

## APRIL 2017

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### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Auction!

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday April 11th, at Jim and Sylvia Smith's in Mapleton at 6:30.

**Chapter Meeting-:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, April 18th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, **early early early for the auction 6:00** program! Our website: [siuslawars.org](http://siuslawars.org)

**Pre-Meeting Dinner** Will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at the buffet at the casino at 4 pm . Please email Rosemary Rebello at [rosemary.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.rebello@gmail.com) or phone her at 541-261-1849 to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

**Gallagher Park Work Party:** There will be a work party on Wednesday, April 19<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 :** Connie Rosenbalm; JoAnn Wilson

**Hospitality Table:** Kathy Bones; Sandi Jensen



### **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 : [tuatitinvallevars.org](http://tuatitinvallevars.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) Show : May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Our Siuslaw Show dates for 2017 are held on Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23 and May 20-21, our 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival Show**  
**Southwest Show dates are May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Words of Wisdom from our President** by Mike Bones

This is the time of year that we have been long awaiting, Rhododendron Flower Blooming Season. We plan all year long for this by fertilizing, weeding, deadheading, pruning and spraying, did I say weeding? Living here on the Oregon Coast, we grow weeds all year around, if we let them go to seed, we have a worse problem in the years to come so we just need to get down and pull. I actually thought that I was ahead of the game, but I did find some of those pop weeds that I had over looked, and yes you got it, they popped. It's the curse of the pop weed. I was out in my garage the other day and ran across a padded weed pulling seat that can be turned upside down so that I can kneel on it and then use its feet to help get myself back up. My only problem is that it is Yellow and Green and yes, I am proud of those Ducks. Great Job!



All year long I have been talking about slugs and snails and trying to keep ahead of them multiplying, I do believe that they are worse than rabbits. Keep after them. I think that they get use to one kind of slug bait or are immune to its effects. I did pick up a different kind to try for one month. It is one of those squeeze bottles. That 10 oz bottle didn't go very far. I wonder if they have it in a 55 gallon barrel.



Everyday a new Rhododendron is showing color, it is kind of exciting to see that first color of the year and then within a week's time, the whole plant has opened up its buds and the display is really quite nice. I do plan on going over to Chris Trautmann's during his peak blooming season to look at some of the hundreds of new seedlings that will be blooming for the first time. I just hope that he has a shredder to be able to get rid of the 'just another pink' type. I see that Jack Olson from the Eugene Chapter is having a gathering to look at some of his new seedlings. Chris and Jack, remember they can't all be as good as you think that they are!!!

Our meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> is our main money maker for the year. Yes, it's that Auction that everyone keeps talking about. Everything starts ONE hour early, dinner at 4pm, social time at 5:30 and the meeting at 6. Not only do we want for you to bring plants to be auctioned off, but we also need for you to have friends come, along with cash and check books. Remember what Rich and Lois Bravo said, "Make sure that your guests drive their own pick up, as there won't be enough room in your car for both their plants and ours"

We will be having our early Flower show on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with set up on the Thursday before the weekend. Entries from members will be taken in on Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Your help on Saturday morning and during the week end is essential for another Successful Siuslaw Flower Show. A NEW key is on line for the show. Check out our website, (siuslawars.org) for the new updated 2017 one.

Have a Great Blooming Season and we will see you at the Auction and Flower Show. Mike



**I'm going to stand outside so if anyone asks... I'm outstanding!**



May 6th, 2017  
 3:00-9:00 ARS Eugene Chapter Spring Rhododendron Show & Banquet  
 Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield ; Reservations required  
 Speaker Mike Stewart - "Asia Hunt for Rhododendrons"



**American Rhododendron Society 2017 International Convention will be held in Eureka, CA  
 hosted by the Eureka Chapter, April 27-30, 2017**

The Eureka Chapter will need to have our members volunteer for the many tasks that need to be done to make this event a big success. Contact [rhodyhostel@suddenlink.net](mailto:rhodyhostel@suddenlink.net) to volunteer!  
 We already have registrations coming in from around the world, including Japan, France, Scotland and Canada. What a great opportunity to meet other Garden Geeks and Rhodo-holics. There will be tours and world class speakers.

**Get more information and registration forms at [www.EurekaRhody.org](http://www.EurekaRhody.org)**



**Some people call me crazy... I prefer happy with a twist!**

## THE NAME GAME by Gordon Wylie

Springtime trips to the nursery section of big box stores reveal a wide array of plants, shrubs and trees attractively displayed...instant flowers and more permanent landscaping seductively begging a trip home in the family van or SUV. Turn a few shovels of dirt, and the Dogwood, the red rhodie and also a pink brighten the yard and become objects of admiration for you and all the neighbors.

Those reading these comments--avid gardeners and rhododendron enthusiasts--are of course 'knowledgeable'. And we are thus confident in our horticultural information. (Sniff!). We are caught up not only with making and visiting gardens, but also in learning more of the fascinating world, and words, of horticulture. Part of that process is becoming familiar with Mr. Linnaeus' (Swedish botanist Carl, sometimes shown as Carolus, Linnaeus, 1707-1778) binomial system of Latinized words precisely delineating each plant or tree. Thus, that Dogwood is properly *Cornus nutallii*, the Maple *Acer palmatum*, perhaps one of the hundreds of named forms, such as Koto-no-ito, and that red rhodie is *Rhododendron barbatum*. And so on.... Of course part of the game is to keep track of all those names and, importantly, happily and confidently impress garden visitors with the correct name.

To accomplish that feat requires a good labeling system.

The list of label material is extensive; starting with what is commonly a short lived plastic supplied by the originating nursery. Get rid of that right away; if you do not most will soon be broken up or lost and you may be faced with trying to figure out the plant's identity. Better lasting label materials include slats cut from old Venetian blinds, high quality flexible plastic, 'write-on' aluminum, and metal or heavier plastic which may be etched with identifying information. These might be backed up with the ultimate in today's technology: a computer managed database, including GPS locations for every tree and plant. This last is fine for a long lasting permanent record, but not really that helpful out in the real garden.

Some final thoughts about plant labels. Don't use a 'sharpie' or any other ink pen as the writing instrument; the writing washes off in the first few rains. Writing with a good old graphite pencil, on the other hand, lasts for many years. Write on both sides of the label, starting at opposite ends on each side. Make labels more readily found by attaching them at the same compass point of each plant or tree; e.g., the south side. Even if you know the name, make it a habit to look for the label on a plant or several plants each time you are enjoying a close look through your garden. This will reveal labels which should be moved as the plant grows and the inevitable 'missing in action' to be replaced before identity slips into the mists of time.

Finally, a simple master list regularly kept up is a great back up to lost labels or memory.



### 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

Everywhere we go these days, I hear a lot of complaints about the weather. So, our reply is, 'this is what makes Oregon so green and beautiful'. Having lived here for seventy some years it seems we had lots of winters like this. It's just that I'm not as crazy about working in the rain now.

Speaking of years gone by, we built this house the winter of 1970-71. The day the sheetrockers were supposed to start, we woke up to 2 feet of snow. (better than the 4 feet the previous winter) So the moral of the story is, be happy with a little rain.

Well I hope you are ready for the next 2 months. Auction, shows, Convention, Mother's Day. Who said retirement was easy?

We stopped to check on fuchsia starts at one of the garden centers. I saw some rhodies so I had to check them out. Nice looking plants, but the grower apparently didn't know what they were. They were all named 'assorted'. That's all we need! More plants with no name to figure out what they are!

Try to find something to take to the auction at the next meeting. It's fun, and raises money for our chapter so we can put on the great flower shows that we do ! LJ



**Just a walk in the park.** Larry and I took a short walk in the Hendricks Park last week end, and every time we visit , we

get to see something different, as well as familiar and favorite plants. This time we met a new Magnolia we hadn't seen before. It had huge and quite dark purple blooms. Unfortunately, we could not find a name on it. Maybe another time it will be tagged.

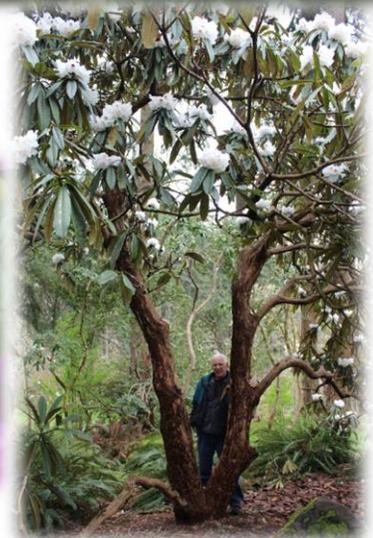
We also got to see an Arboreum in bloom that is a favorite of ours. With us, It isn't always about fuchsias and rhodies, but admittedly, they do 'light our fires'.



Take a walk in the park this spring. It doesn't have to be a long walk, and in a park like Hendricks, sometimes just a slow drive through can be a feast for the soul! And sometimes just



some neighborhoods, like the neighborhood surrounding Hendricks park, can be an inspiring and beautiful sight.



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# Calendar of Events 2017

**April 15**—Hinsdale Garden Open House 10- 2 pm

**April 29**—Hinsdale Garden Open House 10- 2 pm

**April 22-23**—Siuslaw Early Show,

**April 27-30**— Rhododendrons in the Redwoods, ARS Annual Conference, Eureka, CA For more information call or email June Walsh, 707-443-0604 or RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net or on the Web at <http://EurekaRhody.org/>

**May 6** —Eugene Show and Banquet

**May 6 & 7**—Southwestern Oregon ARS. Flower Show and Plant Sale

**May 13**—Hinsdale Garden Open House 10-2 pm



We are having a tour of the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at Mike and Kathy Bones home nursery at 9:30 ish to figure out how many are going , and where we will meet in Yachats to ferry everyone up the hill since the parking is severely limited. Please come with us if you can. It is a delightful garden with surprises around every corner. SJ



This plant has just started to grow again. It gets about 4 feet tall and has small white flowers. I don't know what it is. Anyone have any ideas?



Ribes sanguineum