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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday April 21, 2015 AUCTION!

Board Meeting: The Board Will Meet on Tuesday April 14th at 6:30 at Bill and Sandi Hennig's home.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, April 21st, at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at 6.30 pm for refreshments. The meeting and program to follow at 7 pm. The meeting is free and open to all.

Pre-Meeting Dinner will be at ICM at 5:00. Please call Sandi Hennig to make reservations at [541-997-2489](tel:541-997-2489) or e-mail her at flendish@q.com Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Gallagher Park Work Party: There will be a work party on Wednesday April 22nd (Earth Day), at 10 until noon (weather permitting). Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377 or email toflowerman@gmail.com

Cookie Team- Kathy Bones, Sandi Jensen, Marjean McIntyre.

Other Oregon Chapter Meetings

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER : Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Carrier room (Church Street entrance) of the First Methodist Church on the corner of Church and State Streets, Salem.

TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER: First Tuesday of the month at 7 pm Washington County Fire District, 31370 NW Commercial Street North Plains, OR Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. (none in Jan.) Feb., Mar. & Apr.

EUGENE CHAPTER: Campbell Senior Center 155 High Street, Eugene, OR
Second Thursday, Oct to May at 7:30 pm

PORTLAND CHAPTER: All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR, Third Thursday September through May, the program begins at 7 pm.

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: Third Thursday of each Month
Oct -May 6:30 pm Social, 7 pm Meeting, Coos-Curry Housing Authority 1700 Monroe Ave. North Bend, OR

ARS Conferences 2015

May 6-10th, ARS Annual Convention- 70th Anniversary, Sidney, BC Canada

RHODODENDRON FLOWER SHOWS

SIUSLAW EARLY SHOW - APRIL 11TH & 12TH

SOUTHWEST SHOW – APRIL 25TH & 26TH

EUGENE SPRING RHODODENDRON SHOW AND BANQUET- APRIL 25- HILTON GARDEN INN, 3:00 - 9:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: *HISTORY OF THE RHODODENDRON SPECIES FOUNDATION - THE FIRST 50 YEARS*; SPEAKER: HAROLD GREER
FLOWER SHOW - PLANT AUCTION - RAFFLE - SILENT AUCTION – DINNER

SIUSLAW LATE SHOW - MAY 16TH-17TH



The O.H. Hinsdale Garden is gradually being restored and is open to the public for free viewing on three days in 2015. As plantings are restored and a sustainable water supply is established the garden may be open more days in the future.

The open days in 2015 are on Saturdays April 18 and 25 and May 9 from 10-2.

O.H.Hinsdale is an unusual and old garden nestled in a crook of the Umpqua River about 5 miles east of Highway 101.

It is surrounded by water but is only 50' feet from Highway 38 that connects with Interstate-5.

The Roosevelt Elk Herd at the nearby Elk Reserve are an added free attraction.

Visitors will be shuttled to and from the garden from the Elk Reserve parking lot.

Come and make a day of it.

Jenny Velinty,



Thank you Jack Hackett for your great member profile! I appreciate all of the members who have written their profiles. It doesn't have to be fancy, or long, but I think most of us are naturally curious about each other. Please send me your story about how you came to be interested in the plants that you are. Some will like rhodies and azaleas, others roses, and still others will be just supporting their significant others.



Member Profile by Sandi Jensen

I started out as a child.....I really did! However as a kid forced to weed the vegetable garden, and swearing with every single weed I pulled, that I will NEVER have a garden! I have been forced to eat those words on many occasions. I loved playing with flowers as a youngster, but did not equate flowers in the same category as vegetables (you don't have to weed the flowers, you know). They were my dolls, that danced all over our covered porch to tunes that I hummed. The large ones were made of Hollyhocks that stood proudly at the back porch bannister (mother won't miss just a few), and the ladies in waiting, were the hydrangeas that flanked the front porch steps. (she will never miss one of these, there are so many) And Honeysuckle made for sipping honey, not for playing! Later, when I was older, my Aunt Leora who lived down the road a half mile , showed me so many more flowers. Roses, which I learned to smell, but not touch, Azaleas in a multitude of bright colors, Rhododendrons oh so beautiful! Begonias, oh so pretty in their neatly lined up wooden baskets, and Fuchsias, who could resist popping a bud or two! Over the years I have grown many different flowers, some with success, and some were huge failures, but the ones that always capture my attention first are fuchsias. When we moved to our home in 1970, I tried many annuals, but found with the shade from the fir trees that surround us that fuchsias and begonias did the best. So began my obsession. And obsession it truly is. At this time, I have roughly 500 different varieties of fuchsias. They vary from the very tiny, but rambunctious encliandra types through some of the species that that grow into huge vines, or small (40 foot) trees, or hanging basket types with blooms that can be 4 inches across. Of course all of this eventually led me to the Eugene Fuchsia and Begonia Society. I wanted more varieties, and books about them, plus to meet like minded fuchsia lovers who could teach me the 'right' way to grow them. Well, I found all that and more. I eventually was elected as secretary, then vice-president, and then president (probably for life). After a time, I took over the writing of their newsletter, and at this time I am still doing that except now we only have meetings and a newsletter March through October. While the fuchsias sleep, so does the club. SLJ



Really good meeting! So many plants, so little time! Auction time is coming up! Come to the meeting to bid,bid ,bid !!!



Siuslaw Chapter ARS Mission Statement

The mission of the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is to promote the genus Rhododendron by:

- ✓ Creating enthusiasm for the genus Rhododendron through meetings, shows, publications, and social activities that provide the opportunities for members to share experiences and build friendships.
- ✓ Providing educational opportunities to successfully grow and enjoy these wonderful plants.
- ✓ Encouraging propagation and hybridizing of species and hybrid rhododendrons.
- ✓ Furthering the planting and use of rhododendrons in home, business, and public landscapes.
- ✓ Advocating the conservation and preservation of superior plants of our native rhododendrons and the habitat along the Oregon coast.
- ✓ Advancing and supporting the mission of the American Rhododendron Society

Club Clothing

Our line of logo clothing consists of a long sleeve 100% stonewashed cotton Denim Shirt, great for the spring and summer. Our green fleece jacket is soft and warm, perfect for every day wear. The last item is a navy blue fleece vest, great for layering. Sizes are available in Ladies - S to 4XL and Men's S to 6XL.

Prices include the embroidered Club Logo on each item:

Denim Shirt - \$34.00, slightly more for 2X and larger

Fleece Jacket - \$40.00, slightly more for 2X and larger

Vest - \$41.00, slightly more for 2X and larger

Contact Rosemary with any questions. Order at the Meeting or call/email Rosemary, [541-261-1849](tel:541-261-1849), tonyrosemay@charter.net



Here is a picture with Sandi and Rosemary both wearing a vest.

I have a denim shirt and a fleece jacket.

Larry has the vest, and they are all high quality. SJ



The Collectors Corner by Larry Jensen



Loderi King George (fortunei x griffithianum)

Here is a hybrid from Sir Edmund Loder registered in 1901 that has stood the test of time. If you cross two of the most majestic species with great flowers and fragrance, you come up with the Loderi group. With more than a dozen named cultivars from this group, King George is without a doubt, The King. The very large flowers open pink, and fade to white, this plant can dominate a landscape.

A year ago December we had

0°F. and King George bloomed the following spring. Loderi Venus, and Loderi Pink Diamond both perished. I need to replace Venus and plant her next to King George and hope for a better micro-climate.

These pictures were taken of the really nice King George blooming at the south end of Mike and Kathy's place. It just started blooming at the first of April. LJ





Here is a collage of some beautiful blooms we saw at the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve recently. So many pretty things! Thank You Jerry and Kathleen Sand for another gracious tour!



Here is a picture of our budding scientist watching his dri ice inflating the balloons. He decided science could be fun when he learned that you can blow things up with science !



Vincent Van Gogh



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This is an old picture taken at one of our shows of, I believe it is the macrophyllum known as 'Seven Devils Red' . What ever it is, there is no doubting its beauty!



This is a picture taken above our house of the Spotted Coral Root. They have tiny orchid like flowers arranged along 10 to 12" stems. The first time I noticed them, I thought that they were some kind of native pink asparagus .



This is my hippophaeoides

We had a friend from the Roseburg area pay us a visit recently, and during our conversation, he mentioned a rhododendron he had, that was looking poorly. After questioning him about its appearance, we determined that it was probably suffering from azalea lace bug damage. The foliage appears whitish, and the plants begin to look sickly. It is not a fungus as many 'experts' maintain, but a winged bug that sucks the juices from the plants foliage, leaving it starving because of the interruption of the plants processes. There are many sprays that you can use to kill the buggers, but with the lack of bees in our area, we are constantly concerned with killing off the few that remain, so Larry decided to try a less toxic method. It is more work, but many worthwhile things are.

Larry's Lace Bug Spray

In 2013 I noticed some lace bug damage in one area. In 2014 I decided to experiment with a non-toxic control.

There were still blooming plants when I started. I filled the hose end sprayer with dish detergent and ammonia in equal parts, and set the sprayer on 1 oz. per gallon and sprayed the underside of the foliage. I did this once a week for a month with good results. As well as washing the bugs off, the detergent releases surface tension on the ground to allow water to penetrate. The ammonia gives the plant a small amount of foliar fertilizer. LJ