garden admission. For more information on Nature Vancouver, visit www.naturevancouver.ca

September 12-13, Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m & Sunday: 10 a.m.

- 4 p.m.: Pt. Grey Chrysanthemum Association Show of Early Varieties at Van Dusen Garden. Information: Marie Ogryzlo 604-261-9219 ogryzlo@chem.ubc.ca

September 17-18, 2009, 11 a.m.–6 pm, UBC Botanical Garden Annual Sale with a wide selection of indoor plants, including kitchen herbs, cacti, hanging plants, flowering potted plants, and orchids. 6804 SW Marine, Phone: 604-822-9666. More information at www.ubcbotanicalgarden.org/

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Refreshments

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Speakers

Heather MacKay
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September 20, Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m., Alpine Garden Club of B.C. Fall Pot Sale at Van Dusen Floral Hall, Information: Linda Verbeek 604-526-6656 beekbos@vcn.bc.ca

September 20, Sunday, 12 – 3 p.m., Medicine Wheel Ceremony at the First Nations' Medicine Wheel in the Canadian Heritage Garden. You are invited to join elders from the First Nations community in a spiritual ceremony to mark the changing of the season. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather, bring a small stone to bless and leave at the wheel as well as a food item to share at the pot luck meal at the conclusion of the ceremony. Information: Contact VanDusen's Librarian Marina Princz at library@vandusen.org or 604-257-8668.

September 26, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: VanDusen's Annual Compost and Spring Bulb Sale in the parking lot from \$5 for a 20kg bag of compost or bag your own for the same price. While picking up your compost, why not add a few bulbs to your purchase. Wide selection available. Sorry, no pre-orders.

September 27, Sunday: HSBC VanDusen Family Program, Plant Detectives – Seeds and Leaves for families with children age 4 - 11. How and why do seeds travel? Investigate 'helicopters', 'passengers', 'floaters' and more. Discover why leaves change colour and fall and investigate the magic of autumn. Two sessions: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Price: Member Family \$10, Non-Member Family \$20 (includes admission to the Garden). One-time bursaries are available for families with limited resources. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required by calling 604-718-5898 or familyprograms@vandusen.org

October 3-4, Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Dried Flower Sale in Van Dusen Entrance Pavilion. Sale of dried flower centre pieces for Thanksgiving and autumn wreaths of vibrant Fall colours made from materials gathered in the Garden.

October 17 – 18, Saturday 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.: Fraser Valley Orchid Society 2009 Show & Sale at George Preston Recreation Centre (42nd Ave and 207th St, Langley, BC). Admission \$7. Fraser Valley Orchid Society is also hosting Canadian Orchid Congress Annual Meeting and Symposium. Friday night Pre-View Dinner Tickets (\$13.00 per person) please e-mail Monica at tickets@orchidbc.ca. For more information about the show, symposium, and pre-order from vendors check www.canadianorchidcongress.ca/agm09.html

October 24-25, Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Dried Flower Sale in Van Dusen Entrance Pavilion. Sale of dried flower topiaries, wreaths, bouquets and arrangements made from materials gathered in the Garden.

October 25, Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Vancouver Mycological Society Mushroom Show, Floral Hall, Admission \$3. Information: Brian Didier 604-619-5060 brian.didier@telus.net

October 31 – November 1, Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Pt. Grey Chrysanthemum Association Show of Late Varieties, Information: Marie Ogryzlo 604-261-9219 ogryzlo@chem.ubc.ca

