

NRS Thirteenth Annual Truss Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7 Centennial Building Beban Park

This is our opportunity to familiarize the public with rhododendrons. Bring as many entries as you can to demonstrate the full variety of sizes, foliage & flowers that are available. The entry classes are the same as last year:

1. **Red hybrids** (e.g., 'Malahat', 'Taurus'); 2. **Blotch/flare hybrids** (e.g., 'Scintillation');
3. **Pink hybrids** (e.g., 'Cotton Candy'); 4. **White hybrids** (e.g., 'Loder's White');
5. **Salmon/orange hybrids** (e.g., 'September Song'); 6. **Purple/blue hybrids** (e.g., 'Blue Ridge');
7. **Yellow hybrids** (e.g., 'Haida Gold'); 8. **Alpine species** (e.g., *R. impeditum*);
9. **Azaleas** (truss or spray) e.g. *R. schlippenbachii*; 10. **Hammerhead truss**-truss formed from two or more buds; 11. **Scented hybrid or species rhododendron (not azalea)**: (e.g., 'Loderi', *edgeworthii*)
12. **Elepidote species** (e.g., *catawbiense*); 13 **Lepidote species** (e.g., *augustinii*);
14. **Lax truss** (e.g., Cinnkeys); 15. **Foliage** (plant not in bloom, interesting foliage).

Trophies are awarded for **Best in Show, People's Choice**, best **Hammerhead** and the best **Scented** species or hybrid rhododendron.

To allow time for judging before the sale opens, this year we are accepting trusses on Friday evening between 7 and 9 p.m. and on Saturday morning before 7:30 a.m. We still need volunteers to assist with the truss show and plant sale. It helps to have a number of people filling bottles with water and placing the trusses on the tables from 7 – 9 p.m. on Friday evening or from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. Bring your trusses for the show, do your shopping from 9 - 10 a.m. before the public arrives and then you can assist with the plant sale. Call Craig Clarke (390-4090) for details. Invite your friends and neighbours to the show and remind them that there will be a number of specialty growers offering many exceptional rhododendrons and other perennials & ***Admission is free!***

Truss Show Regulations

1. Eligibility

-Exhibits will be accepted from members of the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society and non-members approved by the show committee.

-All members of a household will be considered to be one exhibitor.

2. Entries

-All entries shall have been grown by the exhibitor for at least 6 months and primarily cared for by the competitor.

-Only 1 entry in each class per exhibitor. Duplicates are encouraged and will be for display only.

3 Definitions

1) **Species**: Botanically identified plants originating from seeds or cuttings.

2) **Hybrid**: Plants resulting from crossbreeding of more than one species, hybrid, or combination thereof.

3) **Truss**: a single rachis. i.e., all flowers coming from one bud.

4) **Spray**: Multi-stems emerging from a single stem.

5) **Hammerhead**: Truss with multiple rachis emanating from a single terminal.

4. Exhibitors

Shall make an effort to accurately identify the exhibits.

Entries will be accepted from 7 – 9 p.m. on Friday and from 6:30 -7:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Beban Park Centennial Building.

Entries and ribbons may be removed from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

5. Preparation of trusses

Blooms should be selected when they are at the peak of their development.

Trusses should be cut from well watered plants during the coolest part of the day; -trusses should be carefully groomed. Damaged or dead twigs, leaves, bud scales and flower pips should be removed.

Cleaning or washing of leaves is advised but no artificial polishing is allowed.

Prepare the cut end of the truss or spray so that water is taken up readily.

Use suitable containers to retain water during transportation to the show.

The use of chemical additives to preserve bloom freshness is approved.