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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

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JUNE 21st AT THE HONEYMAN/WOAHINK YURT!

Our Annual June Picnic will be held on Sunday June 21st At Honeyman/Woahink State Park Yurt. This is the month that we elect the officers, and board member positions that are open. This time we have three positions. President, Vice President, and a board member position to be filled. The nominations so far are, Mike Bones for president , Sandi Jensen for Vice-president., and Bill Hennig for board member. All of these positions are open to nominations from the “floor” at the business part of the meeting. If anyone besides the aforementioned people agrees to be nominated, there will then be a vote of the members present. Otherwise they will be elected as they stand. **Driving directions are : Drive south from Florence to Honeyman Park. Turn East at Canary Road. Proceed about ½ mile to first right hand turn(not at boat ramp)**

What to bring:

1. A table setting for yourselves (plate, silverware, napkin, drinking cup)
2. Your favorite beverage(s)
3. Plant or garden related gift item for the “plant game”.
4. Appetizers, hot dishes, salads, or desserts.



THE NAME OF THE GAME IS ... HAVING FUN AT OUR PICNICS!

The “game” instructions go like this... if you bring a plant or “something”(ie a garden related item) to add to the game, you’re in. A couple people often bring extras so “forgetters” can still play. Tickets are handed out with the other half of the ticket going into a hat. The numbers are then called randomly. The person with the first number called goes to the circle of items and chooses one to stand behind. The person with the second ticket called has the choice of “stealing” the first ones item or choosing any of the remaining items. This goes on with each additional number called and the person with the number gets 30 seconds to find an item. Now when a plant is “stolen” the victim has the remainder of the ticket holders’ 30 seconds to find a new item. This means anyone being bumped has to hustle to another plant if they intend to steal. When the time runs out, the last person without an item must choose something that no one is standing behind. When all the numbers have been called the first number has the option to keep his item or “steal” since he never got to do so. Sometimes the game goes fast with little stealing and sometimes the game takes a long time with everyone stealing!!! **Everyone has fun! We hope you will join us at the summer picnic at Honeyman Park on Wohink Lake.**

Here is a list of the foods that people have signed up for, so you can fill in (or remind yourself what you signed up for!) Hennig- Fried Chicken ; Warner- Chili; Bones- Lasagne; Price- Coleslaw; Cockeram-“something”; Wilson- salad; Hobbs- Cake or Cookies; Hackett- Casserole; Goodenough/Guettler-Salad; Smith-Salad; Caputo- “don’t know yet”; Jensen-pulled pork&pickles.

Board meeting Tuesday, June 9th , 6:30 pm at Jim and Sylvia Smith’s home in Mapleton.

Presidents Message by Larry Jensen

Another great show! Thank you for all the entries! Without everyones participation, we would not have had much of a show. We had almost 700 entries! We had a lot of entries from the folks at the Southwest and Eugene Chapters, and they took home many of our trophies. The weather in Florence this spring started the rhodies blooming early, but then the temperature cooled off until after the show.

The plant sale crew did a great job as usual, Thank You . I also want to give a special Thank You to Sylvia Smith who stepped up and took over the trophy table when Sharon Samuelson suffered a heart attack, and although we haven’t heard, we are hoping that Sharon is doing okay. Set-up and take-down went very well. Great job everyone! Seven New members this month-Wow!

Remember the picnic is June 21st at noon at the Honeymon Yurt. This is election time so a short meeting, pot-luck, and plant game.

Only 3 weeks until summer. This week-end the temps are supposed to climb into the mid 80’s, here at least. I really like the showers and 60’s that we are having now.

I’m a week or so slow at getting things fertilized, so I’d better get in gear tomorrow.

There is a new bear in our neighborhood. Daisy told it to go away. I think it smelled our barbeque so it came to explore. Monday morning it went to visit Sandi’s mother’s bird feeder which had just been filled. They said it stayed around for about 45 minutes and cleaned up the area quite nicely.

I had a lot of positive feedback about the May meeting. It is great to have several knowledgeable members to teach newer members. We are considering a rhododendron exchange and cutting party for fall. Since new members are frequently new to the area, and genus, we need to be sure to make them feel welcome, and tell them about some of the wonderful things that are available to do here. LJ

I recently emailed with our member, David Grantham of Dallas Texas. With the horrific weather they have been having there, I was concerned that he might be underwater. It sounds as though he is in a higher neighborhood than where the flooding was taking place, but said the night I emailed him they received up to 4.58 inches after we first emailed when he said they had had 2 inches then. All I can say is wow, and give thanks that our rains, though relentless at times, don’t generally fall that heavily in that short a period of time! SJ

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.**



Trophy winners : class 1-6,best deciduous azalea, Candy Baumer; class 7-13 Best Evergreen Azalea & Azaleadendron, Jack Olson; class 14-16, Best White Elepidote, Dee Hill, with Senator Jackson; class 17-21 Best Pink Elepidote (excluding wallopers), Chris Trautmann with Dorothy Bishop; class 20a- Best Walloper , Jack Olson with Red Walloper; class 22-23a Best Rose Elepidote, Randle McGrew with Anna Rose Whitney; class 24,25,27,28 Best Red Elepidote, Ann Drake with Red Majesty; class 26 & 31, Best Black Red or Black Purple Elepidote, Danielle McClennen with Jim’s Black Heart; Class 29-30, Best Purple Elepidote, Ann Drake with Elsie Watson; class 32-33 Best Purple Elepidote, Ann Drake with Kathy Jo; class 34-37 Best yellow Elepidote, JoAnn and Paul Wilson with Windsong; class 38-43 Best Tri-Color Elepidote, Jack Olson with Honeybutter; class 44-50, Best Lepidote, Candy Baumer with Egret; class 470-550, Best Species Azalea, Jack Hackett with r. luteum; class 561 Best Yak Species, Don and Jeannie Shields with r. yakushmanum; class 561, Best macrophyllum, JoAnn and Paul Wilson; class 560,570-680, Best Elepidote Species, Jack Olson with r. venator; class 740 & 780, Best Maddenii & Edgeworthia Species & Hybrid, Jack Hackett with r. Southern Cloud; class 700-730,750-770,&790, Best Lepidote Species, Ann Drake with r. sargentianum ‘Maricee’; class 810-840, Best New American Hybrid Seedling, Jack Olson; class 850 Best Elepidote Spray, Candy Baumer with Hoppy; class 910-940, Best Foliage Display, Ron and Cheryl Prchal with Point Fordham; Best in Show- Elepidote, Jack Olson with Honeybutter; Best in Show- Lepidote, Jack Hackett with Southern Cloud; Royal Trophy , Ann Drake with Elsie Watson; Sweepstakes (most points) won by Larry Jensen.

The raffle plants were won by : Skip Rosenbalm-“Many Moons”; Kathy Martin- “Yo Cross”; & John Rickaby- “Field Mystery” Congratulations to all!



We had a very fun and informative meeting in May with many new faces and hopefully, many people went home with azaleas that will grow well for them! Evergreen azaleas are usually very easy to start, so they should. I started a few here at my home, so we will see how I do too. Cuttings are a fun way to increase plants that you know you like. I have been doing cuttings of various plants for years, some with success, some with no luck, but each time I do them I learn something. Generally I learn what NOT to do, but isn't that as good a way to learn as any? I have become addicted to doing cuttings. Even though I have way more plants than I could possibly use, I feel the need to do more. This year, I was justified in all the geranium cuttings that I did, because I killed about 90% of my stock plants. THEN there are the seeds! For years I saw no reason to put in seeds of any sort. However, once I started, I'm having a hard time stopping. I have done some fuchsias, hellebores, cyclamen, clivia, arisaemas, datura, and of course geraniums! They are possibly the most exciting because you can see a bloom on most of them in less than a year, and although I'll never make it as a hybridizer, it is fun and rewarding while I do it! All in all propagating anything gives you a feeling of creating without having to carry it for 9 months!



**The reason volunteers aren't paid is not because they're worthless,
but because they're priceless!**

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I think this is Larrys' favorite purple, Amiblue



This is my favorite rhodie after the show, but look! It showed up with a couple of really strange blooms this year!



I was looking through some of my older pictures, and found this picture of Washington Centennial. One of the best named varieties of deciduous azaleas.



This butterfly showed up on a rose we have. I've never figured out who it is. Any guesses?



This was taken many years ago in Meerkerk Garden . I took it before I started recording what they were by shooting the name tags. The next one was taken in the same place in 2013, and it is r.kesangiae. Same? Maybe...



This last picture is another old one. Lazy squirrel in Hendricks Park!



Thank You all for your continued help with the shows. You are all invaluable!



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