

Scottish Rhododendron Society

Summer Review 2009

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Cover Pictures:

Front: *Rhododendron ludlowii*

Back: *Rhododendron cerasinum* 'Cherry Brandy'

Editor's Edicts

R. ludlowii which I collected as seed in 2002 in Arunachal Pradesh, in north east India. (Picture on the front cover).

Rhododendron 'Curlew'. *R. ludlowii*

various genera.

being, I was engrossed in producing the proceedings of the 2008

and pictures.

John Roy

President's Perambulations

Phytopthera

David Starck

Secretary's Scribbles

R. 'Polar Bear' and *R.*

R. auriculatum is also in

Phytophthora

changes could be effected.

affect rhododendrons and of course about the invasive *Rhododendron ponticum*.

in India and China.

great delight in reviewing all the gardens we are to visit. ***Please contact Gloria Starck for details***

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tours, the shows and publications, ***we want to hear from you.***

rhodoholics

Willie Campbell

**Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual General
Meeting of the Scottish Chapter of the American
Rhododendron Society
Held in “The Village Hall”, Gargunnock, Stirling
on Saturday, 25th April 2009**

Apologies for Absence:

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

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agreed.

Matters Arising:

Presidents Remarks:

Hon. Secretary's Report:

Gift aid

Insurance

RHS Affiliated Societies

Hon. Treasurer's Report:

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SRS Account:

Rhodo 2008 Account:

approved.

Subscription Rates: -

Membership Secretary Report:

Election of Committee Members:

Visits & Meetings Programme

conference and weekend visits.

Newsletter, Yearbook and Website:

before the Yearbook.

Seed Exchange report:

Technical Directors Report:

ramorum and *P.kernoviae*

Phytophthora

discussed were *Phytophthora*

Rhododendron ponticum

rhododendrons plantings and plants, grants for clearance work, advice

Mike's overriding thought was that the work of the *Rhododendron* Control

Rhododendron ponticum

constraints.

Any other business:

opened.

professional gardeners could keep it up to these standards.

further action.

David N. Starck, President.
William J. Campbell, Hon Secretary.

Rhododendron Species Conservation Group

***2009 Autumn Conference : Saturday, 10th October
Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle, Cumbria***

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(Venues and times shown in the Rock Garden - January 2009)

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SRS Annual Show – Saturday 25th April 2009
Gargunnoch Village Hall

Gloria Starck

Phytophthora, a disease which attacks and kills various species of trees

and shrubs including *Rhododendron*

Phytophthora

west coast have *Phytophthora*

looking for.

with their *Rhododendron sinofalconeri*.

Rhododendron

which has sections for rhododendron portraits, other plant portraits and

Rhododendron floccigerum.

cup.

The Killarden Trophy

Glendoick

The George Sherriff Cup

Glendoick

The Sir John Stirling Maxwell Trophy

show grown in the open **Glendoick *Rhododendron sinofalconeri***

The Harry Fairburn Cup

Liz Petrie

The David Stuart Cup

Philip Rankin *Rhododendron* ‘Loderi’

The John Hammond Cup

Glendoick

The Argyll & Bute Trophy

John Roy

The Scottish Rhododendron Society Cup

John Roy *Rhododendron* ‘Loderi King George’

The Keyline Cup

of up to an acre **Chip Lima**

The Marlene Storah Cup

John Roy

The Mervyn Kessell Cup

John Roy

The Wild Argyll Cup

John Roy

his awards well polished.

of spreading *Phytophthora*

Pictures of the show by John Roy

Reports of the Post Show Gardens Tour follow

Ardvorlich

Stephen Fox

R. niveum,
R. davidsonianum, *R. augustinii*, *R. hyperythrum*, *R. keysii*, *R. wardii*, a
deep red *R. ochraceum* and the rare *R. searsiae*
was *R. viridescens* *R. lutescens*
R. ambiguum.

Pictures of Ardvorlich by John Roy

Touch House

Brian Moss

a nice *Rhododendron*
neriiflorum and *R. haematodes*

R.

with the tree

part of the garden

Metasequoia

shorn as a result,
although beneath
the conifers was

Rhododendron
thomsonii, with
good clean foliage.

R.
cinnabarinum

utilis *Acer palmatum*
 R. wardii

Betula
R. augustinii

R

Rhododendron

but there was no doubt about the *R. pachysanthum*

R.

sanguineum spp. *sanguineum* var. *haemaleum*

M. stellata and *M. soulangeana* were seen, sheltering in a corner of the

Abies balsamea

with a *R.*
and succeeding.

We all returned to
the car park and
before departing,

a vote of thanks to

who, we all
agreed, had done

arranging the visits
to Ardvorlich and

resounded to well
deserved applause

present.

Pictures of Touch by John Roy

Rhododendron concinnoides

Stephen Fox

Rhododendron concinnoides

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Rhododendron concinnum

R. concinnoides.

differences between *Rhododendron concinnum* and *R. concinnoides*

R. monanthum

R. monanthum

Ralph Millward

Rhododendron concinnoides.

nd

***Rhododendron
concinnoide***

Ken Cox

I collected this species for
we have it well established
to keep over winter, but
cuttings.

wild and there is a picture

I would not agree with

Rhododendron kasoense
and *R. monanthum* are
quite distinct.

Picture by Hartwig Schepker

Rhododendron flavantherum and *R. kasoense*

Hot News:
Peter Cox

Phytophthora ramorum* and *Phytophthora kernoviae

Mike Thornley (Technical Director)

Present position

Phytophthora ramorum

P. kernoviae

well known for their collections of rhododendrons, and a botanic garden,

Consultation by the Scottish Government

Phytophthora ramorum and *P. kernoviae*, which closed in

other countries.

eradication in infected gardens and nurseries.

R. ponticum

introductions that grace our gardens.

Risks

Phytophthora ramorum and

P. kernoviae

be relevant elsewhere.)

obtaining the relevant publications or visiting the appropriate websites.

down before entering the garden or planting.

ramorum or *P.kernoviae* *Phytophthora*

and *P.kernoviae* *P.ramorum*

Information and Contacts

Phytophthora ramorum

Phytophthora ramorum.

**A reminder of the appearance
of *Phytophthora ramorum*
infection in *Rhododendron***

Pictures courtesy of DEFRA

Arduaine Garden

Rick Potter

Ray Cox Photography Specialist in garden & plant photography
www.rcoxgardenphotos.co.uk

rest.

2)

boards etc.

to when and where..

we are not successful in keeping the garden open, will be returned to the donors.

2)

saving the garden.

interested people, was held at the end of March to address the closure

Thoughts on Arduaine

Peter Hutchison

solution would cost that.

acquisition of the garden and after, it is worth investigating whether there

water.

Heaslands Garden

**Stephen Harding
(Head Gardener)**

Magnolia

Rhododendron

R. 'Cornish Cross' was a spectacle

R.

R.

R.

colour and scent.

ebbingei, *E. pungens*

of Elaeagnus

Robinia 'Frisia'.

In all three cases the point at which the plant was grafted died and the

been taken).

Rhododendron wardii

Peter Cox



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Rainfa

2008	Wuerzburg		Radlett		Dunblane		
	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	in
January	1.93	49.0	4.29	109.0	*7	*177.8	6
February	1.22	31.0	0.67	17.0	4.81	122.2	1
March	4.13	105.0	3.25	82.5	7.54	191.5	1
April	2.17	55.0	1.59	40.5	5.81	147.6	2
May	0.28	7.0	3.78	96.0	2.06	52.3	0
June	0.91	23.0	1.65	42.0	4.42	112.3	2
July	1.06	27.0	2.86	72.5	5.41	137.4	2
August	1.06	27.0	2.62	66.5	11.76	298.7	0
September	3.27	83.0	2.07	52.5	5.10	129.5	2
October	2.28	58.0	2.64	67.0	10.26	260.6	3
November	1.06	27.0	3.03	77.0	3.20	81.3	0
December	1.14	29.0	1.22	31.0	4.90	124.5	2
Total 2008	20.51	521.0	29.67	753.5	72.27	1835.7	3
Total 2007	30.93	786.0	31.00	785.5			3
Total 2006	22.95	583.0	24.29	617.0	41.87	1063.4	2
Total 2005			18.78	477.0			3
Total 2004			26.06	662.0			
*estimate							

The Weather Stations are:

Wuerzburg, Lower Franconia, Bavaria, Germany

Radlett, Hertfordshire, south-east England

Dunblane, near Stirling, central Scotland

Glendoick, near Perth, east Scotland

Glenarn, on the Gareloch, near Glasgow, west Scotland

Lochdochart, near Crianlarich, central Highlands, Scotland

Ballachulish, west Highlands, Scotland

II 2008

Glendoick		Glenarn		Lochdochart		Ballachulish	
inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
6.25	158.8	10.13	257.3	18.94	481.0	22.56	573.0
1.82	46.2	6.87	174.5	14.63	371.5	19.83	503.7
1.86	47.3	13.13	333.5	11.26	286.0	13.56	344.4
2.48	63.0	3.87	98.3	4.21	107.0	6.83	173.5
0.93	23.7	1.38	35.1	2.09	53.0	1.84	46.7
2.15	54.7	4.87	122.9	7.15	181.5	6.97	177.0
2.16	54.8	4.00	101.6	6.87	174.5	5.17	131.3
6.07	154.2	9.50	241.3	8.05	204.5	7.95	201.9
2.18	55.3	6.00	152.4	5.94	151.0	6.61	167.9
3.01	76.5	10.50	266.7	13.21	335.5	17.61	447.3
0.94	23.8	5.13	130.3	9.31	236.5	12.20	309.9
2.07	52.5	5.62	142.7	7.38	187.5	9.62	244.3
1.92	810.8	81.00	2056.6	109.04	2769.5	130.75	3321.1
1.51	801.0	75.63	1921.5			127.42	3236.6
9.63	752.7	67.79	1722.2			130.47	3314.0
5.40	899.4	59.50	1511.3			121.58	3082.2
		63.75	1619.3			125.03	3266.6



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Spring Tour 2009

Gardens in East Anglia, Norfolk

Sandra Jenkins

The 2009 Spring Tour started at Doddington Hall on a bright but windy day. We were met by guide Beryl Toule, who told us a little of the history of the hall, a magnificent three domed E-shaped brick building begun in 1595, which remains in the same family to this day. She told the group that when the flat leaded roof was removed and replaced with copper, a bees' nest of great age was discovered holding an unbelievable one and a half tons of honey.

Three extremely old miss-shapen trees remain in the garden. We saw a very distinctive oak tree, which was a cross of the cork and turkey oaks. A lot of the area was wild parkland with a pond where mallards were nesting.

The rhododendrons in the garden consisted of some older plantings some of which were raised from seed collected on the last Kingdon Ward expedition. A lot of new planting had also taken place. Peter Cox was called upon to identify some of the older plants one of which was a fine plant of *R. bureavii*.

Stody Lodge

Peter Furneaux

R.

R.

Sorbus, as well as
Eucryphia, *Cercis* and *Arbutus*.

Rhododendron

Sandringham Gardens

Gloria Starck

gardener.

notable one being an *Aesculus indica*

Cercidiphyllum

of the *Cercidiphyllum*

Dipelta floribunda. It has *Mimulus*

Sheringham Park

Anne Davidson

Davidia

Rhododendron

Davidia involucrata

Magnolia

about the difference between *M. wilsonii* and *M. sieboldii* *M. sinensis*
Pieris thought to be the largest in the
Enkianthus, *Dipelta*, *Exochorda* and
the *Halesia*.

large planting of *R.*

plantings of *R. ambiguum*, *R. calophytum* and *R. decorum*
R. macabe anum

Blickling Hall, Norfolk

Colin Whitehead

Rhododendron

ponticum

R. luteum

R. thomsonii, *R. cinnabarinum*, *R. barbatum*
white *R. arboreum*

R.

R.

R.

ponticum.

A pleasant visit, though rather rhododendron light.

Photos by Colin Whitehead

Hoveton Hall

Marion Ingram Walker

Rhododendron

Magnolia soulangeana

treasures.

inclined to appear.

Rhododendron

praestans
on our tour.

What a visual feast.

How Hill Farm

Peter Cox

of three acres with wild and not so wild wildlife. Various duck were to
chicks, coots and we were told that rare and hard to see bitterns live near

and *R.* 'Curlew'

Walking around the broad, we realised how clever Peter had been with

Picture by Sandra Jenkins

R.
R. sinogrande which I thought a little

added additional parcels of land and a recent interest has been a planting

of the tropical looking *Beschorneria yuccoides*

curious *Pseudopanax crassifolius*

Puya

gardens of the tour.

Lexham Hall

David Storah

Rhododendron luteum.

A winding path leads through the woodland, with views of the lake to
Magnolia soulangeana *M.*
campbellii with underplantings of *Rhododendron*
R.

river we saw *R.*

R. mucronatum.

over the river where the swans watched with a regal air, as we looked back over the woodland and the lake. We turned to follow the path past a delightful

house with
a roof in

house, and
in a further
area of the
woodland,
the garden
had been
planted
with shrubs

including *Halesia*
sieboldii

rhododendrons such as *R.*
Sequoia

Magnolia wilsonii and *M.*

R.

Paulownia tomentosa in

Rosa

Pictures by David Storah

East Bergholt Place Gardens

John M. Hammond

of refurbishing the garden, which with one gardener to help, is a labour of

Magnolia

liliflora

Dipelta floribunda

Cornus 'Porlock' that had developed into

Liriodendron being grown

Magnolia acuminata

of *Rhododendron*

Rhododendron

R.

Betula nigra

Halesia carolina, whose
branches fall to the ground, was seen to be spreading all over the place

Magnolia soulangeana in full

Rhododendron yunnanense, *R. augustinii* *R. fortunei* and
R. wardii

M.

tripetala

M. watsonii

R. 'Blue Peter'

and *R. 'Mrs. Furnival'* were seen, together with an attractive plant of the
R.

Euonymus of

Xanthoceras sorbifolium

Pictures by John Hammond

Higham Lodge

Peter Cox

R. macabeanum. I also noted *R. griffithianum*

inches or less.

in this case so called *M. napaulensis*

Michelia *Michelia* and *Manglietia* have
now been included in *Magnolia*. Michelias have evergreen leaves and

M.

M. rostrata

genus specialised in here is *Stewartia*

Salling Hall Garden

Sandra Jenkins

the present owner,

who bought the
house and garden

annual rainfall

Iris, Macleaya, Allium, Artemisia

as *Abutilon, Magnolia* and *Hoheria*

appropriate. A gate at the end of the walled garden leads to the kitchen

Rosa

japonicum

Salix pentandra

Acer, Cercidiphyllum

Quercus

robur ‘Concordia’, *Staphylea colchica, Corylus colurna*

of *Elaeagnus umbellata* var. *parvifolia*

and *Rhododendron augustinii*

Picture by Sandra Jenkins

Choice Landscapes Nursery, Wisbech

Gloria Starck

alpines, conifers, acers, bulbs and, of course, rhododendrons.

can also be accessed on the internet at www.choicelandsapes.org.

Gardening Scotland Ingliston 2009

George Argent, John Hammond and Matt Heasman

included *Rhododendron superbum*

R. taxifolium

R. stenophyllum

R. superbum and *R. javanicum* ssp.

schadenbergii

Rhododendron ponticum

2008 Conference Yearbook, and the interest in the content of this special

Cornwall, Winter/Spring 2009

Brian Moss

this spring. I enclose a couple of photographs of these, *Rhododendron edgeworthii* and *R.*

R. edgeworthii

Rhododendron

pocophorum

R. lanatum

R. lanatum

Rhododendron nivale

R.

calostrotum ssp. *keleticum*

R. campylogynum.

Pictures by Brian Moss
Previous page: *Rhododendron*
edgeworthii
This page: *R.* ‘Fragratissimum

Gold Medal for Millais Nurseries at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

David Millais at his award winning exhibit

wonderful dwarf *Rhododendron campylogynum*

Rhododendron

Rhododendron

kesangiae

R.

the stunning *R.*

R.

R.
and his deep red, *R.*

Rhododendron

R. 'Mrs

British grown using a wide range of organic practices wherever possible

The Millais Nurseries trials garden and plant centre is open throughout the year. (Crosswater Lane, Churt, Farnham, Surrey) Telephone: 01252 792698. Visit their fully searchable and secure website at www.rhododendrons.co.uk where you can order online.

Book Review

**Scotland for Gardeners, the Guide to Scottish Gardens,
Nurseries and Garden Centres by Kenneth Cox,
ISBN 9781841585765**

or two.

And he has had the foresight of setting up a website, [scotlandforgardeners](http://scotlandforgardeners.com).

**Derby Stewart-Amsden
Ashwhin, Dunstaffnage Mains Farm
with a loony “green” garden**

Derby is the designer of the SRS website, and helps the editor to keep it up to date.

Visit her own fascinating website at: www.ashwhin.com

Tours and Meetings Programme: 2009 & 2010

John M. Hammond

Chairman, Tours & Meetings Sub-committee

**2009 Autumn Conference: Osberton Nurseries and Garden Visits,
Worksop, Retford & Stainborough. Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th
September, 2009**

details.

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and *P. kernovia*

Phytophthora ramorum

organising this event.

Hamish I.T. Gunn Memorial

Lecture

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**2010 Spring Tour Programme: Tour of the
Rhododendron Gardens of Belgium.**

Tuesday 11th May – Sunday 16th May, 2010

ordinator, at the below address.

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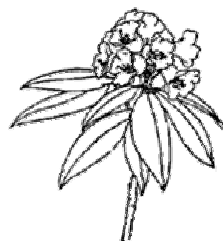
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The Seed Exchange

Willie Campbell

nevertheless it was a good sowing.

Please start to prepare any seeds of rhododendron (HP), magnolia, primulas, meconopsis or any other companion plants that would grace the woodland and rhododendron garden.

Collect your seeds for the seed exchange

**Send your seed to Willie Campbell
Stables Flat,
Gargunnock Estate,
Gargunnock,
Stirling, FK8 3AZ**

Willie Campbell

Letter to the Editor

Lillium mackliniae, and sowed

Cardiocrinum

Committee Members

Our Office Bearers are:

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of speech.

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