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Siuslaw Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

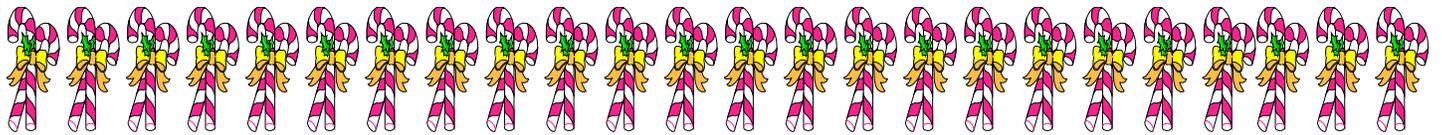
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Siuslaw ARS Christmas Party!!! December 6th at the Jesse T. Jones Oddfellows Park. Gather at noon, eat at 1 pm. Bring a garden themed gift to exchange. Choose something that you would like to receive, and mark it for a man or a woman if it is gender specific. To reach the party, cross the bridge heading south from Florence to South Jetty Rd. Turn Right (west), and drive roughly ½ mile to the Jesse T. Jones Oddfellows Park on the left. Look for the circular building. We hope to see you there!



SIUSLAW CHAPTER ARS CHRISTMAS PARTY , DECEMBER 6, 2015

Turkey	Bones
Ham	Hennig
Gravy	Smith
Cranberries	Hackett
Mashed Potatoes	Cockeram
Sweet Potatoes	Hobbs
Hot Vegetables	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Rolls/Butter	
Dressing	Jensen
Salads	1.Price
	2.
	3.
	4.
Desserts	1.Jensen
	2.Wilson
	3.Smith
	4.Hobbs
Appetizers	1.Hennig
	2.Jensen
	3.Wilson
	4.

Presidents Message



As I sit here on this rainy day, I look out and see Lees' Scarlet in full bloom. So is "Mike and Kathy", as Galen Baxter called it. (It was a seedling from Halfdan Lem 50 years ago.) It's nice to see the blooms of Spring and we haven't even had winter!

The dahlias are almost through blooming but still standing green and tall as we haven't had a frost to kill them back. The fuchsias in the ground are still in full bloom. There are many buds on the Rhododendrons awaiting their time to bloom. Let's just hope that we have another easy weather year with El Nino. What's a little rain?

Put some of the early bloomers on your Christmas Wish list! It should make you smile when you see its color starting, then bursting into full bloom.

I would like to thank everyone for this great year with the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Our Chapters Board has been doing a good job for the past few years.

Be sure to sign up for the Christmas Potluck dinner and gift exchange, which will be happening on Sunday December 6th. Gathering at noon and eating at one.

Merry Christmas to you and your family! Mike Bones



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Dear Rhody Friends,
We lost our Rhodo-holic friend and Chapter President Jerry Reynolds Tuesday. He was never able to fully recover after his car accident in May and over the last few weeks declined further. He had been in St. Joseph Hospital ICU until Tuesday at 11:00 am when he lost the fight. We visited him nearly every day as did many other Rhodo friends; his nurses said you must all be "rhododendron people"! I think that is a pretty nice way to be known.

I will keep you posted as I know more about a possible memorial planned for after New Year's. "Friends feed each other's spirits and dreams and hopes; they feed each other with the things a soul needs to live" ****Glen Herrington-Hall
June and Tim Walsh



Here is a picture Mike sent me of Mike and Kathy blooming in their yard.



This is a picture of Mikes Lees' Scarlet



We had such a great program this last meeting! Mike Stewart taught us



about the people who brought the rhododendron species out of their native areas to become available to us. He told us of the difficulties the explorers faced in getting plant materials from such closed areas as China. The difficulties remain today, and he expects the borders to close to intrepid plant hunters soon. So, when you hear of new species being introduced, or admire your hybrids, think of all that goes into collecting wild material. They all started out wild!

He and Maria had been able to go with Steve Hootman this spring to China, and the pictures he took to go with his program were outstanding!