



This was a fun and productive night , with our auctioneer selling many donated plants to our many wonderful members and some fantastic guests (and potential new members) who purchased so many of the plants! This auction is our major fund raiser for the operation of our society. We had 81 plants, and raised 823\$ Thank you all again for all the fun as well as the \$\$\$ spent!



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.**



The early show was a smaller one than our usual numbers, but we still had some community participation plus some visitors from the play that was being put on. I know many of you did not bring blooms because they were not trophy quality. Well, we need all the color we can get, so please, please bring all the trusses that you can. Not only do we need people to help, but we need blooms to help us put on a fantastic show! As you can see by the big smile on Steven Prices' face, your first entry too, could be a blue ribbon winner! Sandi J



Below is a link to the obituary for Dr. Bump.

This is a great loss to the Rhododendron community. Forrest was a font of information and was generous with his plants and cuttings. Forest was also a member of a small committee of the Tualatin Chapter ARS that is endeavoring to create an online database of all the RHS registrations. The Committee has a grant from the ARS Research Foundation for the project. This project had been stalled for a number of years but seems to be back on track thanks to Pam Hayward. This is a joint project of the ARS & RHS and the project has now become even more important since Hirsutum will no longer be accepting additions. While the RHS database contains only registrations, it may be possible for the new database to include unregistered names as well.

Dr. Bump will be sorely missed.

Dick 'Red' Cavender, Red's Rhodies, Sherwood, Oregon, USA, Zone 8

<http://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?n=forrest-e-bump&pid=174804276&fhid=22682>

This time of year it is really hard to be bored. There is so much to do, and a shortage of energy.

First of all : Congratulations to all of the great helpers. Set-up and tear-down both went very fast, and we had plenty of help! Congratulations also to the winners of the trophies! The plant sales did really well with nearly enough profit to put the show in the black.

This time for our late show, set up will be the same, with the exception of the kids art. I believe that Kathy Bones, and anyone wishing to help put up the pictures will be doing that Wednesday at 3:pm. Thursday, May 14th, 3:30 at the storage unit, and 4:30 at the FEC for set-up. Friday, May 15th at 5:pm will be the time for members to bring early entries in until 7:pm. Saturday, May 16th entries will be accepted from 7 am until 9 am. Anything coming later than that, will not be accepted for judging.

Southwest had a really nice show again this year with approximately the same number of entries as our early show. Their plant sale was nearly sold out on Saturday. You can tell more people want to buy rhodies that are not the same old supermarket varieties.

Speaking along those lines, I've added about 60 new ones to my collection. (I lost at least that many to the cold weather a year and a half ago.) Most of them will have to stay in a pot for the next year.

It's almost time for the final fertilizer application for this year.(unless you don't have soil, sand)

Last meeting was a marathon auction for Mike Bones. We bought 81 plants for over an average of \$10 each.

GREAT JOB!

I encourage everyone to bring at least one macrophyllum truss, and many more if you take them from separate plants. Remember that the macrophyllum can be from other than your property. Just be sure to get permission from your neighbor before you take their prize.



Eugene Special May Program- Restoration of Older Scottish Gardens Speaker: John Hammond 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 Program at 1:30 at the Summerfield Estates Clubhouse Summerfield Ave. in Eugene Driving Directions: • Beltline to Barger Drive • West on Barger to Terry St. • South (left) one block on Terry to Summerfield Ave • Right on Summerfield to the club house John Hammond, an associate member of the Eugene Chapter and a member of the ARS Scottish Chapter, will present this program based on a lecture that he gave at St. Andrews University in Scotland last fall. There are many large rhododendron gardens on Scotland's rugged and mountainous West Coast and, surprisingly, among these are some that garden tours don't visit. His program will provide us an opportunity to see some very interesting and most unusual gardens. The program takes a look at the historical background, and the challenges faced by their founders around a century ago, to develop four major and very different gardens. He will discuss why they have become candidates for restoration, and then will outline some of the work that the Rhododendron Species Conservation Group is working on in liaison with the garden owners in terms of both restoration and conservation. We hope that you can join us for this interesting special program at a different time and place than we usually meet.



Eugene Chapter Field Trip and Garden Tour – Thursday May 21st. The first stop on this field trip will be the beautiful 2.5 acre garden of Cassandra and Bryan Barrett along Lost Creek south of Dexter. This 15 year-old garden is a wonderful display of Cassandra's professional skill as a garden designer as well as the hard work of two dedicated plants people. Throughout the garden, there are many garden rooms and styles that are all coordinated by paths that wind through the garden. Many of the rhododendrons are species and all are well placed to fit into the larger garden but there are many kinds of plants as this is the garden of two avid plant collectors. As we wander through the garden, we will see rock gardens, a lovely small front garden, the well-known heather hillside, the birch corner, a large vegetable garden and orchard, a formal area with two intersecting alleés, and a creekside dwarf conifer and rhododendron garden all enhanced with a variety of art work. The Barrett garden is located at 81518 Lost Creek Road just south of Dexter and we hope that many of you will be able to carpool arriving at the garden at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to carpool (i.e. have an extra seat or two in your car or would like to ride), it is suggested that you meet at 9:15 a.m. at the Campbell Center, 155 High Street in Eugene and leave at 9:30. To get to the Barretts, take I-5 south from Eugene to Exit 188 toward Oakridge; follow Hwy 58 for about 12 miles to Dexter; turn right on Lost Creek Road for 2.9 miles. Extra parking is along Lost Valley Lane adjacent to the Barrett property. From the Barrett garden we will drive through Lowell, stopping for lunch at Armando's Mexican Restaurant for a no-host lunch, before continuing on to Fall Creek and the 2-acre garden of Jack and Sandie Olson. Sherlyn will have driving instructions for the drive from the Barretts to Armando's and from there to the Olson garden and finally from there back to Eugene. It is a beautiful drive but can be rather tricky. This garden is filled with rhododendrons as well as a large variety of other interesting plants and will be at its peak at this time. We will want to see Jack's new greenhouse and the propagation that he is doing. Return to Eugene will be about 5:00 p.m.

We recently went North to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Gardens' annual sale. They invite a number of selected vendors who grow a wide variety of plant material. It is a plant collectors heaven!



We found a wide array of plants there, but I found no new fuchsias at that sale. No worries, however. I found some new arisaemas (at least 4), a yellow pagoda erithronium, a couple more blue poppies, a miniature hosta, and more I can't list (because I can't remember them all).

The setting there is spectacular, using the parking lot shared by the Weyerhaeuser building and the Species Garden and Pacific Bonsai Collection. However, since the Weyerhaeuser Corporation has sold, it is unknown what will happen with the building. It is so much a part of the area, I can't imagine anyone tearing it down, but stranger things are happening everywhere. We got in early to the sale on Friday afternoon, since we are members, and after securing our loot in the car, we took a quick walking tour through the garden. Many of the rhodies were just



finishing, but others just beginning. The arisaemas were in full bloom, and I took many pictures of them. They seem to have adapted to their surroundings very well. The cardiocrinims were up, and looking extremely healthy, (some over Larry's head)but it is too early for blooms from them.

After we left the sale the next day, (yes, we went back the next morning... we might have missed

something) we headed south past the Tacoma Dome, and west across the Tacoma Narrows bridges toward Whitney Gardens in the shadow of the Olympic Mountains. They have a beautiful (mostly rhody) garden, where you can see the rhodies that you would like to buy in their natural state.

We found several, and took many pictures on a warm and sunny day. After that stop we headed south and west toward Astoria, then upriver, and the next morning after an impromptu trip out onto Sauvie Island, we



found ourselves at Joy creek Nursery where we managed to find room for just a few more plants! There I did find some fuchsias that I had lost years ago.

Our last stop was at Bovees' Nursery where we found no Lucy Sorensen(she was at hortlandia), but took some pictures in the vireya house, and ended up buying one more plant. All in all, it was a very fun week-end.





This really is a plant lovers dream sale! What a beautiful day! And I came up with a bumper sticker for Larry: SO Many Species, So Little Time ! I hope many of you will at least go to the Garden and enjoy its beauty whenever you are up in the Seattle area. Federal Way Is just south of Seattle, and just north of Tacoma, and the garden is right next to the freeway (I-5) and easy to find.



LARRY JENSEN A member profile by Sandi Squared

Little known facts about our President, Larry Jensen. We all know he's a talented builder many things. His wife can attest to that. His skill is evident at their homestead. The outbuildings are magnificent examples of his workmanship.

He's a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He has one four-legged "daughter", Daisy, who seldom leaves his side.

Enough about the positive side of Larry.

He had lots of dreams when he was younger. Unknown to his family and friends, he wanted to be a cheerleader at his high school. Even though boys were not allowed, he still strived to be part of the squad. When no one was watching, he'd try on a discarded uniform in front of his mirror. His thought was that it looked pretty good and he did have better legs than most of the others on the squad.

However, as years passed, he realized that those dreams were to be dashed. He settled on living in Noti with the love of his life, Sandi.

Thanks Larry for sharing this side of you that was probably best not revealed. The members of this Chapter will never look at you the same!

Just Kidding! BUT... Don't let Sandi Squared write a profile about YOU! If you have not sent a profile in to the newsletter editor yet, please, please get writing....before we do!



My memory is so bad, I can hide my own Easter Eggs. Terry Talbot

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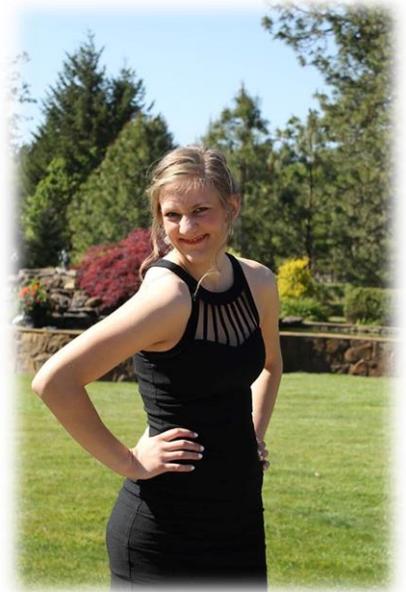
Henry's Red that we got at Whitney's. It has nice tight small dk red trusses. It's just too bad I haven't learned to adjust the lighting for reds, and get a decent color .



Danny sent me this that he took with his phone. He said it is nutalii var. Southern Cloud and that he had smelled all the smell out of it. Mmm, I can hardly wait for the madden section during the show. I LOVE it when they perfume the whole FEC building!



My new fuchsia called 'Eruption'



Our Granddaughter in her prom dress with one of her best sassy smiles! Graduation soon!



This nice Jack Olsen hybrid is, I believe a sister seedling of his Prism. Someone bought one at the auction!



This is one of my new arisaemas. Small, but cute!