

## NOVEMBER 2016

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### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> ; Dick Cavender, an authority on the westcoast azalea species will present a program on occidentale.

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Jim and Sylvia Smith's home in Mapleton at 6:30.

**Chapter Meeting-:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at 6:30 for refreshments; 7 pm meeting and program. Our website: [siuslawars.org](http://siuslawars.org)

**Pre-Meeting Dinner** will be at Clawson's Wheel House, 820 Hwy 101, Florence. Please email Sandi Hennig at [flendish@q.com](mailto:flendish@q.com), or phone her at 541-997-2489. Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

**Gallagher Park Work Party:** There will be a work party on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Gallagher's Park on 126 and Spruce Street at 10:am, weather permitting . Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377 or email [toflowerman@gmail.com](mailto:toflowerman@gmail.com)

**Cookie Team :** Debbie Peterson, Judy Caputo.

**Hospitality Table:** Bill Hennig



### **Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites**

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

Second Thursday, Oct to May; refreshments at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 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.



Spring is just around the corner and is actually trying to jump ahead of winter. I now have daffodils up to over six inches, grape hyacinths that are actually blooming, strawberries that are full of blooms and the white currant is starting to open. I did see a Dan's Early Purple Rhododendron in full bloom the other day and my Rh. Christmas Cheer is in full bloom. It is the best plant to have blooming during the winter blues but if it were blooming in the middle of May, I don't think that I would



think so much about it. My last shipment of daffodils that came in three weeks ago, already are showing the roots in the drain holes and green tops have started. Bulbs are a great addition to ones garden, whether they are planted in the ground or in pots that can be moved around. They make a great potted gift for a friend. Being retired sure gives me time to garden, weed, transplant...speaking of transplanting, I was out at one of our members house the other day, dug into the soil and it was bone dry just two inches down. I did notice that they had a lot of burnt leaves on their plants from a hot day this past fall. I am wondering if the ground would have been wetter, would the plants have been so burned? Make sure that you add mulch to your gardens. It works as a weed deterrent for those little winter seeds, helps keep it moist and should it get cold, it makes a good blanket for the roots. For a bonus, it breaks down and makes great growing conditions for the Rhododendrons. Yes, it will need to be done next year, again, but it is well worth the time. The mulch also makes a good substance to grow your plants in and sure beats the sand, which will not maintain good growing conditions for plants. For those of you that missed the Rhodies 101 last month, sorry, it was a great meeting. I get something out of every meeting. If I don't, then is my fault because the Siuslaw chapter meetings are not only fun, but educational.



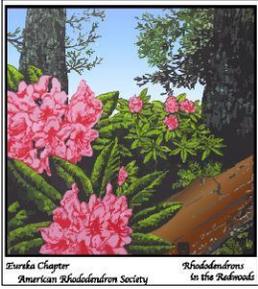
We will be having our annual Christmas Potluck Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, be sure to sign up on the food list at the next meeting, and do some shopping around for a garden oriented gift for the 'exchange'. People always ask, "How much \$?" I always tell them, get something that you would like to receive. Our November speaker will be speaking about the most colorful of the four native rhododendrons that we have on the west coast. Rhododendron Occidentale is the name of our western native azalea, bring a friend as this will be another awesome Siuslaw Chapter meeting. 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



# *RHODODENDRONS IN THE REDWOODS*

## *ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION*

### *AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY*

Register now for the American Rhododendron Society's annual spring Convention April 27-30, 2017. 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. Top notch speakers will be featured every day, along with tours of redwood forests, private and public gardens, azalea reserves and Victorian architecture.

The Red Lion Hotel will be our host hotel, with a rate of \$99 per night per room plus tax. The rate includes a full breakfast and an airport shuttle. Thursday and Sunday events will be held at the hotel. The new state-of-the-art Sequoia Conference Center, three blocks from the Red Lion Hotel, will be our meeting and banqueting venue Friday and Saturday. Visitors can walk to the conference center, take the shuttle or drive; abundant parking is available at the center.

For many ARS members, seeing the Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) is high on the must see "bucket list", as are the rugged North Coast of California with its *Rhododendron macrophyllum* and Stagecoach Hill, the home of the Smith-Mossman 1966 collections of *Rhododendron occidentale* azaleas.



#### **THE CARSON**

Eureka is served by United Express twice daily from San Francisco. Flying to San Francisco and transferring to Eureka is the usual air transport option. Renting a car in San Francisco and driving to Eureka is a very scenic alternative. Drive time from San Francisco is about seven hours through the wine country with its rolling hills and on north through the Coast Range

In addition to the area's redwood parks and other natural wonders, Eureka and its neighboring towns abound with well-preserved Victorian homes displaying the famous Queen Anne "Carpenter Gothic" style. The Carson Mansion (now a private club) is the most famous example from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century era of the lumber barons in northwestern California.

mountains and redwood forests. From the north, PenAir flies from Portland, Oregon to the Eureka/Arcata airport. An alternative to flying directly to Eureka from



#### **HUMBOLDT BOTANICAL**

Portland might be to fly to Crescent City or to Medford, Oregon, then rent a car. Drive time from Crescent City is about two hours; from Medford about four hours. Both routes are quite scenic, with wild rivers, rugged mountains and redwood forests well worth visiting. Several car rental agencies operate at the Eureka/Arcata airport. The Red Lion Hotel offers free shuttle service for convention attendees to and from the Eureka/Arcata airport. However you choose to get here, we look forward to hosting you and showing you our beautiful northwest corner of California.

More information at [www.eurekaRhody.org](http://www.eurekaRhody.org)



**What a really great , and fun rhody meeting that covered everything from cuttings through choosing, planting, fertilizing, and pruning our favorite plants, rhododendrons! PLUS, we had a bunch of guests, and one couple that are new members! Too much fun!**



This is a profile of MICHAEL BONES.

The accuracy and truthfulness of this document is, without question, one that needs to be dissected and checked for all details.

Mike was born about 1946 in a town close to this location. The name of the town is being omitted to protect the other townspeople.

He was (and is) a prominent member of his family and this entire community. As far as can be determined, he hasn't been arrested locally, and continues to make his family proud.

He served in the United States Navy and when asked, could probably be persuaded to relate some of his experiences. Only those suitable for a mixed crowd, of course.

Investigation into his early life, found that he really wanted to be a tight wire walker, but his mother insisted he wear shorts and we all know that those tight wire walkers only wear tights! She also refused to let him walk on any surface narrower than a 2x4. That makes it impossible to walk as a tight rope walker.

He shelved that desire and decided instead of becoming a worthy son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He is a credit to his upbringing and we are all better for knowing him.

Submitted by me... Remember, unless you want us to make up your profile...send it in!





Here is a new picture of our raffle quilt, made and donated by Karen Smith! The raffle tickets are available at every meeting, and at both of our shows until the drawing on the last day of our late show, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The ticket prices \$2.00 per ticket, 3 for \$5.00, 6 for \$10.00 or 12 for \$20.00.

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**REMEMBER, YOUR DUES ARE DUE BEFORE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IF YOU WANT TO KEEP GETTING YOUR JOURNAL!**



This is one of Jack Hacketts' hydrangeas. He has a lot, and they are beautiful!



This is the latest addition to our home, and he loves to help me with the newsletter, so if you see missing or added letters, they are courtesy of Chewy. (Chewbacca)



Our newest greenhouse is moving right along. Larry has most of the windows in, and the vireyas are anxious to move in. It even has a granite countertop work area!