

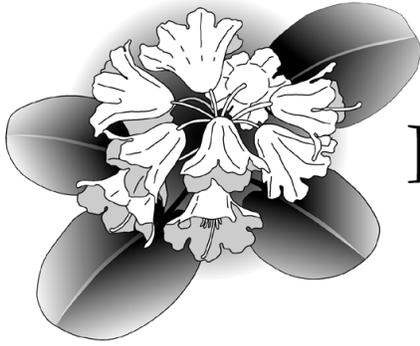
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Atlantic Rhododendron & Horticultural Society



A very warm welcome to our new and returning ARHS members who have joined since the May Newsletter.

Paul Bogaard (returning)	Westcock, NB
Jim Grue	Bass River, NS
Susan Morin	Boutliers Point, NS
Janet Shaw	Hacketts Cove, NS
Diana Smith	Halifax, NS
Sandra Spekker	Halifax, NS

Membership (Please Note Changes)

Atlantic Rhododendron & Horticultural Society.

Fees are \$20.00 from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013, due September 2012. Make cheques payable to Atlantic Rhododendron and Horticultural Society. ARHS is a chapter in District 12 of the American Rhododendron Society. For benefits see ARHS website www.atlanticrhodo.org

American Rhododendron Society

Combined ARHS and ARS membership cost is \$50.00 Canadian. For benefits see www.rhododendron.org

Cheques, made payable to Atlantic Rhododendron and Horticultural Society should be sent to **Ann Drysdale, 5 Little Point Lane, Herring Cove, NS B3V1J7.**

Please include name, address with postal code, e-mail address and telephone number, for organizational purposes only.

AtlanticRhodo is the Newsletter of the Atlantic Rhododendron and Horticultural Society. We welcome your comments, suggestions, articles, photos and other material for publication. Send all material to the editor.

Editor:

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Cover Photo: *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Red Bells' - [Photo Tod Boland]



Calendar of Events

ARHS meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, from September to May, at 7:30 p.m. usually in the Nova Scotia Museum Auditorium, 1747 Summer St., Halifax, unless otherwise noted. Paid parking is available in the Museum lot. Friends, guests and anyone interested in rhododendrons, azaleas or companion plants are always welcome at meetings or events.

- Tuesday Dec 4, 2012** **Christmas Party and Members' Photo Night.**
Bring finger food for the buffet table and up to 5 plant or garden images that you can briefly speak about. They can be your garden, your plants, someone else's garden, someone else's plants, whatever, but do bring some! If you need technical information, email Bob Howard. Museum of Natural History, 7:30 pm
- Friday Jan 4, 2013** (Friday, not Tues) **Some Notable Maine Gardens**
ARHS members John Brett, Stephen Archibald, and Sheila Stevenson will share images and impressions of their respective visits in 2012 to three North East Harbour - area, Maine gardens: the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, the Thuya, and the Asticou. MNH, 7:30 pm. (*first Tues is Jan 1*)
- Tuesday Feb. 5** **Ericaceous Nova Scotia**
Shrubs of the family Ericaceae are prominent in the bogs, barrens, and acidic woodlands of Nova Scotia. They provide our major export crop, grace our gardens, and one (trailing arbutus) is our provincial flower. This talk by David Patriquin will focus on the ecology and biogeography of our native species. David is Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University (retired) and webmaster for the Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society (nswildflora.ca) where his photos are attributed to JackPine. MNH, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday March 5** **"Yes, you can grow that from seed"**
Sharon Bryson and Bill Wilgenhof, from "The Willow Garden" in Marysvale near Antigonish, will highlight some of the plant forms they have grown from seed over the years. The wide assortment has a strong lean towards Rhododendrons and Azaleas, but will include many trees, shrubs, and perennials. Within various categories, they will give some hints regarding culture and show the end results. ARHS members Sharon and Bill are long-time "seedaholics" and have administered the ARHS Seed Exchange for several years. MNH, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday April 2** **To Be Announced** MNH, 7:30 pm
- Early April (Sat)** **Tissue Culture Sale Plant Pick-up**
- Saturday May 4** **Members' Pre-ordered Plant Sale Pick-up Day** (Petal Pushers)
- Tuesday May 7** **Members-to-Members Plant Sale and Frenzy** (Lemarchant St Thomas School)
- Saturday May 11** **Public Plant Sale** (Lemarchant St Thomas School)
- Early June** **Annual Garden Tour and Pot Luck Supper**
Date and details to be announced
- Tuesday Sept 3** **First ARHS Fall Meeting**
- Tuesday Oct 1** **No meeting**
- Oct 4 – 6** **ARS Fall Meeting, Holiday Inn, Dartmouth**

Please Note: Some members, who have environmental sensitivities, are asking their fellow members please to use no perfumes, scented soaps, etc., on the days or evenings of ARHS events, in order to minimize the risk of allergic reactions.

Positions of Responsibility 2012 - 2013

Officers and Directors of the Atlantic Rhododendron & Horticulture Society for 2012-13
Elected at the AGM, Nov. 6, 2102.

President:	Cora Swinamar	902 826-7705	support@underthearbor.ca
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On the future of the Newsletter

Dear Reader,

Ever since Mary Helleiner told us a year ago that the summer 2012 issue would be her last issue as editor, we have been trying to fill that spot. As Guest editor for this issue, I am getting a feel for some of the job. As a new director-at-large, I have the task of helping us to sort out our current communications needs and assets and challenges.

Here are some current realities, possibilities, and questions

- Sterling Levy will continue to do the layout and production of the newsletter
- A series of guest editors will each take on finding the content for an issue.
- We will aim for a 2013 winter/spring issue
- We will determine if we continue with paper or not. About 20 members do not have digital access. We have several ARS associate members who have joined ARHS because of the newsletter and are not local members.
- We need to understand our communications needs and assets. E.g. can we do the seed exchange on line or not?
- Bob Pettipas, our web man, says it's time to renovate the website. What do we want in the next website?
- Can we find a director of communication who wants to take on the job of linking and coordinating newsletter, web, facebook activities?
- How about a communications workshop to delve into this?

To be continued,

- **Sheila Stevenson, guest Newsletter Editor and ARHS director-at-large**

2012 AGM President's Report:

Ruth Jackson (ARHS President 2008-2012)

It has been an honour to be the President of the ARHS for the last four years. The task is made light by the dedicated and industrious board that facilitates the many activities the club is involved in.

Due to the popularity of the tissue culture, pre-ordered, and public plant sales the club has a balance in excess of \$48,000. The ARHS gives \$750 each annually to two horticultural students: one at the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture in Truro and the other at Kingstec, the Nova Scotia Community College in Kentville. In addition, we made an additional \$1,500 donation to the Captain Steele Endowment at Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture.

During the last four years a number of significant changes have taken place. Several long term participants on the board and organizers for the plant sales have retired from their positions. Most of these vacancies have now been filled. In particular, the problem of finding a new site for the pre-ordered plant sales has been resolved and will take place at Petal Pushers Green house under the capable direction of Liz Naylor and Ken Shannik. The club has lost some founding and long-term members who were enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and had international contacts.

How to reinvigorate our society? One opportunity was the request by the American Rhododendron Society for the ARHS to host a Fall Conference. A committee to run the conference has been set up. The dates are Oct. 4-6, 2013, at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn. Key note speakers have been contacted, tours and plant sales planned, and a preliminary agenda put together.

Another serendipitous break is our contact with the Truro Rock Garden Society that's affiliated with the North American Rock Garden Society. Their national organization supports travel of an international speaker to all their clubs. Due to close contacts with this club for the cost of an honorarium and accommodations we have had a world class speaker two years in a row. With the funds we allocate for the annual Steele lecture we have two world class botanical lectures a year. These international presentations are balanced by local speakers and workshops to provide practical advice to gardeners in the club.

During my two terms as president my knowledge of the genus rhododendron and companion plants has increased and acquaintances have become friends. I encourage all members of the ARHS to participate in as many of the club's positions and activities as possible. I am sure you will be amply rewarded. I can think of few things more pleasurable than spending a day in June on a garden tour or inspiring as attending a garden lecture on a cold Tuesday night in February. ☺

Special Notices

Message from the Guest Editor

Welcome to *AtlanticRhodo* for Fall 2012.

Not quite what you are used to, but while we wait for the newsletter fairy to bring a new ARHS editor, this is it! When Mary was editor, the October newsletter was the October newsletter, not the November newsletter. And it came in the mail box on paper. Not electronically.

But as Ruth says in her President's report to the 2012 AGM, change happens.

We all know it can take a while to find the right plant for an empty spot, and sometimes an empty spot leads to a new idea that generally involves moving more plants, amending the soil, finding new rocks. Such is the perpetual practice of gardening .

It is also the perpetual practice of making our organization work and play! If you have been in a plant and garden relationship for a while, you know some spots in the garden are more difficult and demanding than others. It's the same in our organization. The VP, the newsletter editor, and Director, Communications are looking like "difficult spots" right now. At the same time, other areas of the organization are doing swell and we are grateful for the new "plants" settling in to a number of spots.

At our October meeting I had the thrill of thanking our 2012 Steele Lecturer, Pam Eveleigh, for her brilliant presentation "Let's Talk Primulas". Thanks to her visit that included an inspirational workshop and presentation, I could actually see the promise of a primula show here in NS in three or four years. And I observed to my distinguished plant friends in the audience that the 'ornamental horticulture' scene is considerably increased since the days when the founding members of what-was-then RSCAR established the annual practice of bringing in a plant star, and named the event for the late Captain.

Yes, there is a garden culture in Nova Scotia, connected in wonderful and weird ways to the outside world. Yet to be described and celebrated, our collective garden culture is expressed through all the activity of thousands of gardeners across the province - who create and tend to private and public gardens, who observe native plants and their immigrant relatives, who propagate, grow, and share plants, who operate and support nurseries and other plant-centered businesses, who teach and contribute in our college programs, who write about plants and gardens - edible and otherwise, who are members and doers in our garden societies and projects .

We now have a considerable gardening heritage and some very special garden assets in the province, thanks to some passionate and visionary plants people. Here's to keeping it all going.

- **Sheila Stevenson, guest Newsletter Editor and ARHS director-at-large**

People to Thank

There are always people in the ARHS to thank. The crews of people who work on the plant sales leap to mind. But this time, I want to say particular THANKS to

- Donna and Duff Evers for accommodating visiting speaker Nick Turland in September.
- Sterling and Josette Levy for accommodating Pam Eveleigh in October
- Sterling for providing primula seedlings for the primula workshop
- Darwin Carr and the Rock Garden Club crew for hosting the primula workshop
- Anita and Ruth Jackson and Cora Swinamar for finding a location for the May 2013 plants
- Liz Naylor for taking on the coordination of the public sale
- Bob Howard for taking on the Director of Education position,
- Wendy Cornwall for taking on Horticulture
- Ruth for wrapping up phase 1 of the plant hardiness mapping project and thinking about phase 2

- Carol Dancer for suggesting Pam Eveleigh and Walter Ostrom for the follow-up
- Jenny, Audrey, Mary for keeping us in programs, tissue culture sales, and newsletters for so many years
- Cora Swinimar for taking on the presidency of ARHS for the next two years.

Who in our garden world do you want to thank? Think about it. If someone comes to mind, send an email to me Sheilastevenson17@gmail.com with the subject line: "I want to thank"

Seed Exchange

Sharon Bryson writes: Now is the time to be get seeds prepared for the 2013 Seed Exchange. Seeds from azaleas, rhododendrons and interesting companion plants are needed. E mail if you have any questions. sbryson@ns.sympatico.ca

As in previous years, we are willing to clean seed if you are not comfortable doing so.

Some seeds need a few "heroic" measures to ensure proper germination. Those that need to be kept moist such as Magnolias and some other trees and shrubs are usually cleaned and stored with damp sphagnum in the fridge.

We have tried to see that short lived seeds such as peonies get a warm/damp followed by cold/damp treatment while in our possession prior to being sent out.

We try to have Dec. 1st as a deadline so the list can be compiled in a timely manner. But as long as I have the information regarding the seeds by Dec. 1, you can have a few weeks more to get the seeds to me.

This years' exchange may have to be an online event, depending upon the status of the Newsletter.

Mail seeds to:

**Sharon Bryson
407 Old Maryvale Road
Antigonish, NS
B2G 2L1**

Tissue Culture Plant Sale

You can place an order until Dec 31, 2012. The illustrated list of what's available and ordering details are on our website, <http://www.atlanticrhodo.org/> Click on ARHS 2012-13 Plant Sales. It's all there. The Oct. 2 email from Jon Porter via Susan Boyd contained the same info but if you missed that and you want that communication, email Susan.Boyd@mvsu.ca for another copy. Pick up date will be a Saturday in early April.

Find ARHS on Facebook

Our facebook page is a great way to share plant interests, questions, and adventures. We're looking for more friends to lurk and to post. PLEASE find us and befriend us on Facebook at Atlantic Rhododendron & Horticulture Society <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/340130989363045/>

The Genus *Enkianthus*

By Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist, Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden



Enkianthus campanulatus 'Red Bells' [Photo Tod Boland]



Enkianthus 'Red Bells' Fall Colour [Photo Stephen Archibald]

If you are a lover of ericaceous shrubs, then you are probably familiar with the genus *Enkianthus*. However, in the big scheme of things, this genus is not well known or as widely grown as it should be. *Enkianthus* consists of 10 species of upright shrubs, all native to Asia, from the Himalayas to Japan. The name comes from the Greek *enkyos* - swollen and *anthos* - anther, so literally means swollen anther. Their height varies, depending on the species, from 2-6 m. Most of the species are deciduous but there are a couple of evergreen species. The evergreen types provide year-round interest but the deciduous ones are not only grown for their modest floral display, but perhaps more so for their spectacular fall foliage. Florally, they produce nodding clusters of elegant, small, bell-shaped flowers in mid-late spring. Flowers are generally waxy-white, pink to reddish. Their branches are unusual in being produced in whorls. For the most part, they are disease and pest-free.

In the wild, these shrubs grow in mountainous regions, among forests or open shrubby meadows. Cultivation is essentially the same as for other ericaceous shrubs. They dislike alkaline soil, preferring a pH 5-6. They also dislike dry sites. To help provide the acidic moist soil they prefer, dig plenty of organic matter into their growing area. Position them in full sun to part shade, preferably in a reasonably sheltered site. Generally, they require little pruning. Being ericaceous shrubs, they combine beautifully with rhododendrons, azaleas and mountain laurels.

Of the 10 species, only a few are found in cultivation, at least in North American gardens. Perhaps the most common in cultivation is the Japanese species *E. campanulatus*, commonly called the red-vein enkianthus. This species grows to a height of 4-5 m and is the hardiest species, rated to zone 5. There are many named cultivars, several having Japanese names such as 'Sinsetu', 'Miyamabeni' and 'Akutuki'. The wild flower colour is off-white with red veins but the named selections come in pink or red shades. Some cultivars turn glowing-red in autumn, while others take on yellow to orange shades. Perhaps the most popular cultivar is 'Red Bell' whose flowers are pinkish-red and fall colour is brilliant scarlet. 'Showy Lantern', 'Princeton Red Bells', 'Sikokianus' and 'Hollandia Red' are very similar and equally as exquisite for both flowers and fall colour. 'Albiflorus' has pure white flowers without any red veins while 'Renoir' has yellowish flowers with pink tips and a mix of yellow, orange and red fall colour.

Next in popularity is *E. cernuus*, a more dwarf version of *E. campanulatus*, reaching about 3 m. The variety *rubens* has glowing red flowers. This one is not quite as hardy, being rated for zone 6. It also has spectacular red fall colour. The giant of this genus is *E. deflexus* which can reach 9m. The current years stems of this species are vivid red. *Enkianthus serrulatus* is an uncommon species but has the largest flowers of any *Enkianthus*. It reaches about 6 m. For the small garden, *E. perulatus* is ideal as they only attain a height of 1.2-1.8m. These last two species have ivory-white flowers and are the earliest-blooming species, blooming just as the leaves emerge in spring. These above species are all rated for zone 6. For a cool conservatory you might try to find the evergreen species *E. quinqueflorus*. This one reaches 1.8 m with delightful pale pink flowers and deep pink calyxes, lending the flowers a two-tone effect.

If you have success with rhododendrons and mountain laurels, then *Enkianthus* are a must to provide added interest to the ericaceous border. Now your challenge is to find them! Perhaps not an easy task but well worth it.□

Editor's Notes:

- Thanks to Todd Boland for responding to Bob Howard's request for an article for this issue of *AtlanticRhodo*. Todd will be a keynote speaker at the Oct 4-6 2013 ARS fall meeting in Dartmouth.
- It may not be such a challenge to find *Enkianthus* here in NS to plant in your garden. In response to my query on our facebook page, Jamie Ellison reported seeing *Enkianthus* at Briar Patch, Bunchberry, and Baldwin's Nursery.
- Ken Shannik reports that over the years we have brought in *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Howito' May Sale (MS 11, *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Miyame Beni' MS2011, *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Red Bells' Tissue Culture (TC) 1989,1990,1996 MS1991,2002, *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Showy Lanterns' MS2006, 2011, *Enkianthus campanulatus* 'Sikokianus' MS1996, 2008; *Enkianthus perrulatus* MS2002,2004
- Jamie Ellison says "in my opinion *Enkianthus perrulatus* has the most reliable fall colour: fire-engine red."
- You will see numerous *Enkianthus* seedlings if you come to the workshop in Wendy Cornwall's garden in spring 2013.
- To get the scoop on our native ericaceous plants, be sure to come to the Feb. meeting with guest speaker, Dave Patriquin.



Enkianthus campanulatus, A 30 year old plant originally from Greer Gardens. [Photo Sterling Levy]

The Rhododendron Collection at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

Our 2012 June Garden Tour and Pot Luck featured a great visit to the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, with horticulturist Karen Auchenbach as our guide. She and Bob Howard have provided this March 2012 list of the rhododendrons in the ARHGardens' collection.

If you do not already subscribe to the Gardens' Bloom Report, click on 'Bloom Report' on the home page of their website to sign up: <http://www.historicgardens.com/> . Check out what else is on the site while you're there. No doubt if the Gardens were better resourced, we would probably see more on the website about the various plant collections. In the meantime, the Board, staff, and supporters are doing their darndest to put the Gardens on a firm financial footing and are looking for supporters to do what they can to ensure a bright future for this Nova Scotian garden gem. ☐

<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Aglo'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Dora Amateis'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Anna'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Double Bess'
<i>Rhododendron augustinii</i> ssp. <i>chasmanthum</i>	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Edith Pride'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Arneson Medallion'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'English Roseum'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Azuray'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Evangeline'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Barbara Hall'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Fireball'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Barbeque'	<i>Rhododendron fortunei</i>
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Basilisk'	<i>Rhododendron fortunei</i> x 'Jock'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Beaulieu'	<i>Rhododendron fortunei</i> x seedling
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Bellefontaine'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Francesca'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Big Deal'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Frills'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Big Joe'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gabriel'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Black Satin'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gallipoli Red'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Boulderwood Blue'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gauche'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Bravo'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gibraltar'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Brazil'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Ginny Gee'
<i>Rhododendron bureavii</i> 'Ovateform'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Golden Dream'
<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Goldfort'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Calsap'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Golfer'
<i>Rhododendron carolinianum</i>	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Grand Pre'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Catawbiense Album'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Haaga'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Catawbiense Bousault'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Hellikki'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Lee's Dark Purple'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Hino-crimson'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Cecile'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Homebush'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'County of York'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Honeysuckle'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Cyprus'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Isolo Bella'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Daybreak'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Janet Blair'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Devon'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'July Jester'

<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Kickoff'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Rennie'
<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> 'Best Pink'	<i>Rhododendron schlippenbachii</i> 'Sid's Royal Pink'
<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> 'Album'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scarlet Pimpernel'
<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> 'Zuiko'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scintillation'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Knaphill Red'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scotian Cloud'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Knaphill White'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scotian Mirage'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Kodiak'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scotian Mist'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Lionel's Red Shield'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Scotian Reef'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Marilee'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Shanty'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Manitau'	<i>Rhododendron smirbur</i>
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Marilyn Brown'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Snowbird'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Mildred Mae'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Spellbinder'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Milestone'	<i>Rhododendron sphaeroblastum</i> 'Goheen Form'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Minas Gold'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Stewardstonian'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Minas Maid'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Strawberry Ice'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Minas Rose'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sugar Puff'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Minas Snow'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sumatra'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Mist Maiden'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Summer Summit'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Montafon'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sunchariot'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Mrs. W.R. Coe'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sunte Nectarine'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Nahanni'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Sylphides'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Nancy Steele'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Teddy Bear'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Nancy Waterer'	<i>Rhododendron thayerianum</i>
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Nova Zembla'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Thunder'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Olga Mezzit'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Todmorden'
<i>Rhododendron oreotrephes</i> Exquisitum Group	<i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i> (pink)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Patty Bee'	<i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i> (white)
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Peter Tigerstedt'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Weston's Lemon Drop'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Pink 'n Sweet'	<i>Rhododendron williamsianum</i>
<i>Rhododendron</i> Pink Pastel (Capt Steele's)	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Windbeam'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'PJM'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Wren'
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Ramapo'	<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Yak #7'

2012 Passionate PlantsPerson Award



Photo Sheila Stevenson

This year's Passionate Plantsperson at the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture is Sharon Fields, who received the ARHS annual award at the November 1st recognition dinner in Truro.

She says her mom, who gardens in Sydney, is even more excited about the award than she is and she herself is pretty pleased! Sharon hopes to occasionally catch a ride from Truro to ARHS meetings with Darwin Carr and Jeff Morton.

In the meantime, she is grateful to ARHS for the difference this award makes to her financial situation this year. ☐



Rhododendron 'Sarled'. [Photo Sterling Levy]