

Doris Page Park

Doris Page Park was named in recognition of a long time Cordova Bay resident, Doris Page (1914-1999)



Originally from Barrow-in-Furness, England, and following her arrival in 1948, Doris Page purchased this property at 975 Haliburton Road. Gardening was Doris' life. For eighteen years she had a local weekly television show, Island Country Gardening. Doris was active in horticulture societies and gardening groups which included: The Rock and Alpine Society, The Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary, and lifetime member of the Victoria Horticultural Society. Doris was also a member of the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific, where through her inspiration, a winter demonstration garden was created. The Doris Page Winter Garden, completed in 1985 with the assistance of the V.H.S., provides an outstanding floral display.



Hellebore



Epimedium



Camellia

Due to Doris' diligence a portion of a property east of Lochside Drive, down to Cordova Bay Road, was included in the Municipal Parks System in 1990. The park was named in recognition of her interest in retaining natural landscapes along with her many horticultural achievements and contributions in the community. Also, in March 1999, Saanich Council accepted her generous bequest of her property at 975 Haliburton Road as an addition to the existing Doris Page Park.



The cottage style house was built in the 1920's in the midst of a forest which suited her "natural" lifestyle and love of the native flora. Doris Page created the natural look of an English Country Garden around this country cottage.

Doris envisaged the park as a jewel for future generations.

