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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, March 15th ; Sylvia Smith will be showing how to pick, clean and enter a truss for the upcoming Rhododendron Flower Shows.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th at Mike and Kathy Bones home , 90379 Hwy. 101 Florence. 5:30 for the board meeting, followed by a pre-show meeting at 6:30. Everyone welcome!!!!

Chapter Meeting- The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, March 15th , 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 March 15th Ichiban . 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, March 16th, at 10 until noon (weather permitting) . Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377 or email toflowerman@gmail.com

Cookie Team- Debbie Peterson, Sylvia Smith

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 -May 6:30 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 2nd & 3rd Portland Chapter Early Show and Plant Sale

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 time to start planning for next springs convention!

Eureka Chapter will host American Rhododendron Society 2017 ARS Spring Convention Rhododendrons in the Redwoods

Mark your calendar now for **April 27 through 30, 2017** for the American Rhododendron Society's annual spring Convention. The Eureka Chapter will host the convention which will bring visitors to world famous Humboldt County, California from across the nation, Canada, and around the world.

For many seeing the Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) is high on the must see 'bucket list', as is the rugged North Coast of California with its *Rhododendron macrophyllum* and Stagecoach Hill the home of the Smith/Mossman expedition *Rhododendron occidentale* azaleas.

The Red Lion <http://www.redlion.com/eureka> will be our host hotel with a wonderful rate of \$99 per night per room for the duration of the convention with that rate being extended for visitors coming before or staying after the convention. The rate will include airport shuttle and breakfast. In addition to the hotel's restaurant there are many restaurants within easy walking distance.

The new Sequoia Conference Center, three blocks from the Red Lion Hotel, will be our meeting and banqueting venue. Visitors can walk to the conference center or drive as there is plenty of off-street parking.

The Convention Committee is working on getting world-class speakers and having tours to highlight the natural beauty of Eureka and Humboldt County as well as public gardens, private gardens and nurseries.

We hope to welcome all of our Rhodo friends to our piece of heaven with the world. For more information call or email June Walsh, [707-443-0604](tel:707-443-0604) or RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net or on the Web at <http://EurekaRhody.org/>.

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Sylvia Smith will be showing how to pick, clean and enter a truss for the upcoming Rhododendron Flower Shows, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sylvia will explain what a judge is looking for in that perfect truss and it might be the difference between a blue ribbon and a trophy. All of our Rhododendron meetings are open to the public, they are fun and educational. Sylvia and her husband Jim owned Roadside Nursery in Mapleton. They won many ribbons and trophies in Flower shows throughout the State. Sylvia was the recipient of the Bronze Medal, the highest award that a Chapter can give one of its members. It was for her knowledge and dedicated work for the chapter. This is a meeting that you will not want to miss!

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Dr Rhody March 2004

Everyone must be anxiously awaiting the blooming season.

I have received no questions or comments from any of our members. This month I will offer a few reminders to help you have a more successful year with your garden. My wife and I have had the pleasure (??) of weeding many containers this week. In the process we discovered the slugs are back! Lots of slugs are hiding in the weeds. It's time to protect your young rhododendrons and any other plant that slugs love to devour.

There are many varieties of slug control on the market. They all work to some degree. I personally have a favorite. I believe Deadline M.P. gives the best protection. Deadline M.P. is a very dense pellet-like product that the cats, dogs, and birds in our neighborhood have never bothered. The product also has the benefit of remaining effective in the rainy season. It doesn't dissolve after one rainstorm (a very attractive feature in Western Oregon). It's also a good time for general garden maintenance. If you spend time clearing your garden areas you will remove much of the habitat slugs and other garden pests like for hiding. A clean garden space helps make the area pestfree and looks great too. Once again, it's not too early to start feeding your plants. Those who live in the sand need to provide nourishment in order to maintain a thriving healthy garden. Small amounts of fertilizer frequently applied work well in our very wet climate. Take good care of your rhododendrons. Groom them, pamper them, and then display them in our Rhododendron Shows April 16th & 17th and May 21st & 22nd.

Dr. Rhody (aka Jim Smith)

Editors Note: This article was written over ten years ago, but the information is as appropriate as the day it was written. The only difference is that there is also a product we call Wilco blue, that I believe may be the same formula as the Deadline MP, and it is available at the Wilco Farm store in Springfield. Spendy, but very effective!

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check out this phone app...msqrd (masquerade). Saw it on Jimmy Kimmel last night. Cheryl Prchal

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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.



What a wonderful program we had in February! Harold Greer never fails to inspire me to grow more and better plants. I just wish I could take as great photos as he does!

Here it is the first of March! Hard to believe! The spring is springing before our very eyes, but more on the coast than here. Even in Eugene the blooms are beautiful. We went in today, and saw PJMs' blooming everywhere along with daffodils, and even one huge bush of flowering quince that had covered itself in deep salmon pink! I love this time of year! Larry has begun to fertilize for the first time this year. For those of you in Florence, and especially those of you growing rhodys in the sand, you really need to begin fertilizing earlier than we. This year we have had a spectacular



display from our ririi. With the warmer than usual temperatures, the early bloomers that usually get frosted, have not! Even our Seta which we have been known to cover to save some of the blooms has covered herself in blooms. Ron and Cheryl Prchal sent pictures of their Seta, < before and after > a hail storm. Turns out, she doesn't much like hail either!



I hope you all will join us for the upcoming meeting featuring our own member Sylvia Smith. She will be sharing tips on selecting trusses for the show, as well as how to clean to get the most blue ribbons for your trusses. There will be much discussion about how to use the schedule and key as well, and lots of other tips and tricks to enter your beauties in the shows!

Following a short board meeting on Tuesday March 8th, 5:30 at Mike and Kathy Bones . At 6:30 there will be a pre-show meeting to plan the details for our shows. I hope **EVERYONE** will attend and learn how to help put these shows on! We need all the volunteers we can get! There are jobs for everyone! If you don't know how the rhodie shows work, there is no better way to find out, than to volunteer!

Be sure to welcome our new members when you see them! Lois and Rich Bravo, and Ronald and Elaine Kreskey have joined our ranks! I have not had the pleasure to meet them , but I hope we will soon!



This is a picture of Jim and Sylvia's
Caerhays Belle Magnolia!



A close-up of the same plant



Common sense is a flower that
doesn't grow in everyone's garden



Gardening is cheaper than therapy
AND
You get Tomatoes!



R. arboreum cinnamomeum



**THE WARMEST KIND OF
WELCOME IS A SMILE**

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Men say that women should come
with instructions.....
What's the point of that? Have
you ever seen a man read the
instructions?



Bill and Sandi Hennig's Seta



I saw this Ink Spot at a nursery last
spring, and just couldn't resist
taking the picture. So Pretty !



Our Seta up close.
This is why we bother



President Roosevelt is one of my
personal favorites. What is not to
love about variegated foliage AND
flowers! As far as the
'Tumbling Teddy ' moniker?
Put it in a sheltered location!
Problem Solved!



R. strigillosum. Such a beautiful
foliage plant.



And THIS is why we have foliage
entries in our show. Even the
buds are beautiful !



I tried to be normal once.....
It was the
worst 2 minutes of my life!