

## NOVEMBER 2017

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### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** Tuesday, November 21st , Will be Cuttings with Terry Henderson. He is the owner of Log Cabin Nursery, and President of the Eugene chapter of the ARS.

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday November 14th at Bill and Sandi Hennigs home in Florence Or at 05638 Martin Rd. at 6:30

**Chapter Meeting-:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://siuslawars.org)

**Pre-Meeting Dinner** Will be 5 pm November 21<sup>st</sup> at Ixtapa . Please email Sandi Hennig at [fendish42@gmail.com](mailto:fendish42@gmail.com) or phone her at 541-997-2489 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 Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am until noon to clean up the park. Please contact Steven Price at **phone:** [503-252-1897](tel:503-252-1897) or email: [sgprice1@gmail.com](mailto:sgprice1@gmail.com)  
Remember, If you work at the park, you get 6 free tickets for the raffle!

**Cookie Team :** Jo Ann Wilson, Cheryl Prchal, Rhonda Arionus

**Hospitality Table:** Dianne Carlton



### Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites

**EUGENE CHAPTER:** Changing their place and Date to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon 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:** Changing the day of the week and time. Beginning Saturday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 in the afternoon , 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.



November Presidents Message by Mike Bones

I hope that you're getting lots of work done outside during this fantastic weather. We have only had one frost so far this year, the weather has been sunny, warm, no wind, what more can one ask for. With that rain that we had, the ground is still warm, those little feeder roots on the Rhododendrons and Azaleas are out looking for food, at least here in the Florence area. So if you haven't put out that fall fertilizer, you still have time. But with that great weather, it also makes those winter weeds grow. If you can kill off those weeds now, you won't have them going to seed in a few months. I actually have some daffodils sprouting through the ground. You may have some rhododendrons blooming, my Christmas Cheer is in full bloom, and the Prchals' have a Spun Gold blooming. If you have visited anyone in our local hospital, you may have noticed that row of azaleas in full bloom. Yes, I did happen to get a cutting for propagation.



The slugs and snails are out in force, so if you put out slug bait, be sure to put it out of the way so that the birds can't get to it. A little effort on your part now will save hundreds of dollars worth of damage later.

If you are looking for a certain plant, now is the time to take the cuttings, Terry Henderson from Log Cabin Nursery will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 for social and the meeting will start at 7. We will also have hands on, where you can do your own cutting, put your name on the container and Terry will take it back to his nursery and root it for you, then return them in the spring. This is a great opportunity for you to get something new. I am sure that you could call someone for that special plant.

Kathy will also have our Christmas Party signup for food at this meeting. There are still some great deals on garden related items at your favorite garden center for your Christmas presents.

Dues must be paid by December 1<sup>st</sup> if you want your winter Journal.

We will see you at our pre-dinner and at the meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Mike



Our Speaker this month is Terry Henderson who owns and operates Log Cabin Nursery in Springfield. He is best known for the quality plants he grows in a short period of time. He is also the president of the Eugene chapter of the ARS.

Please join us to do cuttings of Rhododendrons and Azaleas at our next meeting. Terry will show us the best way to do cuttings, plus he will take them back with him and root them for us. You need to bring some cuttings of a few rhodies that you might like to have extra plants of, and when they are rooted, we will get them back. Sounds like fun to me!



**A brief report of the meeting at the Hinsdale garden last week on Monday, Oct. 2.**

Jennie Sperling and Steve Samuels, along with this year's summer intern (Sophia) whose name escapes me, were present when I arrived a little before 10:00. Jennie is a Botanist with the BLM, and has been in charge of caring for the garden the last number of years. This includes personal work, though she has other duties with the Agency, together with supervising groups such as the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and other BLM staff, keeping the temporary watering system going and tree work such as the canopy thing and clean up done in the garden's trees this season by the BLM 'climbing crew'. Steve, though fully retired, continues in much of the same efforts he did before retirement, but as a volunteer. This includes long range planning, signs and maps for open garden days explaining garden aspects for visitors, and gps documentation and updating of the plant and tree collection, and more. Sue Martino, President of the local Friends group was also there, and I delivered another fifty plants to her courtesy of Terry Henderson for their fund raising efforts next year. Sue stayed on throughout the day, adding thoughts and comments from her group's perspective.

We were able to complete a detailed survey through the garden, which I found to be in generally good shape- excepting a couple of plant losses- and I made some suggestions for things needing attention. I was pleased to see the fairly extensive tree pruning pointed out by Jennie, and accomplished by a BLM crew. As you know, a mature tree collection in what is primarily a rhododendron garden, requires constant attention to keep plants in the understory in good condition. Indeed, that was one of the first major projects done at Hinsdale after the garden floor was cleared out enough to see what existed there. The work was contracted out to a commercial crew, and cost a good many thousands of dollars.

John Harper, the supervising Outdoor Recreational Planner and Glen Harkleroad, Field Manager for the Umpqua Field Office, arrived at 1:00 as planned. We sat at one of the picnic benches talking over needs and Agency budgeting possibilities for more than an hour. Budget, at this point in time is, as I anticipated, very much up in the air, e.g., there is even some question whether they will have funds for the NYC to clear the garden for visitors next Spring as they have done for quite a number of years now. John did feel he has enough money to get the temporary line for Reedsport water from across the highway and into the garden at their power source buried as a permanent fixture, and preparatory to installing a permanent system throughout the garden. We discussed a potential ARS Grant application at some length, but I did not feel the plans and expectations of the various parties are far enough advanced to justify an application now. However, they will make every effort to get that planning and their budget expectations advanced to a point where we might apply. Certainly they understand our time constraints and lead time required for a 2018 grant payment, but of course we must recognize the Umpqua office does not entirely control what may occur. Bottom line, the grant remains a work in progress.

Brenda, I appreciate all your efforts to have other Oregon ARS members to attend as a back up to my work on this District 4 partnership under the MOU with BLM, and I saw Chapter Newsletters and other publicity was pretty well circulated. As Anne knows, no one else showed up and another ARS rep thus also remains a 'work in progress'...let's keep on advertising it, including how much fun (REALLY!) it is, and someone will surely turn up.

Thanks again and please advise of any questions.  
Sincerely, Gordon



**Show us your fall bloomers! These are blooming now at Ron and Cheryl Prchals' home . Cheryl says the yellow is Spun Gold.**





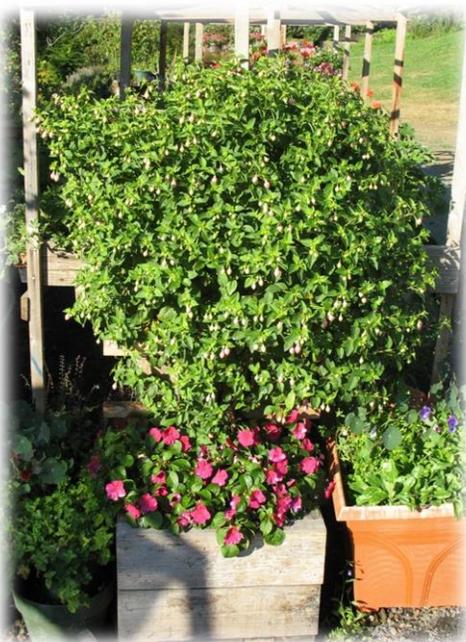
### Trellis

That is what you call this method for growing plants, in this case a fuchsia. The first picture was taken in 2006, and it had been growing in this container for about 2 years at that point. When I built it, I just used some cedar scraps that I had gotten from a friend who had milled some lumber. I never expected the container to last that long, but it did, but then



it reached a point that it had no bottom left, so, Larry built me a new one! He incorporated handles into the new one to make it easier to carry into the shadehouse for the winter. This particular fuchsia hybrid, 'Paula Jane' lends itself to this application. As you can see, by the time it went to the fuchsia show at the Lame county fair in August, at that time, it was covered with blooms. There are several cultivars that would work well in this kind of box, but it can be fairly labor intensive to establish. After that, it is just a matter of disbudding until show time. At this time, it has two plants in the box, and at this time of the year, November, I put it inside, and cut back the

vegetation, and shape it to just a little smaller than the trellis that is at the back of the box. Hopefully the bottom will fill out now. Since it had become severely pot bound before transplanting, it quit putting on new growth down at pot level. However, putting the impatiens in the pot helped balance out the whole plant. I hope everyone will try something new like this in the coming year. (It doesn't have to be this big) It is fun to try new and different plants. Speaking of THAT... I have harvested a bunch of Rhodochiton. It is a fun vine that can be trellised or put in a hanging basket. I just put some seed in and hope to have plants to share by late spring.



**Now, I want to talk Newsletter.... Sandi Hennig came up with a way, we hope, to get everyone to contribute a small profile to the newsletter. I hear the words from some people that say, "I don't know anyone" or "how do I get to know new people" Well, the sheet of paper that we are planning to hand out and hope you will fill out and return, may help us all get to know who you are, why you chose rhododendrons, why you chose Florence, and if you care to, where you came from. We don't need to know your deepest darkest secrets, just a couple things about your intrests. This will also give us content for the newsletter from someone other than me! Please consider filling out the sheet, and getting it back to one of us. Thank You , Sandi Jensen**

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Cheryl sent this to me. I guess most of you only know me like this!



This is a picture of my shadehouse as it was getting a new roof. After 26 years, it was leaky and kind of dark, but now the new suntuff makes it very bright inside. My plants aren't going to know what to do with all that light this winter, and I'll have to put shadecloth on it this next summer. It is such a big and versatile building!



Thank You Larry!

I have a couple tips and tricks... Clean the lenses of your plastic eyeglasses with pledge. It fills up the minute scratches, and makes the lenses static free too!

Also, I put sponges into my washer when I do a load of laundry, and use the damp sponge to clean the washer out when the load is done.

And finally, I want everyone to know that I do all my ironing in the dryer. SJ



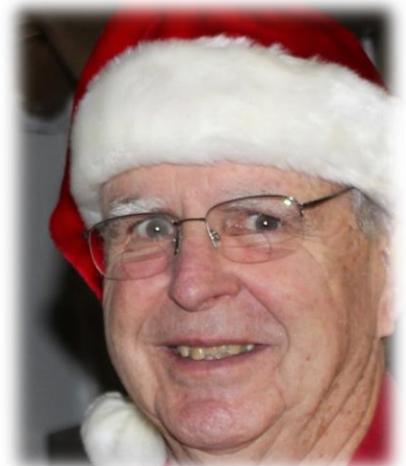
Is this Prism, or Prisms' Sister? Pretty



I have discovered that my superpower is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it!



Here is a picture of our former webmaster, Paul Wilson



Get better soon, Paul !