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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Tuesday, January 16th will be Jack Olson. He will be doing a digital program on hybridizing. How he chooses the correct parents, pollinating, collecting seed, sowing the seed and how to grow them on to award winning plants. This will be a very educational program

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th at Mike and Kathy Bones home at 90379 Oregon Coast Hwy.101 At 5:30. A pre-show meeting will be held immediately following the board meeting at approximately 6:30.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, January 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 at ICM at Tuesday January 16th at 5 pm. Call or email Rosemary Rebello at **541-261-1849** or rosemary.rebello@email.com 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 January 16th from 10 am until noon to clean up the park. Please contact Steven Price at **phone: 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 : Sandi Hennig, Steven Price

Hospitality Table: Sandi Hennig

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.

January 2018 presidents message by Mike Bones



Happy 2018 to our Siuslaw Chapter American Rhododendron Family and Friends.

It would be nice if we could keep this great winter that we have been experiencing here on the Oregon Coast, but I feel that Mother Nature will pop in at any time with cold weather and cause some bad damage to our plants. We are half way through our normal winter time, January and February are the only two months that we should have to worry about the cold weather. I have grape hyacinths blooming, daffodils up, and my winter Daphne has started its great fragrance.

Our Christmas Party was fun with friends, laughter, food and gifts. A great time was had by all. I am already looking forward to next year's gathering. But first, we have another year planned for your education and entertainment. We finished off last season's meetings having Terry Henderson from Log Cabin Nursery with a hands-on program, learning how to propagate with cuttings. We hope to have all of those plants back to you at our June 19th summer picnic. Thanks Terry for doing this for us.

Our first chapter meeting will be January 16th, with Jack Olson from Fall Creek, just a little south then east of Springfield. He will be doing a digital program on Hybridizing, how He chooses the correct parents, pollinating, collecting seed, sowing the seed and how to grow them on to award winning plants. This will be a very educational program and knowing Jack, it won't be boring.

January 9th, at 6:30 we need you to come to our pre-show meeting to be held at the Bones'. Our two show chairs, Larry Jensen and Bill Hennig have two great flower shows planned and we need your help. We are one of the few chapters in the world that still host two, two day shows, open to the public, free of charge, and it is because of your dedicated help that we are able to keep doing this.

I find the comfort in the words of a famous plants man, JC Raulston: "if you are not killing plants, you are not really stretching yourself as a gardener."



Kathy Bones grew up in Tillamook, moved to Eugene, and then Florence with her husband , Mike. Her husband brought her to the rhody society, but all the people keep her coming too. She claims she's a tag-along. (I think she's a leader!)

She is a retired teacher, and she and Mike have 2 terrific kids, a wonderful son-in-law, an amazing daughter-in-law, and 5 grandkids that they adore!

Her interests are ; movies, reading, games, family, church, singing, and volunteering. In addition to the rhody society, she belongs to the ambassadors, and is secretary of 4 different committees. She would like to see more rhody pictures, a program on affordable water features for small gardens, and really likes the rhodies 101. Thank You for all you do Kathy!



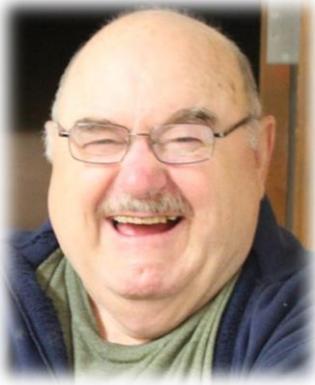
Siuslaw Chapter ARS Mission Statement

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



What a wonderfully fun, and delicious Christmas party!!!



Ron Caputo is a whirlwind of activity in the Florence area. He came to Florence from Beaverton, buying a plumbing business here in 1993. He is heavily involved (currently president) in the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program, a member of the Florence Rotary Club, and has been involved with the Port Authority. He says Bill Hennig made him join the rhody society after he won a sweepstake prize!

His interests include fishing, hunting, volunteering, cooking, and gardening. He can always be counted on to man our booth at the home show, or the hospitality table at either the meetings or the shows. Thank you Ron!



Sylvia Smith was born in Medford, Oregon. She met her future husband Jim in Ashland's Lithia Park. Jim attended Southern Oregon College. Jim and Sylvia were married in July 1966 and Jim graduated in May 1967 with a degree in Chemistry and Education. Jim and Sylvia spent one year in Waianae, Hawaii where Jim taught physical science.

After a year in Hawaii they moved to Florence where Jim taught chemistry, physics and other assorted courses for 32 years. During 1970-1971 the family (they now had 2 sons) moved to Corvallis where Jim attended OSU and received a masters degree in Physics and Chemistry.

Jim's interest in Rhododendrons began when his sons gave him 3 Rhodys for fathers day.

One of the plants was Cynthia. It was planted in the front of the new house he built on 20th street. The beauty of the plants got Jim interested in Rhododendrons. Jim talked to Danny Bones, one of his past students, about

plants and propagation, cuttings, seedlings, etc. The year his first cutting rooted – of course cuttings of Cynthia – he was hooked. That was the beginning of a new rhodoholic.

Jim and Sylvia joined the Siuslaw Chapter of the A.R.S. and became active in all parts of the group.

As retirement from teaching was nearing Jim decided to purchase property in Mapleton and begin Roadside Rhododendron Nursery.

The nursery was open from 1996 until 2010. Jim was interested in growing Rhododendrons from cuttings and hybridizing new varieties. At one time he had over 5,000 seedlings in gallon pots. Jim has produced several fine plants, some that are available in the industry today.

Sylvia has been an equal partner in the endeavors, helping sow seed, transplant seedlings, travel to garden shows, sell plants, and any other job that needed to be done.

Sylvia has always been interested in flowers, gardening, building rock gardens, and anything but weeding.

Sylvia's indoor interest include miniature doll houses, sewing, crafts, reading and laughter.

Together Jim and Sylvia were Show Chairmen for 14 years. Sylvia and Jim helped to create a blue print for flower shows that helped make our flower shows some of the best shows in the west.

Unfortunately due to physical restraints Jim has had to limit his participation in club activities and plant production.

Currently you may find the couple on the Duplicate Bridge tournament trail where Jim competes.



Things work out best for those who make the best of the way things work out



Day Farrald joined us in Florence via a pick-up truck, from Prineville, Louisiana. He came back to Oregon to be closer to his family. He had been a resident of Junction City, Oregon for thirty years prior to that, and worked at Greer Gardens for eight years during that time. He is a past president of the Eugene Chapter, and has made presentations at an ARS National Convention as well as leading a tour to Japan and China. He has judged at Florence and Portland shows.

Days' interests are plants, especially rhodies; philately (stamp collecting); and airplane trading cards. He would consider serving on the board, and helping at the flower shows. Please introduce yourself and make him welcome to our group!



Thanks to those of you who filled out the member interest forms. I have a few more, but have not received word from those I sent the drafts to that they were correct. The ones you see here have the corrections, and additions in them. I think we are all interested in where everyone came from and what brought them to our area, and for me, it helps to have pictures of people to match names to.

Although we have all been busy with the activities of the season, (Larry and I were busy putting up outdoor Christmas lights) I'm hoping you will all take time to come to the pre-show meeting at the Bones home on Tuesday January 9th at 6:30. Everyones' help will be needed to pull off two hi caliber shows this coming spring!

Imagine my surprise when Larry said Tuba is blooming in the vireya house! I knew the tuba I had bought last year from the RSBG was in my greenhouse down the hill. Sooooooo, here is a picture of the blooming beauty (also wonderfully fragrant) that was a cutting I had taken from the Gerdemann preserve vireya house several years ago, and tagged "yellow". Boy, was THAT wrong! It should be interesting to see what other mistakes I've made in tagging! Just another reminder to all of us to be careful how we transport and then stick our cuttings that we tag them properly. It is so easy to forget.... At least it is for me. SJ



Greg Carlton came to Florence from Arizona following his retirement. Seen here with his lovely wife Dianne who he said brought him to the rhody society. He is also interested in photography.



NO CASES OF EYESTRAIN HAVE DEVELOPED BY LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS.

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Thanks to everyone who filled out the member interest forms. The resulting member profiles were enlightening and interesting.

I will print the rest in the February issue and with any luck, we will have additional ones to include. SJ



We stopped at Hendricks Park in Eugene the other day when we went shopping for provisions. Gavin didn't want his picture taken, but see how he is growing.

Almost as tall as grampa!



My intention was to get a picture of the ririi there, but the freeze had turned the open flowers brown, and stopped the rest from opening, at least for the time .

This is a picture of viburnum bodnantense in the park. It is wonderfully fragrant. We have one too, but I haven't been able to get cuttings to take yet.



Here is one of our deciduous azaleas They bloomed lightly last year, but the bud set on them is phenomenal !



This is a little house plant called the dancing dolphin vine (columnnea). I was having a hard time rooting it and was told to stick it in water to root. I did that and not only got LOTS of roots, but it bloomed too! It is a distant cousin of the African Violet, and loves the eastern or north exposure.



I am still working to get all my plants dumped or cut back and as you can see, some are still blooming! It is harder to cut back the blooming ones, but it does have to be done.

DON'T FORGET THE PRE-SHOW MEETING! SJ