

MAY 2017

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, May 16th, Will be an informal presentation of pictures, problems, and preparation for the late show.

Board Meeting: Tuesday May 9th, at Jim and Sylvia Smith's in Mapleton at 6:30.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, May 16th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting. Our website: siuslawars.org

Pre-Meeting Dinner Will be 5 pm May 16th at Ichiban. Please email Rosemary Rebello at 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, May 17th 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

Cookie Team : Sandi Jensen & Sylvia Smith

Hospitality Table: Steven Price



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

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 : tuatitinallevares.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 Show : May 6th & 7th

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.

Our Siuslaw Show date for our 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival Show are Saturday May 20th, and Sunday May 21st. Southwest Show dates are May 6th and 7th



From the Nomination Committee:

Every year at the June picnic, we elect a slate of new board members. This year we are looking for nominees for three positions: President and Vice-President (each is a two year term) and a Director (a three year position). If you would like to run for one of these positions or have any questions, please call Cheryl Prchal 541-902-7637, Deb Price 503-252-1897, or Sandi Hennig 541-997-2489 or talk to us at the chapter meeting. All members (old and new) of the Siuslaw Chapter ARS are eligible to run for office. Please give this serious consideration.



Message from the President

Another early flower show is behind us.

Thanks to all of those who stepped up to fill my shoes. You are dedicated members and you proved it. Set up went smoothly, we had volunteers sitting the hospitality table, selling plants, answering questions and the take down and clean up went faster than ever. Thirty of the volunteers, many who had been at the show the whole week end, enjoyed a fun, after show dinner at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant. Ken and Madeleine Webb (Victoria, BC) Western



Vice President spent the Sunday with us, and jumped right in to help, just like family. It was also nice to have John and Margaret Hammond from England stop by for a few hours, on their way down to the Convention in Eureka, CA.

Attending the Rhododendron Conventions allows us to make friends from all over the world. It was interesting talking with both sets of guests about how they do their flower shows. The Siuslaw Chapter Shines. Thanks.

We are looking for good trophies for our May Show, you can help by contributing money or if you have earned trophies in the past, and would like to allow someone else win that trophy again please let Mike or Larry know. (Contributions may be sent to our new Treasure, Debra Price, PO Box 1701, Florence, OR 97439.



ALSO, if you do not keep your old ARS Journals, please bring them in to our meetings. We give them away at our shows for people interested in joining our Chapter. If you have a friend, family member or neighbor that would like to join the ARS, let them know that during April and May, they can join for only \$40, which covers 18 months. This is an offer for new members only. Memberships make a good gift, and an idea for a trophy.

Our meeting for May will be informal, slide/pictures, talks, learning, educational and fun, bring a friend, and let's show them what we see in our Rhododendron Family of Plants and People. Mike Bones



Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?



Remember when people wrote in diaries, and got mad if you read it?
Now they post everything online, and get mad if you don't.



If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it naked, or homeless?



Rhododendron
'Opal Dawn'
Ericaceae
Maddenii hybrid

Trillium aurichryoides
Great Purple Wake Robin
Liliaceae
Planted By
An Oldman 1988

Editors Notes

I wish more of you could have, or would have joined us for the tour of the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve. The weather was mild, and things were starting to bloom beautifully. Andreea said they meet almost every Thursday from ten until noon, so you could go there on Thursdays to get acquainted, work a little, and get to see the garden. To contact Andreea, send an email to gerdemanngarden@gmail.com.



At this time, we are in Eureka California for the Rhododendron convention. I have a few pictures that we took today on our tour to the south that took us down to the Founders Grove that has giant sequoiadendron sempervirens otherwise known as Coast Redwoods and this grove is set aside to protect the old growth



trees. They are pretty awesome. Then we stopped by the Humbolt Botanical garden that is still young, but the bones are good, and the enthusiasm is infectious. Last we stopped at a couple private gardens, and I'm not sure we thanked them adequately for opening their gardens. What a chore to clean up and be ready for a bunch of plant nerds. Tomorrow will be the north tour to Stagecoach hill, Singing tree garden nursery, and a couple private gardens. I am soooo looking forward to it!



Don't forget to come to the next meeting where we will be preparing for our next show as well as looking at pictures and answering garden questions. Who knows what else we will come up with to finish out our final regular meeting of the spring, but don't forget the late show! We need all the blooms we can get!



fremontodendron californicum aka Flannel Bush



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

SIUSLAW EARLY FLOWER SHOW 2017

We had 450 entries by many people, 27 of which won ribbons !

Chris Trautmann won Best of Show, and best red with Rubicon
Mike Bones won Sweepstakes for most points

Trophies were awarded to the following:

Ron & Cheryl Prchal won 3 trophies for best Azalea with Hino Crimson; best Taurus ;
and best yak with Ken Janeck

Larry Jensen won 2 trophies for best white with Blewbury and
best hybrid lepidote with vireya Lucie Sorenson

Liz Hultin for best yellow with Rockhill Ivory Ruffles

Gene Cockeram for best madenii

Dave Braley won 2 trophies for best species azalea with luteum,
and best species elepidote with williamsianum

Jack Hackett for best new American hybrid

Margaret Sorenson for best purple with Inkspot

Richard Flavell for best rose with Vienna Waltz

Paul & Jo Ann Wilson for best pink with Noble Mountain

Skip & Connie Rosenbalm for best spray with Felix de Sauvage

Bill & Sandi Hennig won 2 trophies for best orange or tri-color with Bergie Larsen,
and best species lepidote with spinuliferum

Cheryl and Ron Prchal won the peoples' choice awards in both the Bonsai and bud categories
With the bud entry of Trude Webster and the bonsai entry of ?

Plant Raffle Winners were :

Mrs. Ebner won "R. glowing gold"

Mr. Grimes won "R. true blue"

Fran Rickaby won "R. gibralter"



Okay, so I didn't get my usual quota of pictures at the show, and I didn't get the newsletter finished and sent like I had planned, but hopefully it will be out soon. The hikes on the tours, while interesting and educational, were tiring, to say the least. Consequently, the thing didn't get done, but I did get lots of pictures. I hope to have a small slide show at the next meeting.



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Calendar of Events 2017

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



It grieves me to have to tell you that Kathy Van Veen passed away on Wednesday April 26th following a battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Ted Van Veen who started the Van Veen Nursery in Portland Oregon, and had been known far and wide for her propagating prowess. It was said she could root a pencil! She will be missed by the many people who knew and loved her.



**HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY !**



Mike sent me a picture of this glauophyllum ss. genestieranum, and after seeing it at the Gerdemann Preserve, I really would like to have one, but at 10 degrees , I guess I'll have to pass. We have too much we have to take in during the winter now.



Speaking of the Gerdemann Preserve, Andrea Ghetie wanted me to tell everyone that if you would like to go to the garden on the workdays, please contact her at gerdemanngarden@gmail.com She said they meet almost every Thursday, from 10 until 12.

