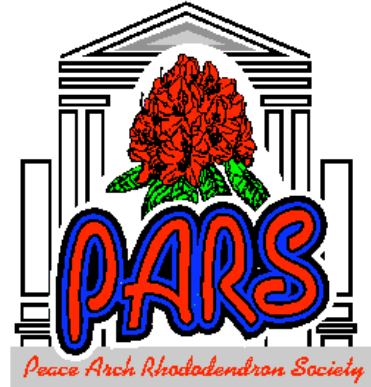


PARS News

Coming Events

- Oct 28 **General Meeting** (Google Earth map)
19:30 Speaker: Don Martyn
 Topic: Magnolias (whips will be sold and orders taken)
- Nov 25 **General Meeting** (Google Earth map)
19:30 Speaker: Colleen Forster of Aldergrove Nurseries
 Topic: TBA
- Dec 15 **Christmas Do** (Google Earth map)
19:30 Speaker: TBA
 Topic: TBA
- Jan 27 **General Meeting** (Google Earth map)
19:30 Speaker: Graham Lane
 Topic: Dart's Hill
- Apr 04 **Annual Plant Sale** (Google Earth map)
 Elgin Hall



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President's Report— **Kenneth Parker**

It's that time of year when the nights draw in early and there is the Autumnal chill in the air. Thanksgiving has passed and hopefully everyone had an enjoyable time. We now go into our dens to plan next year's projects, never mind that this year's have yet to be completed. Of course we have all spent time in the garden recently, putting things away, raking leaves and debris and tying up plants to protect them from winter storms.

So now you have done all of the work and the evenings are dark and chilly what better place it there to go than to your local PARS where you can relax and enjoy the company of people with common interests and be entertained by interesting presenters and speakers.

The foregoing was a long-winded way of saying we have started our 2008/2009 season meeting in Cranley Hall on the 4th Tues of the month.

Membership if paid by the end of this month, October, is only \$30.

Two essential positions have now been filled, one by Margaret Hodgson who will take over the secretaries position and the other, the plant sale chairperson will be Anna Burian assisted by Sandra Bryson. Chris Hodgson has also agreed to participate by organising some garden tours, he has some interesting ideas so please give him your support. Thanks to all of these people and a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing secretary Linda Featherstone, who did a fine job for PARS.

We now have an understanding with the Cranley Hall representative which permits us to store our library cart in the hell, this of course gives us much better access to it during meetings, I expect that the library usage will increase significantly.

Our principal contributor to the newsletter Joan Bengough has retired from this position; thanks for your effort Joan. I think it was a severe case of writer's block. So I invite any and all of you to come up with a piece for the newsletter please don't all rush at once but spread it out through the year.

The article can be about anything that may have had an impact on your garden, such as a storm or some bug problem. Or the article could be about gardening in general. So please put your on woolly caps and come up with some ideas and articles for the newsletter.

Book Review – **Margaret Hodgson**

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hellebores by Graham Rice & Elizabeth Strangman
Timber Press, Portland, Oregon, 1993. Reprinted 1996.
154 pages, approx. 38 pages colour photos, 14 line drawings. Appendix and Index of Hellebores.
Hardbound,
ISBN 0-88192-266-8 (hardcover)

Graham Rice Trained at Kew and spent eight years on the staff of *Practical Gardening* magazine. In recent years he has contributed to all the major gardening magazines and written a number of books, including *Plants for Problem Places* and, with Christopher Lloyd, *Garden Flowers from Seed*. He has served on several committees of the Hardy Plant Society, and is currently a member of the Floral A Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society.

Elizabeth Strangman spent a year at Cambridge Botanic Garden before Studying for a Diploma in Horticulture at Studley College, Warwickshire. Over the past twenty years she has successfully raised and marketed many new strains of hellebore, and has built up an international reputation for the choice plants she supplies from her Washfield Nursery in Kent.

Roger Phillips is a world-renowned horticultural photographer, whose superb close-up shots of individual plants and blooms broke new ground when they first appeared in books and periodicals, and have set the standard for detailed plant photography ever since.

Hellebores are the most captivating of all spring flowers. While winter is still at its worst their buds burst through, their delicate and mysterious blooms opening in an ever-expanding range of colours and forms as spring progresses. In our climate we see these plants sending out their flowers even earlier. ***The Gardener's Guide to Growing Hellebores*** features a wealth of practical advice on cultivation and propagation, plus an explanation of how to improve your plants through the breeding and selection of better strains.

Gardeners will appreciate the jargon-free accounts of species in the wild, descriptions of varieties currently being grown and the extensive chapter on associating hellebores with other plants and arranging groupings for maximum effect in the garden.

The book is arranged in the traditional way of giving the reader some background of the lure and magic of Hellebores to the authors. The ecology and botany chapter also gives basic classification to divide the hellebores into groups of similar species and nomenclature is covered. Under "Cultivation", the authors give good tips of soil types to use, preparation needed and general care. Pests and diseases are covered in detail. From there, the authors move on to suggest good plant associations that work well with hellebores such as seasonal plants or colour planning. Much information is included on dividing hellebores, growing hellebores from seed, storage of seed, sowing seed, and a wide range of topics associated with propagation.

The book also deals with identification of Hellebores and their occurrence around the world. The colour plates of various collections are exceptional and a great help in identifying that one unknown hellebore in your own garden.

Plant Swap – Let people know of valuable and interesting plants you are willing to part with or are interested in finding

3 large clumps of feather reed grass – *Calamagrostis arundinacea* ‘Karl Foerster’ – (2001 perennial plant of the year)

Free – but need to be picked up from our home. – Sandra Bryson

Several large clumps of giant Solomon’s Seal – *Polygonatum* *hyb.* ; *Schitzostylis* spp (a gladiolus relative blooming now); pink *Anemone japonica*

Free – but need to be picked up from our home. – Mike Richards

Membership Dues for 2009 – Sandra Bryson, Membership Chair

Time once again to renew our PARS membership.

Fees will remain unchanged this year with **a reduced rate for those members who pay prior to October 31.st**

ARS has requested that dues be submitted no later than November 1st to ensure that all journals will be received for the coming year.

Renewal forms will be attached to the October newsletter. Please bring your completed form and cash or cheque to the **October 28th meeting.**

Full Member - \$30.00 until October 31/08

- \$40.00 after October 31/08

Associate - \$10.00

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM

(please print)

Date _____

Surname _____

First name _____

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____

Postal code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Fax # _____

Please tick one of the following:

Full membership (family or individual) \$30.00 until Oct 31

\$40.00 after Nov 1

Associate (available to those who are already ARS members) \$10.00
(Parent Chapter _____) or
(ARS# _____)

After April 1, new full members pay \$40.00 but receive 18 months membership

Please make cheque payable to P.A.R.S.

Please refer all new members and their application form to the membership chairman.

Thank you,
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