

Future Events in 2016

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**

June 19th Picnic at Steven and Deb Prices home

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

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



Presidents Message by Mike Bones

What a year it has been, the flowers are prettier this year than I have seen before, and more of them. It seems that the town is peaking out this week. Our plants were at their best two weeks ago. Looks like things are blooming a month early. That being said, Please if you have any color left during the 109th Rhododendron Festival, please bring them in to our show. Our Early show was a big hit, I think that we had more entries than what we have had in the past. Great job to all that brought things in. If you will be helping anyone with a floral parade float, try to come up with making fake flowers, but start now so that you have enough.

IF you need any corrective pruning done on your plants, now is the time. Think about trimming some up into a tree as they make a great focal point. Just think of a tree that blooms. Fertilize now, start looking for any signs of root weevil eating the leaves, they eat the new growth and not the old growth. There are sprays out there to kill those egg laying critters. If you don't like to spray, no worries, just have a better tolerance for the notches.

Our big Auction is coming up for our next meeting, this is our largest fund raiser for the year so we need your support, bring plants, friends, your check book or cash because we do not take plastic at the meeting.

Plan for the summer functions, June 19th picnic at the Prices', that will be our annual meeting with voting for the Secretary, Treasure and one Board member. The nominating committee has come up with a good slate of candidates. July 19th will be at the Smiths in Mapleton, its concrete day, making leaf molds, stepping stones and even toufa troughs for your plants.

See you at the Meeting



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



And the Early Show Trophy Winners are :

Class 1-9 , Best Diciduous Azalea, Mike Bones won Frills

Class 10-13, Best Evergreen Azalea, Jim Smith won with Herbert

Class 14-16, Best White Elepidote, Larry Jensen won with Blewbury

Class 17-19, Best Pink Elepidote, Steven Price won with an un-named entry

Class 20-21, Best Pink Bi-Color Elepidote, Larry Jensen won with Perfectly Pink

Class 22-24, Best Rose Elepidote, Liz Hultin won with Whispering Rose

Class 25, 25a, 25b, Best Dark Red Elepidote, Mike Bones won with Jean Marie

Class 26-28, Best Black Red Elepidote, Jared and Angie Anderson won with an un-named entry

Class 29-33, Best Purple Elepidote, Terry Talbot won with Black Widow

Class 34-37, Best Yellow Elepidote, Jim Smith won with Chipper

Class 38-43, Best Orange or Tri-Color Elepidote, Robert Mayes won with an unnamed entry

Class 44-47, 49, 50 Best Non Purple Lepidote, Mike Bones won with Egret

Class 48, Best Purple Lepidote, Larry Jensen won with Ramapo

Class 470-550 Best Species Azalea, Jim Smith won with Austrinum

Class 560-680, Best Elepidote Species, Larry Jensen won with Benhallii

Class 700-780, Best Species Lepidote, Pete and Candy Baumer won with Camp. 'Silver Plate'

Class 781, Best Augustini, Jim Smith won with Augustini 'Tower Court'

Class 782-800, Best Pogonanthum species, Gene Cockeram won with Sargentianum

Class 810-840, Best New American Hybrid, Chris Trautmann won with Avery x Bodacious

Class 850, Best Elepidote spray, Jim Hobbs won with Jean Marie

Class 740 & 80 Best Madennia, Jack Hackett won with Taggianum

Class 970, Best Bud, Larry Jensen won with Dreamland

BEST IN SHOW- ELEPIDOTE, Terry Talbot won with Black Widow

BEST IN SHOW- LEPIDOTE, Gene Cockeram won with Sargentianum 'Maricee'

SWEEPSTAKES (most points) was won by Jim Smith

Thank you to all of you who brought entries, especially those of you from the southwest chapter. Also Thank You to our judges, local, and those from afar. Well done! It was the best early show I personally have ever seen! Sandi J



Here is a note from your late show chairman, Larry Jensen

The normal lament is "too bad the show is not tomorrow! Oh well, we have to play the hand we were dealt. I have to say the same old things, " Please bring as many trusses as you possibly can". We have a lot of nice trophy plants.

Also, I would like to see everyone bring at least one foliage display. We have been asked to do our foliage display at the Western Regional Conference in Newport this fall too, so let's show off for our show.

The set up for the early show went quite well so hopefully the same crew will be available on May 19th.

Please consider donating to offset the cost of the trophy plants. \$15 is suggested.

I actually planted five rhodies this week. Now I need to find room for about fifty more!

See you at the Auction/ Meeting on May 17th ! Then, later in the week I hope to see everyone participating in the show!

All of this is not possible without our members!



Dear Dr. Rhody,

I attended the meeting where you described how to grow seedlings. Like you, I have become addicted to raising Rhododendron seedlings. Unfortunately I seem to have a problem with some of the seedlings. There appears to be rust on many of the plants. What can I do to eliminate the rust and how can I prevent another outbreak?? Bob

Dear Bob,

I am glad to see others suffer from a desire to grow Rhododendron seedlings. I am sorry to hear about your rust problems. I have never had a problem with rust. I believe my good luck is caused by the fact that one of my best friends grows Orchids. He warned me many years ago to make sure I have moving air in my seed room at all times. Ventilation fans and wall fans are on 24 hours a day. It seems to help. There are many fungicides that are designed to help cure rust. Daconil and Captan are available to the general public and should help cure your rust problem. Good luck.

To the rest of our chapter members, remember that Rhododendron Days are rapidly approaching. Our flower show is scheduled as usual on Saturday and Sunday. I look forward to working with our group once again. This year we need **ALL** of you to bring in as many entries as possible.

Our show is late this year and our bloom has generally been early. Please help provide a good selection for viewing.

Dr. Rhody (aka Jim Smith)

This was taken from the May ,2004 newsletter. The growing advice is still the same, but I'm not sure if the fungicides mentioned are still available. However, there are still many fungicides designed to take care of rust, but the fans are definitely your best deterrent. (I use oscillating table fans in my greenhouse) SJ



Oh My! Larry and I went up to Thompsons to pick up the donated raffle plants. We are so thankful to our nursery members for their generosity ! The bloom on the coast and at Thompsons and everywhere else was simply spectacular! The first place we stopped was Paul and JoAnn Wilsons. Paul kindly gave us a short tour, and I saw some of the beautiful plants whose blooms had shown up in the show. But now I see how they are able to find such winning macrophyllums! They are all around them! The view of a small gully behind their home was breathtaking! Our next stop was a short trip down the Sutton Beach road, well it wasn't so short when I kept yelling STOP! When I would see another beauty to take a picture of! Finally we had to put blinders on in order to make it to Thompsons before closing time. When we made it there, I was drawn to an orange tri-color by the name of Tandoori (one of their hybrids). Then I found a new, to me, hybrid by the name of Horizon Fiesta. And then I found the other plants! There was a whole house with mostly annuals, but some other interesting things too! I found a Spanish Lavender, a verbena, and a drumstick primrose . What I am trying to say is, if you have never paid them a visit, you should do so. The next stop, after lunch was to Mike and Kathy Bones home and nursery. There are some blooming things there (besides Mike) that you won't see anywhere else. Sadly, we had no more room in the truck, but I did get more pictures. After a quick stop at Smiths (it was too late to take many pictures), we went home and fell asleep almost immediately. It was a long day, but I am so grateful to have been born into and still living in such a beautiful area! SJ



Horizon Lakeside



I don't know, but it looks like Anna

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I hope everyone will forgive me for not remembering all the names



The view from the back of Wilsons' house



Tandoori



Leo



Horizon Fiesta

I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT PEOPLE I JUST RANDOMLY REMEMBER THINGS & GET REALLY EXCITED



Drumstick Primrose



Mike and his largest bonsai



Wilsons' Peter Allen (maybe)



Coronation Day