

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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April 2019

Macrophyllum



Photo: Sandi Jensen

Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on April 16 Starts Early

Board meeting	Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennigs' home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, April 16 5:30pm for refreshments, 6:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Auction! Everyone is encouraged to bring plants, guests, and money.
Pre-meeting dinner	ICM at 4:00pm 1498 Bay Street, Florence Please call or email Sandi Hennig by April 12 at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Connie Rosenbalm, Patricia Swift, Sandi Hennig
Hospitality Table	Board members
Coffee	Mike Bones
Gallagher Park Work Party	Saturday, April 6, 10:00am—2:00pm Rain or shine. Lunch will be provided. Bring loppers, rakes, and wheelbarrows.

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On the internet

- Facebook:
[Coastal Rhododendrons](#)
- Web site:
<http://www.siuslawars.org>

Our April Meeting Program:

Auction!

Chapter's Main Fundraiser

All members are encouraged to bring plants to be auctioned.

The April chapter meeting will be our much-anticipated plant auction. Mike Bones described it well: "We all bring in plants that we would like, then we buy them back." Since this is our principal way to make money, bringing in plants is a great way to support our chapter. Please bring any type of plant. Be sure it's something you'd like to buy, not something you just want to get rid of, or a weed. The more good plants, the better. Please put each plant in a plastic bag to keep dirt off the meeting room floor.

This is also your chance to buy an interesting Rhody or other plant, and maybe talk to the grower to get expert advice. Invite your friends and neighbors; everyone is welcome. Please bring cash or check (no credit or debit cards). Be prepared to bring home lots of plants!

The auction will be held at our usual meeting place: The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, Florence.

The auction starts at 6:00pm on April 16.



Tony Rebello

Tony Rebello and his wife, Rosemary, have lived in Florence for the last 20 years. He passed from this life on March 14, 2019. Tony was an amazing gourmet cook and treated many people with his delicious dishes. He volunteered his time as a chef at the Siuslaw River Station after joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He and Rosemary are members of the Siuslaw Chapter ARS and past members of the Florence Area Ambassadors. Tony will forever be remembered for his wonderful smile, his laugh and of course, his sense of humor.

Other Western Chapter Meetings

Other Chapter Websites

Eugene Chapter:

www.eugene-chapter-ars.org

Portland Chapter:

<http://rhodies.org>

Tualatin Valley Chapter:

www.tualatinvalleyars.org

SW Oregon Chapter:

<http://sworegon-ars.org>

Web site inactive

Willamette Chapter:

<http://arswillamette.com>

Eureka Chapter:

www.eurekaohody.org

Noyo Chapter:

www.noyochapterars.com

Pilchuk Chapter:

www.rhododendron.info

All other web sites can be found at:

<http://rhododendron.org>

under chapters web sites

Eugene Chapter

Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1280 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon, at 7:00pm. On April 17, Bruce Palmer's topic will be What's in a Name II. Also, flower show on May 4 from 3-9pm at The Springs.

Portland Chapter

Meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR. The program usually begins at 7 pm. On April 25 (note it's the 4th Thursday instead of the usual 3rd), Harold Greer will talk about the early days of Greer Gardens. There will also be a hybrid auction.

Tualatin Valley Chapter

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm at the Washington County Fire District 2, 1370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133. On April 2, the speaker will be Eric Lucas, manager at Buchholz & Buchholz Nursery.

Southwestern Oregon Chapter

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The meeting on April 18 will be about flower show tips and preparation. Their Rhody show and sale is on April 27.

Willamette Chapter

Second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May, at 7:00pm. On April 10, Dick Cavender's topics will be how to control mole/gopher madness and Occidentals Wonder.

Eureka Chapter

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. On April 25, Don Wallace will talk about the gardens of Seattle.

Noyo Chapter

General meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg. On April 24, Dennis McKiver will talk about preparing for the flower show.

Pilchuk Chapter Marysville, WA

Meets the first Thursday of each month, September thru May.

Siuslaw Chapter Members' Rhodies in March



left:
blooming in Italy at the beginning of March
Photo: Simone Boggia



right:
R. macbeanum blooming in Florence, OR at the end of March
Photo: Mike Bones

March 2019 Siuslaw Chapter Meeting



Photos: Myles Swift

You've seen this before but it's happening soon...

Gallagher Park Work Party: April 6th from 10am—2pm

By Steven Price

Please bring one or all of the following: loppers, pruners, rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow. This is our pre-show park clean-up and a light lunch will be provided.

Since 1974, the Rhododendron garden has been a project of the club. The Siuslaw chapter was involved in the design, plant acquisition, and installation of the Rhododendrons in the park. Since that time the club has taken the responsibility of keeping the Rhododendrons pruned, fertilized, and visible to the public.

This year we will start at the front corner and shape the current Rhododendrons while removing all invasives so the garden will remain healthy and visible from Highway 126. We may also be spreading some gravel on the paths.

Gallagher Park is at the corner of Hwy 126 and Spruce Street In Florence.

SIUSLAW CLIMATE ALLIANCE
PRESENTS

EARTH DAY On The Boardwalk

10:00 Open
11:00 Flash Mob
11:30 Human Tree
12:00 Hula Dancers
12:30 Bollywood Dancers
1:00 Tom Sweeney
1:30 Tom McVay Band

Saturday,
April 20
10:00 - 2:00

PROTECT OUR SPECIES

CITY LIGHTS
CINEMAS
Special Showing
BEFORE THE FLOOD
MONDAY APRIL 23
12:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MOTHER NATURE—PHOTO BOOTH—FACE PAINTING
AQUARIUM—BEACH DETECTIVES—FREE PLANTS
CRAFTS—GAMES—RESTORE—UPCYCLED ART

IN AFFILIATION WITH:
STEP—Surfriders—Siuslaw Library—Restore—Precious Plastic
Oregon Wild—HCAO Florence—Florence Organizes
Master Recyclers—Florence Garden Club—Farmers Market
Florence City EMAC—Friends of Harbor Vista—Food Share
Oregon Dunes Restoration—Oregon Coast Beekeepers
Heart of the Coast Housing Alliance

Rhododendron Parade 2019

Dawn Carmody is heading up an effort to have an ARS float in this year's Florence Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade on Sunday, May 19, 2019.



Dawn has been working on the trimmings and signage for the Jeep float. Dawn asks that we bring extra rhodies for the Jeep float directly to her home at 864 Kingwood Street or to the Florence Events Center when we bring in entries for the May flower show. Please bring flowers as well as greenery such as pine, magnolia, and cedar boughs (no holly, please).

Don't forget about World Naked Gardening Day on Saturday, May 4. Details:
<https://www.wideopenspaces.com/world-naked-gardening-day-may-7th/>

President's Message

By Mike Bones



Photos: Mike Bones

Another flower season is here, they sure do come faster each year. The new blossoms keep popping out with each day. I was out weeding yesterday and I caught the fragrance of Loderi King George. WOW. If you have the room and the time to wait, Loderi King George is a great tree rhododendron to have in your yard.

You are doing something right, our meetings are well attended, the pre meeting dinners are fun, you're asking great questions, our membership is growing, it's just a great place to be.

Our next meeting is going to be one fun night, we are starting one hour earlier as it is our annual plant auction and there will be lots of plants for you to have a chance to buy. Bring your gardening Friends, cash and your checkbook.

Our early flower show will be here and gone before you know it. Be sure to bring in your trusses, and ask your neighbors to exhibit theirs too. We could also use cookies at the show. Day Farrald, our show chair is busy recruiting members to help at the show. Step up, be seen and be heard. It is YOUR chapter. If you don't have anything blooming, remember we will be having a bud display, yes it has to have foliage attached, just no flower color showing. There is also the azalea and rhododendron bonsai display. The hospitality table can always use another chapter member who is eager to entice a viewer to purchase raffle tickets, remind them of our upcoming meetings and of our May flower show. If you are not keeping your read Rhododendron Journals, please bring them in to give away at the show.

Most people purchase a rhododendron because of its color, but widen that horizon. Think of the fragrance of not only the flower but of the leaf too. Consider the texture and color of the leaves, its bark, when is it going to bloom and most important, how big is it going to grow.

Happy Gardening.

Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2019 Flower Shows

Early Show April 13-14, 2019

Late Show May 18-19, 2019

Mike planted this Loderi King George when it was about 18 inches tall. It's now close to 20 feet and smells so good!



Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Early Rhody Show and Plant Sale

April 13-14, 2019

Show Chair: Day Farrald

Our chapter is one of the few ARS chapters that put on two flower shows each year. This takes a lot of member participation. Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates with our show schedule so you can bring in lots of beautiful trusses.

A prize-winning truss should have a straight stem and be free of all debris. Its foliage should be clean, but don't use anything except water (no waxes or soaps). Except for the native rhodies, it must be from a shrub you have owned for at least six months. The flowers do not have to be 100% open; a few buds will let the flower last all weekend.

Every truss in the show needs to have a class# entered on its hang tag. See the next page for details.

You can also submit bonsai (azalea and rhododendron only) and foliage with only a flower bud (no color) for the early show.

Schedule

Thursday, April 11: Setup		
3:30pm	meet at storage unit	
4:00pm	setup at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street, Florence	
Friday, April 12 at Florence Events Center		
5:00 – 7:00 pm	bring in flower trusses (ARS members only)	
Saturday, April 13 at Florence Events Center		
7:00 – 9:00 am	bring in flower trusses	
1:00 – 5:00pm	flower show	
10:00am – 5:00pm	plant sale	
Sunday, April 14 at Florence Events Center		
10:00am – 5:00pm	flower show	
10:00am – 5:00pm	plant sale	
5:00pm	teardown followed by dinner at Ixtapa	

We still need members to sponsor trophies. Please contact Day at day817@outlook.com if you can help.

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Early Rhody Show
Filling in your hang tags

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society

WEBSITE: <http://www.siuslawars.org>

WON

CLASS 26

'LEO'

VARIETY

S.S.

PATRICIA SWIFT

EXHIBITOR

3921 NANDINA DR., FLORENCE

ADDRESS



Rhododendron 'Leo'
(This is just for illustration; you don't
submit a picture with your entry.)
Photo: Patricia Swift

Every truss in the show needs to have a class#. You can look this up online yourself, or Rhody club members can help you find it when you submit each truss.

If you know the name or variety of your Rhody, you can look for its class in the show key here:

<http://www.siuslawars.org/resources/FlowerShows/Siuslaw-ARS-show-Key-2019.pdf>

If you don't know the name of your Rhody, use the schedule to look its class up by type and color:

[http://www.siuslawars.org/resources/FlowerShows/2019ShowSchedule\(same-as-2016\).pdf](http://www.siuslawars.org/resources/FlowerShows/2019ShowSchedule(same-as-2016).pdf)

Also fill in your name and address. In case you're wondering, the "S.S." on the tag stands for subspecies; we no longer use that.

*Gene Cockeram reminds us that Rhody growing was
once considered the sport of kings!*

Gerdemann Garden Preserve in Yachats

The trip to Gerdemann Gardens on March 5th was a great time with 15 people showing up to take advantage of this event. It was early in the season, but there were lots of rhodies blooming or about to bloom. Andreea Ghetie led us around the garden and pointed out several rare rhodies and other plants. Another tour may be coming up soon, so stay tuned.



above: *Drymis winteri*
(slender tree)



left: *R. 'Peter Faulk'*



right:
R. racemosum
(possibly)



above: *Rhododendron arboreum 'Roseum'*

Photos: Myles Swift

Volunteering at the Garden

Andreea is in the garden with volunteers every Thursday 10am to 12 pm. It's not an open garden day, but if those interested will send an [email](#), she will welcome them.

Starting in May, there will be a gathering every second Saturday of the month, from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. Andreea says, "We will have gardening lessons and volunteering opportunities easy and not so easy!"

Calendar of Events 2019

April 6	Gallagher Park Work Party 10:00am—2:00pm Rain or shine Bring loppers, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows
April 8	Rhododendrons 101 Steven Price at LCC Florence. Details here
April 13-14	Siuslaw ARS Early Rhody Show Florence Events Center
April 13	Open Garden Day, 10am—2pm Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport. Details here
April 16	Siuslaw chapter meeting Auction. Pre-dinner meeting at ICM
April 20	Earth Day on the Boardwalk, 10am—2pm, Florence
April 26-27	2019 Rhododendron Species Symposium Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden Federal Way, WA. Details here
April 27	Southwestern Oregon Chapter Rhody Show and Sale
April 27	Open Garden Day, 10am—2pm Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport. Details here
May 4	Eugene Chapter Flower Show, 3-9pm The Springs, 1280 Goodpasture Island Rd., Eugene
May 4-5	Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Annual show and plant sale
May 11	Open Garden Day, 10am—2pm Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport. Details here
May 14	Rhododendrons 101 Steven Price at LCC Florence. Details here
May 15-19	ARS Annual Convention, Malvern, PA The Philadelphia Story 2019. Details here .
May 18-19	Siuslaw ARS Late Rhody Show Florence Events Center
May 21	Siuslaw chapter meeting Flower Show wrap up
June 18	Summer picnic at the Prices' home
July 20	Gallagher Park Work Party 8:00-12:00
September 27-29	ARS Fall Conference, Parksville, BC, Canada

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