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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, April 19th; The subject of Aprils meeting will encompass planting seedling rhododendrons, planting from pots, and any other answers to questions that you have.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th at Jim and Sylvia Smiths home in Mapleton at 6:30.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, April 19th , at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at **6:30** for refreshments. The meeting and program to follow shortly. The meeting is free and open to all. Our website: siuslawars.org

Pre-Meeting Dinner will be at 4:30-5:00 pm, Tuesday April 19th at ICM . Please email Rosemary Rebello at rosemary.rebello@gmail.com , or phone her at [541-261-1849](tel:541-261-1849) ! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Gallagher Park Work Party: There will be a work party on Wednesday, April 20th , at 10 until noon (weather permitting) . Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377or email toflowerman@gmail.com

Cookie Team- Sandi Jensen, & Sandi Hennig

Hospitality Table- Jo Ann Wilson

We are returning to our former pre-dinner and meeting times. Please check the schedule above for times.



Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites

EUGENE CHAPTER: Campbell Senior Center 155 High Street, Eugene, OR

Second Thursday, Oct to May at 7:30 pm Website : eugene-chapter-ars.org

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

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

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: Third Thursday of each Month Oct -May6:30 pm Social, at N. Bend Housing Authority , 1700 Monroe Street North Bend . Website : sworegonars.org

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. Website : Arswillamette.org

All other web sites can be found on rhododendron.org under chapters web sites.

Future Events in 2016

April 9th - Eugene Chapter Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet, Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield

Speaker: Bob Zimmerman Topic: TBA

April 16th & 17th - **Siuslaw Chapter Early Show**

April 23rd & 24th - Southwestern Oregon Chapter Flower Show

April 20th thru 24th - **ARS/ASA Annual Convention**, Williamsburg, VA

A joint meeting of the American Rhododendron Society and the Azalea Society of America

www.arsasaconvention2016.org

April 29th thru May 1st, Eureka Chapter Rhododendron Show and Plant Sale

May 7th & 8th Noyo Chapter, Annual Show and Plant Sale

May 7th & 8th Portland Chapter Mothers Day Show and Plant Sale

May 21st & 22nd **Siuslaw Chapter Late Show**

Sept. 30th thru Oct. 2nd — **Western Regional Conference**. Newport, Oregon. Watch for more details later.



IT'S SHOW TIME !

For our early show, we have a category for bloom bud. I find it an extremely difficult one to enter, probably because I might want to enter this truss in another show when it opens. Anyway, the presentation is the same as for truss in the flower show, but with **NO** flower color showing.

EARLY SHOW SET-UP TIMELINE

April 14th at 3:30 pm at the storage unit to pick up materials.

4:00 pm at FEC to set-up

April 15th truss (flower, and bud) entries from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

April 16th truss entries (flower and bud) from 7:00 to 9:00 am.



MY FORGETTER

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
to you that may seem funny but,
to me, it is no joke

For when I'm "here" I'm
wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is generally me!

When shopping I may see

someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,

Then, when the person walks
away
I ask myself, "who the heck was
that?"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.



Nan Osbon:



Nancy Jean Osbon, 82, passed away on March 6, 2016. Nan was born on May 12, 1933 in Thrall, TX to Benjamin and Margaret Fuchs. She and her sister were raised in the Watts area of Los Angeles, CA. Nan was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith and enjoyed singing as a child. Her first job in high school was working at the Leimert Theater in Los Angeles as an usher. Nan married Irwin Osbon (Ozzie) on May 8, 1953 at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Los Angeles. Nan opened her own real estate office, Plaza Realty, in Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA and became the first female broker on the Board of Realtors in 1956. After that, she was also a stockbroker and an insurance agent. **Nan and Ozzie worked together designing and building 10 homes in the Palos Verdes Peninsula area as well as her home in Florence. Nan and Ozzie did a lot of R.V. traveling, approximately 3 to 6 months each year, visiting every state. Together, they traveled to Spain, South America, Mexico and Puerto Rico as well as several cruises, including the last voyage of the Lurline from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland. Nan and Ozzie**

moved to Florence in December of 1999. They were among the group who decided Florence needed a L.C.M.S. church and set about to make Resurrection Lutheran their church. Nan was involved in numerous causes: Resurrection Lutheran Church, Lutheran Woman's Missionary League, Florence Events Center "Friends of FEC", CAC "Council Advisory Committee", S.E.A. "Seacoast Entertainment Assn.", Siuslaw Fisherman's Assn., Rhododendron Society, Caring Pregnancy Center, Florence Parks and Recreation, Florence Mural Advisory Board, City Club Steering Committee, Kiwanis, Kilroy Military Museum, Toastmasters and was a former Florence City Councilor in 2003 & 2004 and Councilor Vice-President in 2005 & 2006. Nan enjoyed watching football, her beach walks and listening to Christian or classical music. She would daily seek the Lord's guidance throughout her life and shared her blessings with others. **Nan lived quietly with her cat, Cloi.** She was preceded in death by her husband, Ozzie, in 2005 and leaves behind a step-son, Ron Osbon, of Fullerton, CA., sister, Joan Amorelli, of San Pedro, CA., niece, Terry Smith, of Manhattan Beach, CA and great niece, Timmi Jandro, of Palos Verdes Estates, CA. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1 mile south of the bridge, on April 21st at 3:00 p.m., followed by a reception at the Florence Events Center from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to share stories and memories. In lieu of flowers, a donation box will be available at the FEC for Nan's favorite charities: Resurrection Lutheran Church, Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, Caring Pregnancy Center, C.R.O.W. and SEA Coast Entertainment. Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Thank You to Burns Riverside Chapel, and Joe and Pam Henry for sharing this memorial.



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

Ahhh Springtime ! Finally some nice weather, and so much to do. The early show is coming up fast. We have a lot blooming on this side of the hills so if that is an indication of what is blooming at the coast, we should have a really big show! Thank You Sylvia for the show prep presentation at the last meeting.

I am just finishing up a bathroom remodel at home. I can make an easy project hard, but it turned out nice. I also finally finished a planter that I started a year ago. The finished size is about 75 feet long outside the garden fence toward the highway. It now has 19 deciduous azaleas and 13 forsythia, plus Iris, crocosmia, and lily's . Later we will add some more daffodils.

The Southwest Chapter has a really good show the week-end after ours. I encourage everyone to enter, or at least go visit them at the Pony Village Mall on the 23rd, or the 24th . If you decide to enter , they use the same key and schedule as we do.

I filled in at the district meeting last week but nothing can be reported about the re-organization of the ARS until after the meeting at the convention at Williamsburg, Va. Speaking of the convention, they still have room for more visitors. It is a very historical area, and while I would like to see it sometime, it is very hard for us to break away for very long this time of year.

This fall is the Western Regional Convention in Newport. It is always one of our favorite venues. There will be many interesting presentations, and we have been asked to do our foliage display again! For us the fall is an easier time to travel, but the Convention next spring in Eureka is intriguing , and a whole lot closer to our home!



We took a walk in Hendrick's Park the other evening, and this Avalanche was blooming beautifully!



The lutescens were in rare form !



This Bibiani, next to the odd growth on the tree was so striking. Just hard to photograph!

Reds seldom look correct in photos. Be sure to take some time to visit the park when you have a few minutes in Eugene, or better yet, take some time to help out in Gallagher's park and pick up some limbs or pull some weeds. Then you can see what beautiful things are blooming there!

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Beautiful, but no tag



The Clivias in my greenhouse
outdid themselves!!!



The niveums in the RSBG were
spectacular last year.



Our Vulcan Magnolia was extra
bright this year.

*Kind hearts are the garden,
kind thoughts are the roots,
kind words are the flowers,
kind deeds are the fruits*



R. Razorbil



Meet Lois and Rich Bravo !
Our new members.



*The biggest
Illusion is that
there will be more
time tomorrow*



**THE EARLY WORM
DOESN'T LIKE BIRDS**