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Siuslaw Chapter

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, October 17th , Will be Camellias with Pete Warner

Board Meeting: Tuesday October 10th at Bill and Sandi Hennig home in Florence Or at 05638 Martin Rd. at 6:30

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, October 17th 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 October 17th at ICM . Please email Sandi Hennig at flendish@q.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 October 17th 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

Remember, If you work at the park, you get 6 free tickets for the raffle!

Cookie Team : Pat Warner, Lee Goodenough, & Connie Rosenbalm

Hospitality Table: Ron Caputo



Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites

EUGENE CHAPTER: Changing their place and Date to 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Springs at Greer Gardens

1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon 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: Changing the day of the week and time. Beginning Saturday Oct 21st at 1 in the afternoon , 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

Fall has quickly come upon us, the long dry summer has passed. Many people did not use enough water, thinking that 'we live in Oregon, we don't need to water', well plants died. In replacing dead plants, sometimes it's just easier to cut the dead plant off at ground level, and dig a smaller hole next to the old base to plant a new and smaller plant. That way you don't have to dig up the large root ball, leaving a larger hole that you have to fill. Face it people, we are not getting any younger. Or go ahead and dig that old one out, and move one of your other plants, the ones that you planted too close together years ago, back into that hole. If I were starting all over with my plants, I would space them at least 20 feet apart and make paths that I could drive a Greyhound bus through.



Your chapter has many people who have been growing rhododendrons for years and have vast knowledge, be sure to ask them of their starting period of growing rhododendrons and the problems that they had or are still having. I believe that most frequent answer would be, "I planted them too close". When we plant small plants, we tend to put them closer together, with the idea of transplanting every other one, every 5 years. Trust me, my friends, it just doesn't happen. If a plant grows 6 inches taller each year, that's one foot wider, 6 inches on both sides. Rhododendrons do make good shade trees, you can cut the bottom limbs off at any time to make that happen. I have a couple of 'tree' rhodies that are 18 to 24 inches across. They are beautiful at a distance and even up close as the bark on those trees are so different, some smooth and peeling, others really rough.

I want to thank Bill Hennig our VP and Larry Jensen our Past President for stepping up to the plate to be the Chairs for the two flower shows in 2018. When they ask for some help, let's all work together and say, "what can I do?"



Pete Warner

Our own member Peter Warner will be telling us all about Camellias for our next meeting, Tuesday October 17, 6:30. Remember to call for dinner reservations.



**I made a HUGE 'to do' list for today....
I just can't figure out who is going to do it!**



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

Depending on your location, it's time to start thinking about planting Shallots and Garlic in your garden for a bountiful harvest next summer! Somewhere in taste between Garlic and Onions but milder, richer and sweeter than both, **Shallots** add a subtle deliciousness to everything from eggs and vinaigrettes to soups, braised meats and creamy sauces. And life without **Garlic** would be bland indeed. We all crave its zip and zing in warming winter dishes.



In most parts of the U.S., both Shallots and Garlic are best planted after the time of the first fall frost date. In fact, they can be planted up to and even into December. They both need just enough time to set down their roots and get established before the ground freezes for the winter. Start preparing your beds now, and planting your sets as the weather gets colder.



Past Presidents Message by Larry Jensen

Walking around the yard this morning I realized that watering for the year was not over. At our place, the large fir trees take a lot of water. Even worse than the doug firs, are the magnolias. They make a nearly solid mat of feeder roots on top of the ground. Not a good place for rhodies.

Bill Hennig talked me in to being show chair with him. We need to train more people to run the shows so we can maintain two of the best rhodie shows around. Dianne Carlton stepped in and did a very good job on the trophy table last year. We need someone to collect trophy donations from local businesses, as well as people to help with intake, placing trusses manning the hospitality table etc, etc. We will still use plants for our early show trophies, but the late show was known for the cool trophies in the past. Anyway, putting on two shows of the magnitude of ours with volunteers is a large undertaking.

Our native dogwood trees (*cornus nutalii*) put on two shows a year too. The first is in April when they bloom.

This year the flowering was great, thus producing a lot of seeds. In late September the seed clusters turn red and then the birds move in. There are three types of woodpeckers, robins, Blue and Gray Jays as well as many smaller birds that pick up from the ground what the larger birds drop. I know that we will have many dogwood trees sprouting in the spring. LJ



Sandi Hennig sent this to me to share with everyone:

To clean fixtures in your shower, use Dawn and vinegar; works really well. To clean the inside of your microwave; 1 cup water, 1 cup vinegar; in microwave safe dish put in the microwave for 10 minutes. Remove the dish; wipe clean. One more thing, if you have money for this. . . hire someone proficient to clean the dang house!!! Rest, nap, read a magazine. I love looking at the hints on Pinterest; but never actually do many of them.

I love hints, but I don't use many of them. My housekeeping style can best be described as : "There appears to have been a struggle"!



COMMON SENSE IS A FLOWER THAT DOES NOT GROW IN EVERYONES GARDEN

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Our neighborhood bruin seems to like the apples



I found a bunch of photos that were nice, but on some old memory cards. I just had to put them into this computer so I have more to use.



This is a beautiful vireya that we unfortunately no longer have



The bottom picture is a nice primrose



Here is a picture of one of my MANY amaryllis plants. Some of which I grew from seed from the Minerva parent. So far all the babies have bloomed just like the parent. I hope to share them via the raffle. I'm trying to clean my greenhouse and thin the herd.



This is one of our favorites; Whitneys' Tiger Lily It bloomed between shows this year. Notice the split calyx. Very attractive!



It's nice to have someone in your life who can make you smile, even if they're not around.