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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, November 17th : **4:00 p.m.** Mike Stewart will be speaking to us about “Species Rhododendrons and Their Journey to your Garden”. The program will show lots of species rhododendrons , who discovered them, where and when.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th -at Mike and Kathy Bones Home at 5:30, followed immediately by a Pre-show meeting.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, November 17th, at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at **4 pm** for refreshments. The meeting and program to follow shortly. The meeting is free and open to all.

Post-Meeting Dinner will be at 6:30 pm at Rosas . 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, November 18th at 10 until noon (weather permitting) . Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377 or email toflowerman@gmail.com

Cookie Team- Steven Price, Judy Caputo, & LeaAnne Kelley

Hospitality Table- Betty King

There is a change coming to the Siuslaw ARS! We are having our meetings early, from 4-6 for the October, November, January, and February meetings. We will make reservations for dinner to follow the meetings (6:30)



Other Oregon Chapter Meetings

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.

TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER: First Tuesday of the month at 7 pm Washington County Fire District 2 31370 NW
Commercial Street North Plains, OR 97133

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: Third Thursday of each Month Oct -May 6:30 pm Social, at N. Bend Housing
Authority , 1700 Monroe Street North Bend. November 19th, Dennis Bottemiller from the RSF will talk about
propagation at the species foundation.

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER : Second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May; Dec and May meetings held elsewhere.
Meeting is held at First United Methodist Church, 600 State St., Salem, OR.



We had a fun time at our first ever 4:00 meeting. I hope more of you will join us next time! My apologies for the blurriness of some of the photos. I guess you were all moving faster than usual! (or I was)



My many apologies for printing the Azalea lace bug article without the proper links to the author and contacts. I fear I was too concerned with my ability to get it into a format and size that would fit into the newsletter. Thank you Gary Smith for helping me do that! Credit can be given to the Oregon Dept of Agriculture per Gary McAninch.



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.

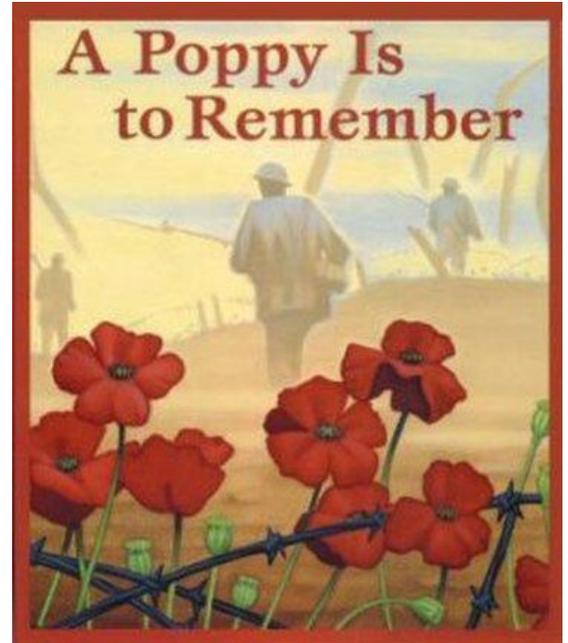
November 11th Let us not forget our Veterans, and all they have sacrificed for our freedom.

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Dear Dr. Rhody,

I just bought a Rhododendron. Is there a special way to plant it, and where should I plant it?

First Timer

Dear First Timer,

Your purchase is well timed, particularly on the Oregon 'Coast. This is a perfect time to plant Rhododendrons.

Rhododendrons prefer a location that has well drained soil and high broken shade.

When you are ready, dig a hole twice as large as the root ball. Mix the soil with equal amounts of bark. Fill the hole approximately one half full with the mixture. If the root ball is dry, it should be soaked before planting. If the root ball contains clay, it is best to wash as much of the clay away as possible before planting.

Container grown plants may be root bound. The root balls should be cut and the roots loosened before planting. Score the roots and then set the plant in the prepared hole. The root ball should be at least 1 ½ inches higher than the surrounding soil. Use the rest of the mix to fill in around the plant. Mound the soil around the side of the plant. Leave the top of the root ball uncovered so water will penetrate easily. Pack the soil gently around the root ball and water lightly and thoroughly.

After planting, mulch with bark, wood chips, pine needles or any other organic material to conserve moisture, keep the soil cool and restrict the growth of weeds.

Good planting,

Dr. Rhody

Presidents Message by Mike Bones



We have had a really dry summer, the rains have finally come and it is time to transplant. Some of us have planted the wrong Rhododendron in the wrong spot. It was small when I put it there but it has now filled that spot and is crowding out other plants. If the plant is too bushy, tie up the branches, they can be pulled tighter than what you think. Treat them like they do Christmas trees, cinch them up so that you can get underneath with a straight shovel. Dig straight down, not curved under the plant, don't pry, shovels are made for digging. Dig all around the plant, if you haven't cut all of the roots, go around again. If the roots are deeper, dig a ditch around the plant, then dig down again all around the plant. Now its time to do a little prying. This part, might take two people, one grabbing onto the main stem and gently tugging while the other **GENTLY** gives a little pry with the shovel. Watch to see where the roots are still attached, then dig through those roots. Don't try to pull the plant out of the ground with a large root ball, just pull it over on its side, then cut off the bottom of the roots to make the root ball flat on the bottom side. (if the root ball is 18 inches deep, you can cut off 6 inches) Place a tarp under the plant, upright the plant and tip it the other direction grabbing the tarp from the other side. Now that the plant is totally sitting on the tarp, pull the tarp, it is easy to move a plant this way, you don't have to pick it up. Drag it to the newly prepared spot and tip it off of the tarp, using lots of bark to replant the root ball. Don't plant the plant as deep as what it was prior to digging it. Water it in well, even if it is going to rain the next day. If you haven't put out your fall fertilizer, you still have time.. There are still flower bulbs that can be purchased at the stores. Its Spring bulb planting time. I already have some daffodils with inch tall tops

Our Christmas Potluck will be in a month, now is a good time to be hunting for good garden gifts in the stores. Many discounts are available as the stores are making room for their Christmas inventory .

The earlier meet time is working out. We even had more people attend the meeting and the post dinner. Be sure to make a reservation with our two dinner ladies, Rosemary Rebello and Sandi Hennig.

See you at the meeting.



Collectors Corner November 2015 *R. roxianum* 'oreonastes'

In the springtime when all of the hybrids are blooming, I have a lot of favorites, but mainly what is blooming at the time.



Summer through Winter, if you ask for my favorite, *R. roxianum* oreonastes would likely be the answer. The one we have, I acquired over 15 years ago, and at that time it was a rather scraggly plant about 30 inches tall. I had read that rotten logs were great places to plant rhodies. There happened to be an area that had a rotten, old growth doug fir log (probably dead for 75 years) that I chose to plant it in. Despite the fact that it is considered to be a dwarf alpine form, the plant is about 6 feet tall and very full. The dark green, narrow leaves are spectacular! Especially with the cinnamon brown indumentum coating the underside!

It has survived through temperatures from 0° F. to many days over 100° F. The blooms are small, but this plant is grown more for the foliage. The comment from visitors who don't know rhodies is "What is THAT plant!" LJ





About 40 years ago, the girls and I went to Sweezy's Nursery near Noti and bought a pink rhody for Sandi for mothers day. Two or three years ago, after almost 40 years, it was 16 feet tall and at least that wide. It became apparent that it had to be cut back....severely! About 8 to 10 years earlier, Sandi had done some cuttings of it. I planted them out in the area above our tinker toy fence. Last spring it was time for 3- 6 foot babies to have

permanent homes. We gave one to a neighbor, planted one up by the house, and another on the driveway. The latter took the place of an Anna Rose Whitney which had died. By mid-summer all the leaves were brown despite frequent watering. I nearly pulled it out in August, but there were some green leaf buds. Late in October the leaves have started to come out, and upon closer examination, I see bud breaks along the stems. Maybe the moral of this story is : don't give up on a plant too quickly!



Beautiful blue sky over the fall colors between rains



I don't remember what the name of this one is, but it is very pretty. You can't say it is just another pink!



The secret to happiness is not only doing what you like, but also liking what you do.



DUES ARE DUE! REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T GET THEM PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST , YOU WILL NO LONGER GET THE ARS JOURNAL!

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**Daylight savings time is like
cutting off one end of a blanket
and sewing it on to the other end!**



R. kesangiae is such a beautiful thing!



I got one to live over the summer, but not bloom. Maybe next year.



The American Rhododendron Society, Siuslaw Chapter Board has incorporated a policy for selling plants at any show put on by this chapter. That policy states that anyone selling plants at a chapter show must be an ARS member and give a copy of their current Nurseryman's License to the plant sales chair a month prior to the flower show before being allowed to add their products to the sales.

Guests at the September meeting were Pat and Bob Sullivan, Dee Hartley, Deanna Larson, Toni Glover, Sue Theaker, Paula Harrison, and Cheryl Lavelle. Because they did not fill out any contact information, we are unable to follow up their visit, and pursue them as possible members. At following meetings it is thought that any visitors will be asked to fill out a "membership" form for the purpose of sending them a sample newsletter, and possibly they could become new members. This is one of the reasons that we are asking for help at the hospitality table, so that members, as well as visitors will be made to feel more welcome. Your help is needed for future meetings! Betty King has signed up to greet at this coming meeting, but two people at the table would be great! Don't know everyone??? How better to get to know people? We had 39 members at the last meeting!



The Christmas Party is set for Dec. 6th at the Oddfellows campground.

Gather at noon, eat at one, with a gift exchange to follow!

