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Siuslaw Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday April 17th **AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!** Bring plants to sell at auction, and bring cash or checks to buy what others have brought! Great things can be found at our auctions, but remember, **WE START EARLY !!!!!** **6:00 meeting this month only !**

Board Meeting: Tuesday , April 10th at Sandi and Bill Hennigs home at 05638 Martin Rd. at 6:30.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, April 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 **REMEMBER, EARLY MEETING (6:00 pm) BECAUSE OF THE AUCTION!**

Pre-Meeting Dinner Will be at ICM at 4pm because of the auction! Call or email Rosemary Rebello at [541-261-1849](tel:541-261-1849) or rosemary.rebello@gmail.com to **reserve your place at the dinner table!** Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Gallagher Park Work Party: Gallagher Park Rhody Days prep. **Saturday March 31st** (rain or shine) 9 am to 3 pm (There will be snacks and a door prize) Please note the change ! 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 : Cassandra Caputo & Connie Rosenbalm

Hospitality Table: Fred Guettler



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, **April 18 John Stevens & Steve McCormick – Rhododendrons in Southern Chile** 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon Website : eugene-chapter-ars.org **May 5 Flower Show and Banquet**

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) Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8th: Early Sale and Show**

TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER: First Tuesday of the month at 6:45 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 **April 28th show!**

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.

SIOUSLAW CHAPTER EARLY FLOWER SHOW APRIL 14TH AND 15TH



Presidents Message by Mike Bones

Welcome to Spring 2018, before you know it, we will be signing up for our Christmas Dinner meeting.



Our annual Plant Auction will be at our next meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of April, due to the length of our auctions, we will be starting everything one hour early, so dinner will be at 4pm @ ICM on the River Front in Old Town. Be sure to contact Rosemary for reservations. The meeting will start at 6 pm. This is where we make money for our Chapter. We all bring in plants that we would like, then we buy them back. We make it educational, fun and exciting. Please bring your nice plants in a plastic bag, so we don't get the church floor dirty, bring a friend or two, or even an acquaintance, cash and your check book. We want to fill our meeting room with plants and people. Some plants may go for less money while others may go for more. It is a fund raiser, you might think of adding more money to your check for a donation. We are a 501 3C, nonprofit.

Our Early Flower show will be here prior to our meeting. We will be needing your help to make this show another big event. There will be set up on Thursday, April 12 and afterwards we go out to



dinner. Then Friday night, 5 – 7 we can bring in our trusses so that it won't be as hectic on Saturday morning. If you don't have anything blooming, remember we do have a place where you can display a flower bud with NO color showing of the flower. We will also be having a bonsai display of rhododendrons and azaleas.



So, you want to become more involved in your

chapter, this is a great way for you to join in and become an active member. It's how you learn. We also have two positions opening up on the board. Treasurer, secretary, and one board member. Your board is also looking forward to next year's Rhododendron meetings and the programs that you may want to have. Please feel free to talk with any of our board members about them or e-mail us.

I just attended a District 4 (all of Oregon) Rhododendron board meeting. Plans are underway for the 75th Anniversary of the American Rhododendron Society in 2020. A big convention in the Portland area is being planned. It will also be the Siuslaw Chapters 50th Anniversary. The Siuslaw Chapter is doing great, we have 10 meetings out of the year, good attendance at our meetings, and membership is growing. We try to make it educational, entertaining, social, and a Great Group to be involved in.

The program in March on shade gardens with Thomas and Kirk from Sebright Nursery was awesome! If you're ever up in the Kaiser (Salem) area, be sure to look them up. See you at your early flower show and at the auction.

Mike



Patricia and Myles Swift came to Florence from a home in the forest near Creswell, south of Eugene.

They chose Florence as their retirement community because it is a “ lovely town with lovely people”.

They chose to join the rhododendron Society because of their love of plants, and their desire to learn more.

Patricia is fond of gardening, wildflowers, walking, and software. Myles is interested in audio, sailing, and photography.

They would like to see programs about species rhododendrons, and how to identify them, and join in field trips to Hinsdale Gardens in Reedsport, Crystal

Springs Garden in Portland, and the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way Washington.

Thank You Patricia and Myles for filling out the interest form, and welcome to our club and the community!



*****Help Wanted*****

The Siuslaw Chapter needs some help with keeping up the website. Candidates do not need to know a lot about the web. Having knowledge of electronic mail and word processing is a plus, as well as having a computer of some type that is connected to Internet. Training and mentoring will be provided by a geek from another chapter.

What does this job entail? At the minimum, you will be making small monthly updates describing what is on the agenda (based on the newsletter). You will also upload/link the newsletter or post photos or links. Finally, there would be the yearly updates for officers or page updates. Typically, content information is provided by other chapter members. The job does **not** require a high level of technical skills. It is very similar to doing basic word processing and significantly easier than other Internet applications.

How much time will it take? It could take as little as 30 minutes a month, depending on what you choose to do, how knowledgeable and comfortable you are with the process, and your connection speed. The job could even be split between two people/locations if desired. It is a great skill to add to a job resume.

Are there costs involved? Some indirect costs are involved. Having Internet access and a computer minimizes extra fees (worse case? Visit the local library and use their equipment for free). There are other free and low cost applications that can be downloaded and used to make the editing faster and easier (highly recommended). You may choose to take additional training or upgrade your computer. A specific type of computer (e.g., like an Apple or IBM-clone) is **not** required, having a real keyboard and patience will go a long way!

Why volunteer? It is a fun job--especially if you take on helping to create content (like taking pictures, writing a caption, or more as desired!). It is a great way to communicate with others about what you and the group are doing, and how everyone can participate. The skills are transferable to other projects (family reunion page anyone?), businesses, and other activities.

Interested? Contact Mike Bones at rhodies@charter.net / 541-997-3082 or another board member

3-23-18



It must be spring , we had about 2" of snow this morning!

The early show is quickly approaching. With the cold weather sitting on us, it appears we will need color at the show.

In other words, bring in as many trusses as possible. One year I had the only truss in a group. Since no one entered anything in that group, my less than beautiful truss won a trophy.



Thursday, April 12th at 3:30 at the storage unit for those of you that will be helping to haul parts to the FEC for set-up.

Then we should be ready to set up the racks shortly after 4:00. Friday April 13th from 5:00 until 7:00 pm, members can enter their trusses. Saturday April 14th from 7:00 until 9:00 AM sharp will be truss entry. Judging will follow shortly there after.

Sandi and I realize that we both have too many plants. I was sorting the rhodies that I have in pots, and found that I probably have at least a hundred to get rid of. Two years ago we planted occidentale seed from the Brookings area. I have a bed almost ready for about 60 of them. About 10 years ago I had 66 occidentale that we had gotten seed from the same area, and had grown them on and potted them into #2 pots. Then we got hit with 3 mornings in a row with 8°f. Some had bloomed and I even had one that was a nice double pink. Following the cold, they were all dead within 6 months. The moral of this story is, plants in pots are at risk in cold, and hot weather.



I went outside a short time ago and I found a Trilby with the top 6 feet broken out of it. This very wet snow will likely prune several rhodies. It is surely not the first time they've been pruned this way, and I'm certain it won't be the last. 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

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Larry happened to notice this Vireya blooming in my greenhouse among the begonias



The r. flinkii was blooming during our last snow.



PJMs' are blooming everywhere! They really have set blooms heavily this year!



When someone tells you nothing is impossible, ask them to dribble a football.



This was another bloomer in our greenhouse. Jacki's appleblossom amaryllis was 7 to 8 inches across, and had 4 blooms!

