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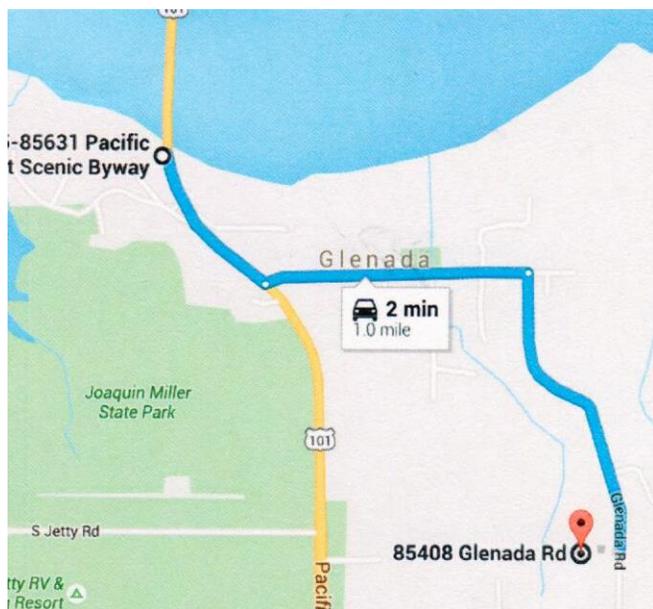
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### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

## **SUMMER PICNIC !!! JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**



This years Siuslaw ARS picnic will be at Steven and Deb's house on June 19th. They are at 85408 Glenada Rd. Glenada Rd is the first street south of the Best Western Motel on the east side of 101 just south of the Florence Bridge. Progress down Glenada for 0.8 mi and look for the ARS picnic sign on the right hand side. Parking is in the two small fields and along the driveway. We ask you bring folding chairs, place settings and your potluck dish. The Price's will provide hot dogs and Chili. Social time starts at noon and potluck begins at 1. Don't forget your plant or garden item for the "musical chairs" game. Hope to see everyone there.  
Steven



### **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](http://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](http://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](http://tuatitinvalleyars.org)

**SOUTHWESTERN OREGON:** Third Thursday of each Month Oct -May 6:30 pm Social, at N. Bend Housing Authority , 1700 Monroe Street North Bend . Website : [sworegonars.org](http://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](http://Arswillamette.org)

All other web sites can be found on [rhododendron.org](http://rhododendron.org) under chapters web sites.

# Future Events in 2016

June 7<sup>th</sup> Post Show meeting at Mike and Kathy Bones home at 6:30 pm.

June 18<sup>th</sup> **Almost** Summer Solstice Potluck (details follow)

June 19<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Steven and Deb Prices home

July 19<sup>th</sup> Toufa and rhody leaf stepping stone workshop at Jim and Sylvia Smiths in Mapelton

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



## Presidents Message by Mike Bones

I want to thank everyone for the great job that you are doing for the Siuslaw Chapter. With everyone's help we put on another fantastic flower show even though I didn't think that we would have that many flowers, along with asking the community to bring in trusses. Thanks Some gave up the whole Rhododendron Week-end just to work at the flower show, you know who you are.....and a special thanks to you.

The flowering season in about 99.9% over, still a few of those last ones yet to bloom, I believe that we need to get more of them started for the rest of the members of the chapter. Now comes the task of deadheading, pinching, fertilizing and watering. I do think that watering is the most important during the summer months. I find that in pots, the plants must be watered every three days just to keep them alive. Those planted in my good dirt, I don't water, But, if you have sand, you must water.

Our summer months are upon us, with our June potluck picnic being our annual meeting and elections. Our election committee has come up with a good list of members for the board, Kathy Bones as Secretary, Jim Hobbs as Treasure and Steve Price as a member at large. We will also be taking nominations from the floor. That picnic will be held on Fathers Day, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Steve and Debbi Prices'. Just follow the map that we will have in this newsletter or go to our website, [www/siuslawars.org](http://www/siuslawars.org).

Then on July 19 we will be having a work shop at Jim and Sylvia Smiths, watch your newsletter and our web site for that function.

There will be a Western Regional Rhododendron Conference in Newport at the end of September beginning of October. Please plan on attending . It is fun, educational and you will meet people just like you. You will have a choice of seminars that you will be able to attend. The last that I heard, two of our chapter members will be on the presentation list. At the dinner after our show tear down, I looked around at the attendees and thought to myself, Wow, it looks like one of the Rhododendron Convention Dinners. Hope you can make it.

See you at the picnic! Mike



## 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 for the late show were:

Class 1-13 , Best Azalea- Danielle McClennen- Pink Rosebud  
Class 14-16, Best White – Jack Olson won with an unnamed variety  
Class 17-19, Best Pink-Larry Jensen- Rocket  
Class 20-21, Best Pink With Blotch Flare or Eye- Larry Jensen- Verlette  
Class 22-23, Best Rose- Larry Jensen- Pearce’s American Beauty  
Class 24-26, Best Red- Larry Jensen- Jim’s Black Heart  
Class 27-28, Best Red With Blotch,Flare, or Eye- Larry Jensen- Trilby  
Class 29-31, Best Purple- Larry Jensen- Catawbiense Boursault  
Class 32-33, Best Purple With a blotch, flare, or eye- Larry Jensen- Warlock  
Class 34-37, Best Yellow- Marlene Grant- Nancy Evans  
Class 38-43, Best Orange Blend- Jack Olson- Nelda Peach  
Class 44-50, Best Lepidote Hybrid- Jim Smith- Triflorum  
Class 80,740, Best Maddenia- Liz Hultin- Patricia Marie  
Class 470-550, Best Species Azalea- Candy Baumer-R. occidentale  
Class 560-680 Best species Elepidote- Larry Jensen- R. orbiculare  
Class 562, Best Macrophyllum- Larry Jensen- R. Macrophyllum  
Class 700-800, Best species lepidote- Dave Braley- R. brachyanthum hypolepidotum  
Class 810-840, Best New American Hybrid-Jack Olson- seedling  
Class 850, Best Elepidote Spray- Larry Jensen- Purple Splendor  
Class 910-940, Best Foliage- Jack Olson- Prism x Point Defiance  
Queens Choice, Larry Jensen- Verlette  
Best in Show - Dave Braley- R. brachyanthum hypolepidotum  
Sweepstakes- Larry Jensen



This year’s show turned out to be a success once again. With the early bloom season in Florence we had some serious misgivings. However, with the help from our friends in the Southwest, and Eugene Chapters , as well as the great citizens of the Florence area, we ended up with about 450 entries. In recent years without Gene’s 100+ entries we’ve had a lot of space to fill.

We had a lot of help on set-up and teardown, but I should have had a sign-up sheet at the meeting for the hospitality table. This was the one place we were seriously short of volunteers.

The plant sales crew did a great job, but they had their work cut out for them. It is much easier to sell a rhododendron that has blooms on it ! They all did a good job of selling the bloomless rhodies.

We still have a few things blooming here, but the predictions are for 90°f + for the weekend, and that should take care of the rest.

I also wanted to thank Lee Goodenough for taking on the task of the trophy table. She did it well!

There is a post show meeting at Mike and Kathy Bones home on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. The board meeting will be before at 5:30. Bring your list of suggestions, both pro and con! This way we can learn from our mistakes!  
Show chairman, Larry Jensen



## You Are Invited to an *Almost* Summer Solstice Potluck!

Mark Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, on your calendars to celebrate the third annual solstice party at Mike and Maria Stewart's home and nursery. **Portland Chapter members and members of all the chapters in District 4 are invited.** Gathering time is 1:00 pm followed by meal time at 1:30 pm. We will supply the meat entrée, beverages, plates, cups and utensils. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert to round out the meal.

*Thanks to a very generous donation from Debra and Jeff Cheyne, a special presentation will take place at 3:00 pm. They have arranged for a Birds of Prey demonstration as part of the day's activities! This is a unique opportunity to experience raptors out in the open air. Please feel free to bring family members if you wish.*

You are also welcome to walk through our nursery and garden after the meal. The rhododendrons and companion plants are labeled and we enjoy talking about our plants, too. Our home and Dover Nursery is located 5 miles southeast of the town of Sandy. We have plenty of indoor space for eating, so if the weather is rainy, don't let that keep you from joining in the fun. We are looking forward to having you as our guests on June 18th! ***Please RSVP to 503-668-3522, so we can plan food and seating.***

Directions to Mike and Maria's home    42125 SE Kleinsmith Rd.    Sandy, OR

From the last signal light in the city of Sandy, take U.S. 26 east out of town, for 2 miles.

Exit right onto Firwood Road. The landmark at this exit is a gas station/store combination called Shorty's. Go ¼ of a mile on Firwood Road, and then turn right at the 4-way intersection at the top of the hill. There is a Dover Nursery sign on a utility pole pointing right at this intersection. There is also a Dover Community Church sign pointing right at this intersection. This right turn will keep you on Firwood Road.

Go 2 ½ miles further on Firwood Road until you get to a 4-way stop at the intersection of Wildcat Mountain Drive and Firwood Road. Cross over Wildcat Mt. Drive and take the middle road which is Kleinsmith Road. It goes slightly to the left and down the hill. There is also a sign pointing to the Dover Nursery at this intersection. Our home and nursery is 8 tenths of a mile more on Kleinsmith Rd., on the left side, across from the Dover Community Church.    **503-668-3522**



This is a big leaf in Gallaghers Park early this spring



This was in the Gerdemann Preserve on Mothers' day

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## Charles "Pete" Peterson

PETERSON—Charles "Pete" Peterson died from a heart attack on Sunday, May 29, 2016, four days after back surgery at Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend.

Pete was born in Grass Valley, Calif., on Jan. 16, 1947, to Ruth Lucille and Charles Henry Peterson.

During his life, Pete lived in a variety of locations throughout California, until his retirement from law enforcement in 2002, at which time he and his wife, Deborah, moved to Florence.

Pete served in the U.S. Army, had a lengthy love affair with scuba diving, was a member of the Florence Chapter of

the American Rhododendron Society, and was a passionate golfer, having been a member of the men's clubs at both Sandpines and Ocean Dunes golf courses.

Pete is survived by his wife, Deborah; his daughter, Joshlend Rae Peterson; two granddaughters, Victoria Ross and Jessica Peterson; his sister, Anna Dunham; brother Dale Hale; and many extended family members.

He will be greatly missed by them all.

He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw (PCOS). There will be a memorial service for Pete on Friday, June 3, at 1 p.m., at PCOS, 3996 Highway 101. A reception will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall.

The family requests that donations be made to the National Diabetes Society in his name.

While his loss is immeasurable to friends and family, they take comfort in knowing he is out of pain and with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please send cards to Debbie at :  
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