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The club meets at 7:30 p.m.
the second Tuesday of each month
(except May through August)
United Church in Comox.



Coming Events

3rd April 2012 - Executive Meeting 2:00 pm

The executive meeting will be held at the home of Paul and Lynn Wurz, 4367 Gordon Road, Campbell River. North of Campbell River on the Pt. Hardy Highway, go about 4 miles past the pulp mill, turn LEFT on Duncan Bay Rd. (past cranes), after 2 miles it turns into Gordon Rd.; They are half-way down on the left (can't miss the Hidden Acres sign)



10th April 2012 - Regular Monthly Meeting

"Companion Plants for Rhododendrons"

Our guest speaker for the April 10th meeting will be Gordon MacKay of Alba Plants in Cowichan Bay. Mr. MacKay trained at the RHS Pershore College of Horticulture in the UK, where he specialized in hardy nursery stock production.

In 1994, Gordon came to Vancouver Island to establish a specialty plant nursery. At Alba Plants, he is keen to develop and extend the range of plants raised with no harmful pesticides. In addition to his presentation on "Companion Plants for Rhododendrons", he will also have a small selection of plants for sale to members and guests in attendance.



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Executive View



...by Diana Scott

Are the seasons shifting? For the past few years Spring has been somewhat reluctant to spring forth! Despite the cool rainy weather, bulbs and early bloomers have been peeking out to cheer us up and the increasing hours of daylight confirm that Spring is, in fact, on the way.

Twice a year the Presidents from District 1 meet to discuss ARS business. The spring meeting was in March and Paul Wurz and I attended the meeting held at Lake Cowichan, hosted by the Cowichan Rhododendron Society. Ingeborg Wordsworth took us on a lovely tour of the Lake Cowichan Memorial Rhododendron Garden, in its early stages with a number of phases in the plan. It was the recipient of an endowment grant from the ARS and the Chapter and town are very proud of their efforts. District Director Mary Parker and Alternate Director Ken Webb led the group in various aspects of district business and Chapter Presidents shared some of the activities and upcoming events of their clubs. Of particular interest to all was Nanaimo's update of the Western Regional Conference September 21-23, 2012 "Rhodos in Paradise: Destination Vancouver Island". It is going to be a great opportunity to participate in a world-class event and I encourage you all to attend!



In keeping with our Spring tradition, the NIRS major fundraising activities are just around the corner! As usual we need many volunteers to help out at our Rhodo Sale and Truss Display on Sunday, May 6th. The Sale takes place from about 9am til 1:30pm for our working members and from 10am til 1pm for the public. Most folks will have specific jobs such as helping to organize our NIRS table of member-donated plants, working in the cashier area tagging plants and assisting the cashiers, greeting the buyers and facilitating the flow of traffic, participating in the Truss Display area organizing the trusses and sharing NIRS information, assisting patrons by wheeling plants out to buyers' vehicles, and working in the kitchen making sure the volunteers have access to tea, coffee and goodies. Everyone helps out with setup and takedown, and with general 'whatever-needs-doing'. After the Sale we head over to Bernice's for a late lunch and an opportunity to put up our feet at the 6th Annual Morrison Bunwich celebration! This club-funded event is a wonderful opportunity to relax, reflect on the day's event, have a bite to eat, and simply socialize.

The Annual NIRS Mother's Day Garden Tour is on Sunday May 13th, taking ticket holders to 6 gardens in the Royston area along with Robert Argall's garden on Wireless Road. Tour goers are also invited to admire the show at the Comox Valley Rhododendron Garden by the Air Park in Courtenay. As in the past, there will be two members required at each garden from 9:45 am to 1 pm, and from 1 pm to 4 pm to greet the visitors and check their tickets. We need 28 people to attend to the gardens, so I encourage you to find a friend to join you. Volunteers get to spend half the day greeting visitors, and the other half touring the gardens with a complementary ticket. A great way to spend the day!

For both these events there will be sign-up sheets at the April Meeting, however anyone able to help is asked to contact me ASAP at 250-338-0208 or diascott@telus.net. These are the two major fund-raisers of the year for our Chapter and the support of many members will be needed to once again make them a success!

MEMBER'S NOTES



...by Dave Godfrey 

The North Island chapter's executive meets the first Tuesday afternoon each month (except July and August) to discuss the business operations of the club and make plans for upcoming events. These meetings rotate with a different member hosting in their home each time. Although formal in nature, these meetings also allow another opportunity for social discussions and other garden related issues at the conclusion of the formal portion of the gatherings.

Each year, two executive officers and two board directors conclude their two-year terms of office. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, election of our new executive members takes place at our May annual general meeting (AGM). We encourage members, especially our newer members, to consider standing for a position on the executive, or as a member of a committee. As you will soon learn, being a part of the executive or a committee can be lots of fun and there are always lots of knowledgeable members to give you support and advice. *Pauline Thompson* is our Nominations Chair this year. So give her a call or an email if you wish to join the executive "group".

A near record 50 members and 18 guests attended our March 13th meeting to see Part 1 of Susan & Art Lightburn's presentation on their "Trip to China." During the meeting, we welcomed three new memberships to the club: *Rose Webber, Dan & Margaret Ryan*, and *Becci & Keith Russell* (all of Courtenay.) Membership Chair Brian Staton reports that our memberships now stand at 63 regular and 6 associates for a total of 69. This is almost a 10% increase over our memberships for last year.

We remind our members that with the presentation of your NIRS membership card, many Comox Valley garden retailers and nurseries give a 10% discount. Be sure to see the list of retailers on the back of your card. These generous discounts can more than repay your annual membership dues each year.



Our senior member, *Dick Bonney*, once again led off the Show & Tell portion of the meeting, with a sample of two unnamed Rhodos and several crocuses blooming in his garden. As Dick mentioned, these are exciting times for him as it is one of the few years where the crocuses have not been eaten by the rabbits, and credits this to the neighbourhood resident eagles. *Dany Fortin* brought a sample of his beautiful hellebores. While *Bob Smith, Joe Stefiuk* and *Diana Scott* each brought forward samples of early rhododendrons which are all beginning to add colour

Our Raffle prizes for the April Meeting are once again plants grown on by the club. The first is FIREMAN JEFF originally donated by Ken Webb. The blooms on Fireman Jeff, as you can imagine, are RED! This variety was hybridized by Brandt (parentage: Honourable Jean Marie de Montague x Grosclaude) and its blooms are a knock-your-socks-off red with some brown spotting on the three dorsal lobes. A stunning feature is that the large calyces give it a deep red 'hose-in-hose' effect. It is an early to midseason bloomer, apparently growing somewhat wider than tall.



Fireman Jeff



Peppermint Twist

The second Raffle Rhodo is 'Peppermint Twist' (*hyperythrum* X 'Princess Elizabeth') hybridized by Thornton. American Dr. Len Miller apparently selected one of John Thornton's seedlings and had it tissue-cultured. Dr. Miller appreciated the heat and cold tolerant qualities of *hyperythrum*, and this particular seedling had buds that opened up like a peppermint twist - red buds opening to pink flowers with red flecks in the throat, and a white circle in the throat which grew larger as it aged. It is an early mid-season bloomer with glossy green foliage and a dense, rounded plant habit. Typical height is around 4 feet in 10 years. Sounds like another winner!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting. Make sure you sign up for the Sale and Tour!!



to the spring gardens.

Following the meeting, NIRS associate members *Susan & Art Lightburn* were introduced and given the floor for their program, which feature information and wonderful photographs of their trip to China in April 2010. They described the beauty of seeing the capitol city of Beijing with its "Forbidden City" and Summer Palace, which for years were inaccessible for common Chinese let alone foreign tourists. Now they are available for tourists; the majority of which are Chinese nationals. It was something to see first-hand photos of Tiananmen Square and the Bird's Nest Stadium built to seat 100,000 people for the 2008 Summer Olympics.



Susan and Art Lightburn

Art showed the deteriorating conditions and described the difficulty climbing along parts of the 2500 mile long Great Wall, China's biggest and most popular tourist attraction.



Most colourful were the Xian Botanical Gardens where many of the flowers were just coming into bloom. It was near here in 1974 that the "Terracotta Army" was discovered. A group of farmers were digging a well for water near the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China when they uncovered the first statue. Since then, they have unearthed 800 clay soldiers, 150 chariots and 500 horses; all individually carved in intricate detail.



Art explained that through the use of modern ground radar, the Chinese have located several other large underground burial sites that have yet to be excavated. It will be interesting to see what these sites eventually reveal.

Part 1 of the Lightburns' program concluded in the modern city of Kunming in the Province of Yunnan. The university there has a large plant study program with a massive collection of Bonsai. Art then teased all in attendance with a preview of Part 2 of their presentation, which we hope to have on the program sometime next fall.

Before the evening concluded, draws were made for the various raffle and door prizes. Congratulations to *Alice Potts* winner of the raffle prize of 'PJM Compacta', and *Jill Gould* winner of the species *R. 'sargentianum Maricee'*. *Judy Walker* was the lucky winner of the door prize, a potted primula and potpourri collection.

After the meeting, new member *Dan Ryan* asked if any member would like 3 or 4 mature boxwood plants that he will eventually be removing from his Courtenay property. If you are interested you can contact Dan at 250-331-0157. They will be away for a while at the end of this month and won't be able to attend our April meeting.

Speaking of our April meeting, members of the organizing committee for the upcoming ARS Western Regional Conference to be held in Nanaimo from September 21st to 23rd will be in attendance to explain the event and solicited help from our chapter. NIRS has indicated that we would provide assistance in a supportive role. Visit their new website at <http://arsnanaimo2012.com/index.shtml>.

Also, you won't want to miss our guest speaker for the evening, Gordon MacKay of Alba Plants Nursery in Cowichan who will be providing a program on "Companion Plants for Rhododendrons." Gordon will also be bringing along a supply of some unique plants for sale following the presentation. So be sure to bring along some extra cash for this one time opportunity.

Once again, May is just around the corner and we are gearing up for the Rhodo Sale & Show plus Mother's Day Garden Tour. These are vital fundraisers for our chapter each

year, and the full support of our membership is the only way to ensure their success. As we make plans for these events, please consider your support in any way that you can. At the last meeting I brought a few dozen half-gallon pots for any members willing to pot-up donations for our sale. These were quickly snapped up, but I still have some left. Just give me a call or send an email before the April meeting and I'll bring them along.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting of the North Island Rhododendron Society will be held on Tuesday, 8th May 2012 at 7:30 pm in Bernie and Gloria Guyader's garden 1965 6th St. East.

Business to come before the meeting will include the Annual Financial Report, Reports from Committees, and the Election of Directors and Officers for 2012-2013.

There are four two-year board terms ending in May. Members wishing to put names forward for nomination are to contact the Nominations Chair Pauline Thompson.

Following the AGM, the elected Board will select a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from among the elected Directors and will assign roles to Committee Chairs.



...by Helena Stewart

Who would have suspected that trying to find out why a bunny brings coloured eggs at Easter would open a veritable Pandora's Box of confusion? Just trying to sift through all the myths and plain silly stories can make you madder than a March hare.

Easter today seems irrevocably bonded with Christianity but like a lot of holidays it actually dates back to pagan times and spring festivals that worshipped the triumph of new life over death (winter). It's a time when seeds are planted and the longer days and warm soil give birth to new plants, leaves, flowers and fruits. Anglo-Saxons called their fertility goddess Eostre from which the word "Easter" sprang.

Easter is a moveable feast since it falls on a different day each

year. Until the mid-second century, the date of Jesus' crucifixion was a controversial subject but it was usually placed near the Jewish celebration of Passover, as calculated by the lunar-based Hebrew calendar. The Roman church however refused to set an exact date for Jesus' death, opting instead for a compromise that would capture the spirit of the event by calculating the date by means of both the solar and lunar calendars. Catholic Easter is therefore always the first Sunday on or after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. While this may seem odd, none of the dates around the life of Jesus are founded in historical certainty—they remain mostly symbolic. Take Christmas for example: in 345AD Pope Julian II moved Christmas from March 25 to December 25 (three days after the winter solstice) to bring it in line with the much more popular solar-based customs of Mithraism and Bacchanalia.

When it comes to Easter, what could be a more appropriate symbol of the fertility of spring than the ultra-fecund rabbit that produces offspring at an astonishing rate? Some suspect that the Easter bunny had its roots in its association with Eostre who apparently always carried her favourite pet bunny with her wherever she went. It was believed by Eostre fans that this remarkable rabbit actually laid coloured eggs. It was also believed that the Easter bunny or hare symbolized the moon because it is said a hare never closes its eyes even for a moment. Baby chicks also symbolize re-birth or new life since they hatch from eggs and even butterflies are a lesser known Easter symbol. The life cycle of the butterfly stands as a metaphor for Christ's life: the caterpillar represents his life on earth, the cocoon stage the crucifixion and burial and the last, the transformation into a butterfly, is seen as the resurrection.

Eggs of course are as much a symbol of fertility and rebirth as rabbits. While the Easter rabbit or hare is part of tradition in other countries like England and Germany, it's usually only in North America it is rumoured to bring eggs—especially coloured eggs. Some say that early pagans coloured eggs in spring to represent the return of sunlight as well as the Northern lights in the sky. The origins of the practice of colouring eggs in an elaborate way reaches back to the ancient Egyptians; likely the modern practice comes from Eastern Europe where eggs (along with meat and dairy products) could not be eaten during Lent. As you can guess, eggs really piled up, especially in rural areas, so they were painted and coloured and used ornamentally to represent festivity and the celebration of new life. One legend about coloured eggs talks about how Simon of Cyrene helped carry the cross on the way to Calvary when Jesus stumbled and fell. When Simon returned home to tend his chores, he found that all the eggs the hens had laid were coloured with many different colours. Another old Christian legend relates how the Virgin Mary gave eggs to the Roman soldiers who captured her son and begged them not to crucify him. When she was refused, her tears fell upon the eggs and cover them with brightly coloured

spots. Whole books have been written about the symbolism and art of colouring eggs of which the most famous are the Russian and Ukrainian *pysanky* and the Polish *swieconka*.

In addition to eggs, Easter has its special foods, all of which have a symbolic meaning of course. Sweet, fruity hot cross buns with their icing sugar decoration in the form of a cross have been linked with Easter since monks in old England gave them to the poor and charged one penny a piece. During pagan spring festivals, ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians would bake special small cakes marked with symbols of the gods, all ancient symbols of sacrifice. Later, the Saxons ate buns that honoured the Goddess of Light, our friend Eostre. It is said that if you offer a friend a hot cross bun on Good Friday, it will seal your friendship. Worth a try.

The Italians bake cakes in the shape of rabbits, a symbol of birth and new life. Twisted pretzels are a big favourite during Lent because their shape is reminiscent of someone with arms crossed in prayer. Easter dinner in Canada is usually linked with baked ham but in Central and Eastern Europe (as well as many other places in the world), you're more likely to find lamb next to the mashed potatoes. In Christian theology, this symbolizes Jesus' self-sacrifice as "the lamb of God" but it might also date back to pagan times when lambs were ready for slaughter in spring. They did a lot of sacrificing and slaughtering in pre-New Testament times. Ham, being more available (and cheaper) here edged out lamb in the earliest North American celebrations—in the days before refrigeration, ham was cured in the fall and therefore ready to eat in the spring.

Even the practice of buying new clothes—and new Easter bonnets—has a religious link. It's said this custom came from the early Christians who wore white robes when they were received into the church at this time. After mass they would stroll down the streets in their new outfits and hats, all part of a grand Easter parade.

Many spring flowers like daffodils and tulips are linked with Easter but it's the ample white blossoms of the lily, particularly the Bermuda lily, that are the classic Eastertime flowers. The lily of choice used to be the "Madonna" but since it doesn't always come into bloom until late spring, the Bermuda replaced it. The pure white of the flower represents the purity of life that comes with religious belief and they are also shaped like trumpets, a symbol of immortality. There is a legend that says the lily sprang up from the place where the sweat of Jesus fell and thus ushers in the image of new blooms and new life and new meaning for Easter.



Great Vegetables for the Comox Valley



...by Judy Walker

After 30 years of growing a big vegetable garden, and having composted some of the results, I have some hints on planning the vegetable garden and some tried and true varieties.

The most important advice is to grow what you love to eat, what you will eat and what you can eat. It is unbelievably easy to produce too much produce, and although it makes for great compost, it's not a sound economic garden plan! While the Food Bank and neighbours will gratefully handle some of your excess, a bit of planning will provide them with a continual supply as well.

So grow what you love, in quantities you can manage. This means seeding short rows- maybe only 1-2' of lettuce or arugula at a time- but every 2 weeks. But if you are going to freeze peas- then a long row all at once will be fine. I use a paper template of the vegetable garden with the permanent beds numbered. Each year I photocopy the template and fill in my plan for the current year. I keep it, and copies of the 2 previous years plan in a plastic sleeve in my old metal mailbox in the garden- that way I can quickly refer to what needs to go where and what recent crops were in that location. My plan always considers rotation for pest and nutrient needs, but having a copy of old plans helps to remind me.

And always use row cover for carrots and the brassicas, although I have managed with the tarpaper collars and wood ash technique for individual brassica plants, row cover is very reliable. I use black irrigation pipe cut into lengths and buried into the soil on each side of the bed to create a hoop and then cover the hoop with the cover - the cover must be held securely to the ground. I use 2x4 lumber, poles, bricks; just don't leave gaps for those pesky flies. And if you think it's not worth it, try harvesting big bunches of fresh carrots from your garden in January- you will forget about all that time spent lifting and replacing row covers!

Now here are my top picks for vegetable varieties: (remember to try a small package of seeds first; I mostly use William Dam and West Coast Seeds, but check out Art Knapp's- have an impressive selection from different seed companies). Also please subscribe to Linda Gilkeson's monthly updates on the vegetable garden- can't live without this! Go to www.saltspringenergystrategy.org

Beans- pole (why waste all that vertical space?)..... Fortex and Helga

Beets..... Kestrel



Broccoli..... Packman and Waltham #29 (so many varieties- look for long harvest of side shoots rather than one giant head)

Carrots..... Nelson (main and late) and Bolero (late)

Celeriac..... Mars

Snap Peas..... Cascadia (short plants and strong tendrils)

Sweet Peppers..... Ace- blocky & deep green, will turn red
 Aruba-long cubanelle-type
Both reliable in cool summers!

Swiss Chard..... Green Perpetual and Italian variety
 (ignore the soapy-tasting Fordhook!)

Tomatoes..... Viva Italia
 Plum Dandy

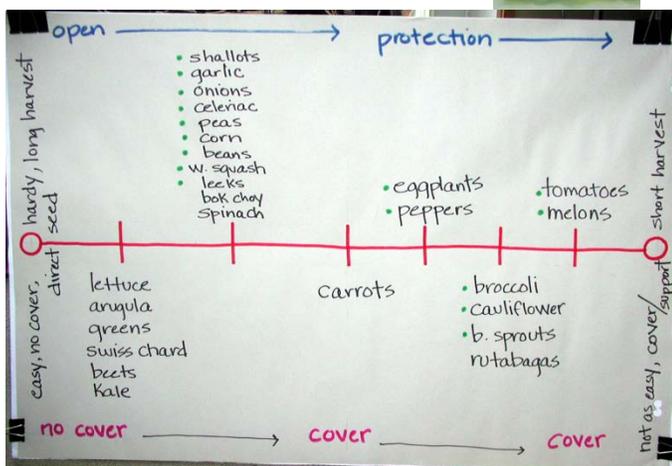


Both great paste type- I make gallons of salsa so these are perfect!

Winter Squash..... Sweet Mama (buttercup type)
 Uchiki Kuri (kabocha type)
 Vit D'Etampes (French pumpkin- superb pumpkin pies)
 Avalon (butternut)

All keep very well- I will be using the last when planting the next seasons!

The Vegetable Continuum



ARS Western Fall Regional Conference, Nanaimo B.C.

"RHODOS IN PARADISE -
 DESTINATION VANCOUVER ISLAND"
 September 21st - 23rd, 2012

For full details:

Check out the **brand new** website at
<http://arsnanaimo2012.ca/>

Registration is open now!

We encourage you to register early!

Tidbits...



MILNER GARDENS & WOODLAND



2012 'Spring' Speakers' Series

Tickets \$10.00 each, or complete series \$25.00

March 29th—Steve Whysall, author and Vancouver Sun garden writer presents... "Gardens of the Future: Creating Lasting Beauty"

April 26th—Barrie Agar, Royal Roads University Hatley Park Head Gardener presents... "Working Smarter—Not Harder—Creates Gardening Enjoyment"

May 31st—Connie Kuramoto, Gaia College instructor and owner of "Gardens on the Go" presents... "Healthy Soil Creates Beautiful & Bountiful Gardens"

All presentations 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach. Ticket at Milner Gardens or at the door the evening of the presentation.

For more information www.milnergardens.org or 250-752-6153

Milner Gardens Easter Bunny Search

April 7th to April 9th

Bring the children or grandchildren for a Children's Easter Bunny Search taking place in the Gardens. Free admission children 12 and under accom. with adult.

Gates open 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tea Room open 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more info 250-752-6153 or www.milnergardens.org



Milner Gardens 11th Annual Spring Plant Sale

Apr. 21 & 22, 2012

April 21st and 22nd, from 10 am to 4 pm admission by donation. Revive your garden with a large selection of plants propagated from Milner's heritage garden. Master gardeners will help answer your plant questions or choose the right plant. The Tea Room will be open from 10 am to 4 pm serving soup, scones and tea. Members only early plant sale access is Friday April 20th from 5 to 7pm. Please show your membership card.

For more info 250-752-6153 or www.milnergardens.org



Innisfree Farm Herb Club...



Meets Thursday, April 5...3636 Trent Road, Royston
 The topic this month is botanicals in cancer therapy by Roy Upton, a licensed acupuncturist, clinical herbalist, Vice president of the American Herbalists Guild, founder and director of the American Herbal Pharmacopeia project.
 Pot luck at 6:30 pm...lecture starts 7.15 pm for 90 minutes.
 \$10 charge towards programming for Gardens without Borders scholarships. **RSVP** to Chanchal Cabrera by April 2nd.
chanchal@chanchalcabrera.com

Recipe Requests

A Simple Quiche Recipe

(Noni Godfrey)

Here is our recipe for quiche, an easy way to use leftover bits of meat and vegetables to make a hearty meal. What is quiche? It's eggs baked in a pie crust with amendments, such as meat and vegetables. Here's the recipe:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup leftover meat, such as turkey, chicken, ham or cooked bacon (optional)
- 1 cup leftover vegetables, such as broccoli, cauliflower, kale, asparagus or spinach
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp onion powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp cayenne pepper
- Salt to taste 1 pie crust



Preheat oven to 425° F.

Place the pie crust in a nine-inch pie plate. Spread the meat and vegetables around the bottom of the crust. Sometimes we use turkey. We often add broccoli. Sprinkle the cheese on top of the meat and vegetables.

In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, onion powder, the two peppers and the salt. Slowly pour the egg mixture over the cheese in the pie plate. Press any cheese, meat or vegetables that float to the top into the egg mixture so they are coated with egg.

Bake the quiche for 10 minutes at 425° F, then reduce the oven heat to 350° F and cook for an additional 50 minutes. This recipe makes 8 servings.

If you use fresh vegetables, such as onion, green pepper or broccoli, sauté in a bit of oil over medium heat to soften the vegetables before adding them to the bottom of the crust.



Welsh Cakes

(Alice Potts)

- 2 C sifted all-purpose Flour
- 2/3 C Granulated Sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C Currants (rinsed-drain)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tsp. Baking Powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ C Butter
- 1 tsp. Vanilla

Sift flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder into bowl. Cut in butter until mixture is like coarse meal. Mix in Currants. Stir in beaten eggs and vanilla until well blended. Gather dough up into a ball and place on well-floured board. Knead gently about 15 turns.

Roll $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Cut in 2 inch circles with floured cutter. Place a few at a time on medium hot ungreased griddle. (320 on electric frypan) Bake on first side until well-browned, about 4 or 5 minutes. Turn and brown on second side. Place on paper toweling to cool.

Makes about 2 dozen cakes.



April Showers Bring May Flowers

SPRING
is in the
AIR

*April showers bring May flowers,
And sweet bowers, where roses twine;
Now I know too, I can show you,
That it's so too all the time,
If the sunshine came at one time,
All the fun time would soon be through;
April showers bring May flowers,
So just wait 'till love comes to you.*

(Excerpt from the poem by Leo Wood / Nat & Jack Shilkret, 1920)

