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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, September 20th ; RSBG Curator& plant hunter Steve Hootman says : I will be speaking on my last trip to China in autumn of 2015. We traveled from western China (Chongqing/Sichuan) all the way across the country to Anhui and Zhejiang on the east coast near Shanghai and then spent several days in Taiwan. Several new introductions including a new Taliensia from eastern China.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th at Jim and Sylvia Smiths' home in Mapleton , at 6:30 .

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, September 20th , at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at **6:30** for refreshments. The meeting will follow at 7:00. The meeting is free and open to all. Our website: siuslawars.org

Pre-Meeting Dinner will be at 5:00 pm, Tuesday May 20th at Ichiban ; 1179 Hwy 101, Florence. 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, September 21st , at 10 until noon (weather permitting) . Any questions call Gene Cockeram at 541-997-2377or email toflowerman@gmail.com

Cookie Team- Ginger Hobbs, Rosemary Rebello & Steven & Deb Price

Hospitality Table- Sandi Hennig



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.



Presidents Message by Mike Bones

Welcome to a new season for the Siuslaw Chapter. It's your chapter so get involved, we just run it for you.

We are starting out the year with a Bang! Steve Hootman from the Species Botanical Gardens in Federal Way, Washington will be our first speaker of the year. Steve is The Plant Hunter/Explorer of this Century!

His digital photos could be in National Geographic Magazine, Steve is fun, educational and just the worlds number one, top notch speaker. You don't have to be a plants person to attend one of his lectures, so bring a friend or two, they will thank you for inviting them.

We are fortunate enough to be only an hour away from one of the best Western Regional Rhododendron Convention for a few years, it's in Newport. The diversity of topics, speakers, fellowship, knowledge, plant sale, the list goes on and on.....

OH ! ...don't forget the afterhours meetings. You will not find them listed anywhere on the agenda, but are worth your attendance, they are what you will remember and talk about for years. See the last American Rhododendron Society's Journal for details. AND/OR if you have a question, please ask me.

Your plant are going to start putting out new roots, looking for food that they can store in their leaves, it will green your plants up too. They should already have their bud set for the spring. Watch for those winter weeds that are starting to sprout as soon as the rains hit us, keep them pulled as you see them and you won't have any problems later on. I did find some large, very large slugs out in the flowers the other day, a little slug bait goes a long way so you don't have to put it on thick. You don't have to be worried about birds and animals eating enough to have problems. If you're worried, take a piece of 1 inch plastic pipe, spray paint it brown place it in your garden with bait in it. If you have large snails that won't fit in that size of pipe, use a soup can.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, come to the pre-meeting dinner. Mike



Past Presidents Message by Larry Jensen

Welcome back everyone! Summer's nearly over... finally. I took on an addition that is too much work! Also the new greenhouse is coming along nicely. It's only 9'4" x 11'4", but it will be a nice vireya work area.

September starts off with one of my favorite speakers! Our speaker, Steve Hootman, is one of the foremost plant collectors of this era. He is the curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, and also a speaker in demand around the world. **Do Not Miss !**

At the end of the month is the Western Regional Conference in Newport. This is always a special time with many friends from around the world, and a great line-up of speakers including our president, and vp/editor.

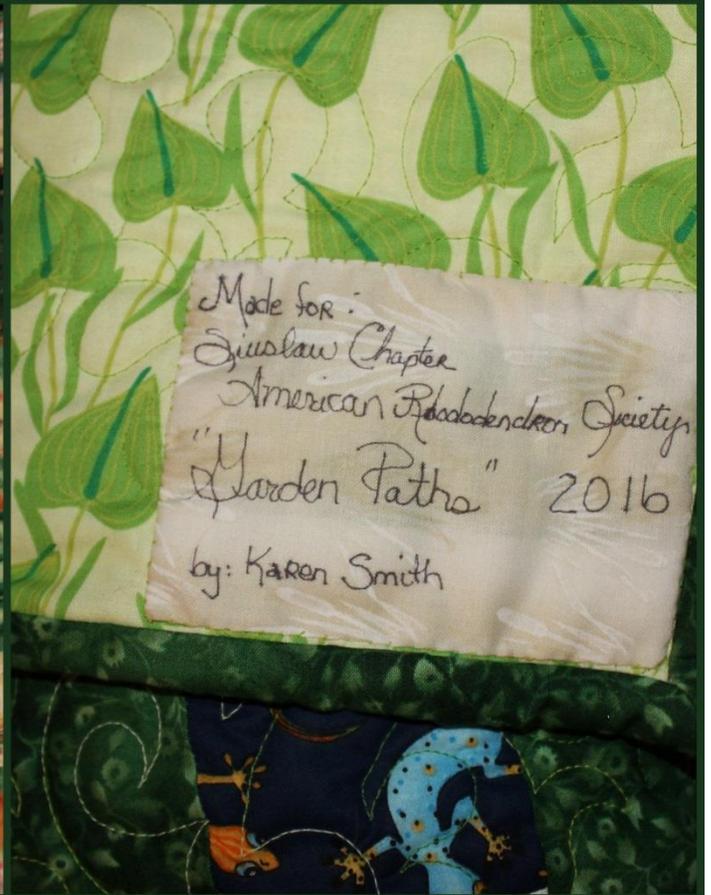
We are providing our foliage display/competition at the conference. Each person attending will get a ballot in their packet to vote for their favorite entry. We decided to have the top three winners receive prizes from the species foundation. LJ



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



This quilt has been so kindly donated to the Siuslaw Rhody Society by our members , Gary and Karen Smith. It will be raffled off . Watch for details later, after the board decides how to go about it !!

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**We need volunteers!!!
Cookie volunteers,
hospitality volunteers....
It's fun and rewarding to
get involved!**



I found this cute 1" guy outside my greenhouse on one of our hottest days this summer



I have seeds for this really cool poppy, if anyone would like some



Giant starfish cactus!



I hope this one will bloom again this year! I don't remember it's name , but Jack Olson told me it was NOT Prizm!



Unique Marmalade



Future Events in 2016

Sept. 30th thru Oct. 2nd
—**Western Regional Conference.** Newport, Oregon.



This is the occidentale from Gerdemann Preserve



Larry is working on our latest greenhouse