

**MAY 2018**

Siuslaw Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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**CALLED COASTAL RHODODENDRONS**



**UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:**

**Meeting topic:** Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>; Rhododendron 101, show prep, and some rhody pictures.

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting.

**Pre-Meeting Dinner Will be at Ixtapa at 5:30** on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Call or email Rosemary Rebello at [541-261-1849](tel:541-261-1849) or [rosemary.rebello@gmail.com](mailto: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:** During the Power of Florence event on July 21st we will be at the park for cleanup from 9 am to noon. Everyone welcome.

**Cookie Team :** Sandi Jensen

**Hospitality Table:** Dan Bones



**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) **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](http://rhodies.org)

**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](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)

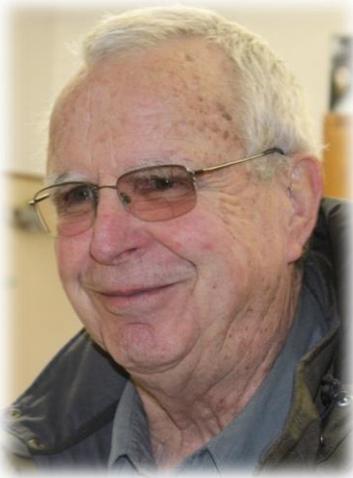
All other web sites can be found on rhododendron.org under chapters web sites.

**SIUSLAW CHAPTER LATE FLOWER SHOW May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**



Great auction ! Good job everyone!

## **PAUL WILSON**



**Paul Wilson, 81, passed away at home on April 7, 2018, while surrounded by family.**

**Paul was born in Martinez, Calif., the eldest of three sons of Joseph Middleton and Hermina King Wilson. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1957 with a degree in secondary education. After serving in the United State Army, he returned to Cal Poly to receive his masters degree in school administration.**

**In 1964, Paul began teaching in San Jose, Calif., where he later met his wife. He taught math and was an administrator at Eastside Union High School District until he retired in 1996.**

**Since moving to Florence in 2000, he has enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling extensively with his wife, Jo Ann, spending time with his grandchildren, genealogy and creating websites. He was also active in the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) in Florence.**

**Each spring, he especially looked forward to working with other STEP members in the “eggs-to-fry program.” The K-3 students would learn to raise the steelhead eggs that were placed in the class aquariums and then eventually planted by students in Munsel Lake.**

**He also helped the Girl Scouts at Cleawox Lake with fishing and the annual fifth-grade fishing day at Cleawox Lake. He was always there with his enthusiastic smile.**

**Paul is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; his daughter, Michelle Wilson, of Anchorage, Alaska; his son Michael Wilson and daughter-in-law Stacey Brown Wilson of Florence; three grandsons: Elijah Wilson-Nordhoff of Boulder, Colo., Satchel Wilson-Nordhoff of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kaelan Wilson of Florence; and his brother Peter Wilson of Mariposa, Calif.**

**His family members wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to Peace Harbor Hospice for its care and support for Paul during the last few months.**

**Services will be held Saturday, May 12, at 11 a.m., at Burns Riverside Chapel, 2765 Kingwood, followed by a celebration of life at Nosh, 1269 Bay Street, in Old Town, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.**

**In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) or Peace Harbor Home Health and Hospice.**



I really dislike this portion of putting together the newsletter, but I understand that all of us need to know and pay our respect to the people who have helped make our group what it is today. Paul Wilson was such an enthusiastic rhody grower, and was always there to help us with the shows and set up and maintained our website. His smile will be missed tremendously.

David Granthum was also an enthusiastic member of our local group, although he lived far away, I spoke with him from time to time and he always spoke of our club warmly. My world is better for having known them both. Sandi Jensen

David E. Grantham

David E. Grantham, 68, of DeRidder, LA, passed from this life on January 5, 2018.

David had a passion for nature and beautiful gardens. He held memberships in the American Rhododendron Society and Azalea Society of America. He was active in the Siuslaw Chapter in Florence, Oregon and the Southeastern Chapter in western North Carolina. His own gardens in Dallas, Texas and Maggie Valley, North Carolina were dominated by azaleas and rhododendrons; and he never hesitated to show off his garden and share his knowledge with anyone.

He was the co-founder and vice president of the North Cliff Neighborhood Association and was instrumental in gaining Conservation District status through close association with the City of Dallas. He never met a stranger and would immediately introduce himself and engage in conversation. David will be forever remembered by all of his friends and neighbors for his devotion to actively improving the quality of life in his neighborhood.

David was a graduate of McNeese State University. He studied classical voice and appeared in productions with The Dallas Opera as well as in many musical venues in Texas and Louisiana.

Those left to cherish his memory are his two sisters, Linda K. Johnson and husband Johnny of DeRidder, LA and Diane Jane Pederson and husband Brandt of Lake Charles, LA; a host of other family and friends; and his friend and business partner of 35 years, Christopher Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ruby Grantham.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Hospital or Bird Haven ([www.bird-haven.org](http://www.bird-haven.org)).

A special thank you to the Woodlands Nursing Home and St. Joseph Hospice.



## 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

Past presidents message by Larry Jensen

Every year April hits, and there is so much to do! We had a successful early show with a great assortment of entries. Thank you everyone for all your hard work.



The following weekend, Sandi, Jacki, and I headed for the RSBG for their annual plant sale where they invite vendors to bring their plants. It makes for a large sale with a wide variety of unique and unusual plants. It was nice to see friends, and be able to purchase some of those unusual plants. After our first shopping spree, we toured the garden quickly, with a promise to come back in the morning. One of

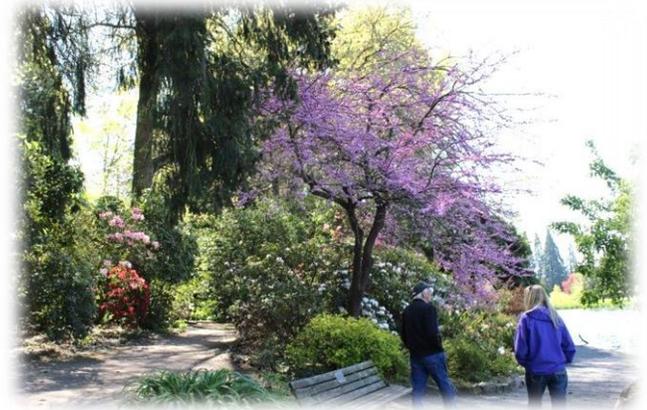


the high points was the 'wall' of niviums. There were many plants that have grown to 15 feet tall and were covered with purple trusses! We found several plants to buy there, including a nice thomsonii and a pendulum. (and Sandi got a davidsonianum 'Ruth Lyons") The next day after a tour around



the garden again, through the Rutherford

Conservatory, and the Bonsai Collection, we tracked down a fuchsia nursery in Covington, about 20 miles from the RSBG. That afternoon, we drove out to Whitney Gardens in Brinnon, where we always try to go when we're in the Seattle area. I found a very nice Maricee there along with a couple of other plants. We had a chance to



talk with Ellie Sather for a while. What a nice lady! We ended up staying in Lacey that night, then found our way to Crystal Springs Garden the next day. We had a lot of fun, but too many miles.

So, the next Saturday we got up early to go to the Southwest Chapter show. They had nearly 500 entries which made for a great show!

Now our late show is the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> so one more time, then we get some time to work at home. LJ



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This is one of the plants I got at the sale at the RSBG (arisaema)



This fragrant beauty was blooming like crazy in the Rutherford Conservatory in the RSBG



Terry & Tom working at our sale!



This is one of my Cupcakes'



This is one of our Cardocrinum giganteum plants, and the only one that has shown signs of blooming... stay tuned.



This is the r. thomsonii blooming outside the gift shop at the species foundation



This guy thought he was hiding, but as you can see, he was not very successful.