

Newsletter of the ARSV



ARSV plant sale at Tesselaar's

A reminder that the society will be running its usual plant sale stall at Tesselaar's Garden Expo. The expo is being held on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April at Tesselaar Flower Farm 357 Monbulk Road, Silvan. The link to the site is <http://kabloom.com.au/whats-on/gardening-and-plant-expo>.

The Society has been propagating plants all year for this event and the tables show the species and varieties we will have for sale. Stock is quite limited for some varieties.

Andrew Rouse will be giving a public talk at the event entitled

'Vireya Rhododendrons: all the tricks of the trade'

In the talk he will:

- give a quick overview to show the diversity of vireya species/hybrids
- provide more detail on cultivation/growing tips i.e. 'how to'
- show images of vireya and non-vireyas we will have for sale.

Please come along and if you can we would love volunteers to help on the stall. Please contact Alex Pottage 03 5786 1595. Members get a 25% discount – just introduce yourselves.

Asiatic hybrids for sale

Anica Bricogne	Holstein	Purple Lace
Azzuro	Houston Pink	Rasputin
Belva's Joy	Junifeuer	Red Admiral
Blinklicht	Lapoinya Leprechaun	Rhonda
Blutopia	Lemon Lodge	Rosita
Bow Bells	Loders White	Royal Flush
Bronze Wing	Maharani	Rubicon
Chorema	Mandvilla	Schneebukett
Constanze	Margaret Dunn	Snow Peak
Crimson Pippin	Marion	Spinolosum
Double Date	Midnight	Tarentella
Fatuosum Flore Pleno	Midnight Mystique	Taurus
Feuerschein	Negrito	Teddy Bear
Flautando	Ovation	Toucan
Floral Fantasy	Pink Walloper	Van Ness Sensation
Gills Gloriosum	Point Defiance	Waghorn Wonder
Goldika	Polarnacht	White Pearl
Grace Seabrook	Purple Gown	Winsome
Helen Schiffner		



Asiatic species for sale

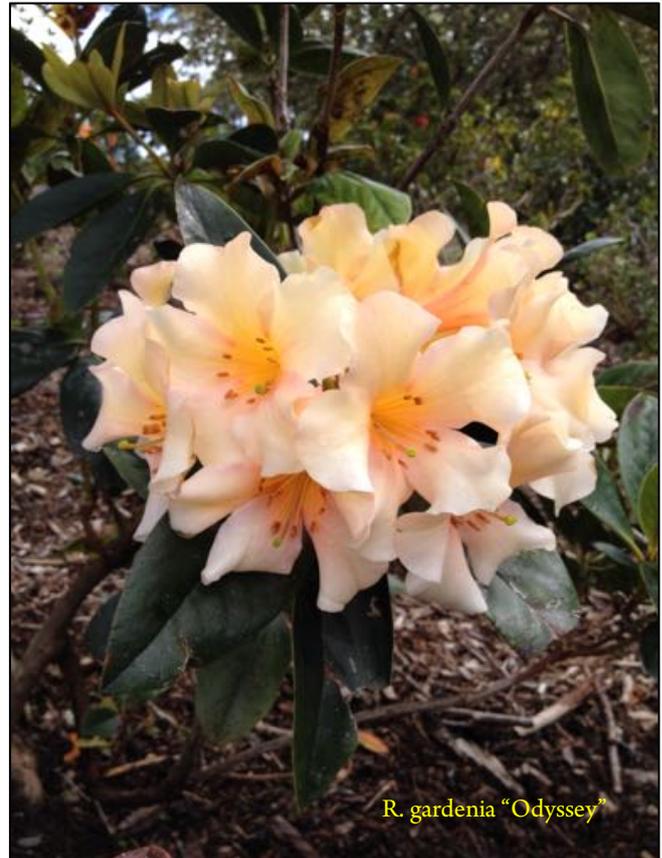
R. aberconwayii
R. arboreum ssp cinnamomeum var alba or x campanulatum (Sir Charles Lemon)
R. elegantulum
R. falconeri (open pollinated)
R. grande (open pollinated)
R. irroratum Polka Dot
R. irroratum yellow
R. moupiense var 'Rubra'
R. scabrifolium var spiciferum
R. stenopetalum 'Linearifolium' / 'Macrosepalum'
R. wiltonii



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Vireya hybrids for sale

R. 'Arthur's Choice'	R. 'Lomac'
R. 'Bobs Crowning Glory'	R. 'Lovey'
R. 'Bold Janu's'	R. 'Mrs Elizabeth Miller'
R. 'Buttermilk'	R. 'Nuigini 'Firebird'
R. 'Christmas Cheer'	R. 'Pink Jazz'
R. 'Citron Bells'	R. 'Pink Star'
R. 'Coral Flare'	R. 'Popcorn'
R. 'Eastern Zanzibar'	R. 'Red Mountain'
R. 'Gardenia Odyssey'	R. 'Red Tubular'
R. 'Great Sensation'	R. 'Saxon Glow'
R. 'Haloed Gold'	R. 'Simbu Sunset'
R. 'Highland Bonsai'	R. 'St Valentine'
R. 'Highland White Jade'	R. 'Sushmitam Rouse'
R. 'Iced Pernod'	R. 'Teddy's Best'
R. 'Ivory Coast'	R. 'Tropic Fanfare'
R. 'Joan McCelland'	R. 'Victoria Griffith'
R. 'Littlest Angel'	
UNNAMED VIREYA HYBRIDS	
R. hellwegii hybrid (light red)	R. superbum x R. aurigeranium
R. hellwegii hybrid (red)	R. superbum x R. zoelleri
R. konori x leucagigas (LC)	R. luraluense x (mac x rub)
R. radians x R. christiana	



Vireya species for sale

R alborugosum	R mendumiae
R alticola	R milleri
R caliginis	R obiculatum
R dissillstelatum	R polyanthemum
R javanicum (Clancy form)	R preatervisum
R javanicum ssp teysmanii	R rarilepidotum
R kawakamii	R rugosum
R kochii	R stevensianum
R konori	R superbum
R laetum	R tuba
R leptanthum #12100	R verticillatum
R lochiai (Cranbourne)	R viriosum (Thornton Pk.)
R loranthiflorum	R wentianum



Rhododendron in focus: *Rhododendron morii*

Subsection Maculiferum

This species comes from the mountains of Taiwan at 1600 to 3500 metres, mostly in conifer forests. In 1970 the Society subscribed to the "Taiwan Venture" which was an expedition to collect seeds of various plants and distribute these to the sponsors. These seeds included *R. morii*, *R. pseudochrysanthum*, and *R. pachysanthum*, all beautiful species. Our database shows that around 80 plants were originally planted at Olinda, largely in the somewhat neglected area along the Mathias road boundary. However, we have at least a dozen plants in the Maddenia Walk and the Lyrebird Walk, which are accessible to visitors.

R. morii forms a large shrub with dark green leaves and a loose truss of up to 15 flowers, white or pale pink with a deep crimson blotch in the throat. The best plants can be seen at the side of the Lyrebird Walk, flowering in October. (see photo).

Alan Keperť.



Achievements at DRBG February - March 2018

Below is the rolling calendar of activities at DRBG for the next two months. We need help with all of these so PLEASE CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY AND COME ALONG. Contact the secretary or the treasurer. Weekends are an option if interest is shown.

Reporting on activities at DRBG, propagation for the Tesselaar sale and future plantings has meant that nursery activities have taken up much of the societies' time so the schedule of works in the gardens was reduced over the last couple of months with just one area being worked each month but, with the help of Parks Victoria staff, we managed at least to get the rockery weeded and mulched.

We have completed the upgrade to the irrigation and switched to mains water to mitigate blocked filters in the shade house. Maintenance of the collection in the vireya house has started with much needed pruning and removal of less healthy plants.

Our group would love to see more ARSV members at the gardens, just give us a call.

ARSV – Rolling Calendar of activities for April/May 2018

	Garden	Nursery	Vireya House	Meetings
On-Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationalise/cull/pruning/mulching existing collection beds: Australian hybrids, Moorland, American Hybrids, Hachmann hybrids, Deciduous horseshoe, Vireya species, Vireya hybrids, Asiatic species - Neriflora, Triflora, Taliense, Maddenia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check and clean watering system/coverage and filter weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pruning, weeding. 	
April 2018	Prepare for Vireya hybrid bed overhaul with Parks staff – spray, mulch heaps, stakes to mark unlabelled plants. Plant-out vireya hybrids in the cage into the golf course bank.	Switch to Autumn watering timetable. Upgrade watering system in vireya tunnel. Inventory of vireya hybrids for planting out.	Switch to Autumn watering timetable. Stow shade cloth.	Tesselaars 14-15th April
May 2018	Complete inventory and labelling of vireya hybrids in golf course bank bed. Prepare Australian hybrid bed for planting out.	Upgrade watering system in lean to. Inventory of Australian hybrids for planting out.	Check watering coverage.	



R. rugosum



Grace Seabrook

Upcoming events

Saturday 14th April Friends of George Tindale Gardens autumn plant sale. 9 to 2. 33 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke. <http://friendsofmg.com/>

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April Victorian Native Bonsai Club Exhibition. 9 to 4 both days. Entry \$5 adult (U15 free). Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. <https://www.vicnativebonsai.com.au/>

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April Ferny Creek Autumn Show Collectors Sale. Saturday 12noon to 4 pm Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. 100 Hilton Road, Sassafras. \$5 entry (U14 free). www.fchs.org.au

Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th April Melbourne Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Growing Friends 2018 Autumn Plant Sale. Saturday 10 to 4 Sunday 10 to 3. Entry Free. Acmena Bed Lawn, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Enter via E Gate. Visit website week prior to sale for plant listing. <https://www.rbfriendsmelbourne.org>

Saturday 28th April Australian Plants Society - Yarra Yarra Group - Native Plant & Book Sale. 10 to 4. Senior Citizen Centre, 903 Main Rd, Eltham. <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au/>

Saturday 5th to Sunday 6th May The Chrysanthemum Society of Victoria Inc. Annual Exhibition. Saturday 1 to 4 pm Sunday 12 to 4 pm. Entry \$4. Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Burwood Hwy and Blackburn Rd. <http://www.csv.org.au/>



Snow Peak