

VANCOUVER ISLAND ROCK AND ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY  
STANDING RULES

1. Standing Rules

- (1) These rules are established by the Society's executive committee under the provisions of section 10(3) of the Society's by-laws in order to ensure consistent administration of the Society's business.
- (2) Any policy decision of the executive not stated to affect the standing rules is applicable for the term of that executive only.

2. Memberships

- (1) The annual fee payable by members of the Society shall be set by the executive each year in September for the following year and published in the September newsletter.
- (2) Membership taken out after the June meeting shall be half of the annual membership fee.
- (3) Members who have not paid the annual fee shall be given a four-month grace period before being dropped from the membership roll; that is, they shall remain on the membership roll until the end of April.

3. Affiliations

- (1) The Society shall subscribe to the following organizations:
  - (A) The Alpine Garden of British Columbia
  - (B) The Scottish Rock Garden Club
  - (C) North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)  
(as an ordinary member, not as a chapter.)
  - (D) The Alpine Garden Society

4. Library

- (1) With prior consent from the executive, library books may be sold when the Librarian deems that demand for them does not warrant keeping them.
- (2) Books and journals checked out of the Society's library are due back at the next regular meeting of the Society.

5. The Lucy Angus Award

- (1) This award is made pursuant to two resolutions of the Society which were carried unanimously at its annual meeting on 11 January, 1949, to wit:

Be it resolved that the Lucy Angus Memorial be awarded by this Society to any member deemed by this Society to be worthy of special honour for his or her services to this Society and contribution to the art and science of Rock Gardening.

Be it resolved that nominations for this award may be made at any time by any three members of the Society.
- (2) The award consists of a silver plate to be inscribed with winners' names.
- (3) The award shall not be presented to the same person more than once.

- (4) Nominations for this award must be in writing, and must state the reasons for which the nominators deem the nominee worthy of the special honour represented by this award.
- (5) This is not an annual award. It is made from time to time as deemed appropriate.
- (6) This award may be made jointly to a couple.
- (7) Members of the executive shall not act as nominators for this award.

6. The Vern Ahier Award

- (1) An award, known as the "Vern Ahier Award," shall be made at each annual meeting of the Society.
- (2) All members of the Society are eligible for this award, except the previous two years' winners of it.
- (3) The eligible member with the highest total number of points awarded to his entries in the previous year's parlour shows shall receive this award.
- (4) This award consists of a suitable certificate with the Society's seal.
- (5) This award may be won jointly by a couple when they have consistently exhibited as a couple.

7. The Albert deMezey Award

- (1) An award, known as the "Albert deMezey Award," shall be made at each annual meeting of the Society.
- (2) All members of the Society who have entered at least ten exhibits in the previous year's parlour shows are eligible for this award.
- (3) The eligible member with the highest average point score shall receive this award. The average point score is computed by dividing the total number of points awarded each member's entries in the previous year's parlour shows by the total number of entries made by the member during the previous year.
- (4) The award consists of a suitable certificate with the Society's seal.
- (5) This award may be won jointly by a couple when they have consistently exhibited as a couple.

8. Annual Show

- (1) The show admission fee is to be determined by the Executive.
- (2) The "Show Notes and Rules" printed in the Society's show schedule constitute an extension to these standing rules and any changes therein must be approved by the Executive.

9. Trophies

- (1) The notes on "Prizes and Trophies" printed in the Society's show schedule constitute an extension to these Rules, and any changes therein must be approved by the Executive.
- (2) Christiansen Cup:
  - a. When an entry wins the Christiansen Cup as rarest plant in the show, that taxon of plant (species, subspecies, variety, forma, or cultivar) is not eligible for the next 2 consecutive years by the same grower.
- (3) Non-competitive displays are not eligible for VIRAGS trophies.
- (4) Trophies won by exhibitors living outside the Victoria area shall remain in the custody of the Society unless the Executive gives specific approval otherwise.

10. Parlour Show

- (1) The “Parlour Show Rules” distributed to members constitute an extension to these rules and any changes therein must be approved by the Executive.

11. Treasurer

- (1) The Treasurer is responsible for taking out and renewing subscriptions to publications and horticultural societies.
- (2) The Treasurer’s reports to the Executive may be made verbally and need include only bank account balances and significant treasury activity.
- (3) The Treasurer is to have custody of the Society’s insurance policy(s).
- (4) The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining an inventory of the Society’s possessions and the inventory will be held with the Treasurer’s financial records.
- (5) VIRAGS accounts must be reviewed by the executive prior to the Treasurer presenting the financial statements to the membership at the annual meeting.
- (6) At the annual meeting, the President must make a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor.

12. Miscellaneous

- (1) Members of the executive are expected to attend all meetings. The President should be informed beforehand of unavoidable absence.
- (2) The Society shall maintain a VIRAGS postal box; however, executive members may use their personal email addresses and postal addresses where it is necessary for timely business transactions.

Reviewed by the Executive Committee, rescinding all existing standing rules, October 24, 2016.

Approved by a vote of the executive November 28, 2016.