

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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June 2019

Macrophyllum



Photo: Sandi Jensen

Upcoming Chapter Meeting: Annual Picnic on June 18 at Noon

Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, June 18 Annual Picnic at Steven & Deb Price's home Noon to socialize, 1:00pm for the potluck Details on page 2
Board meeting	Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Gallagher Park	Saturday, July 20 8:00am—noon during The Power of Florence

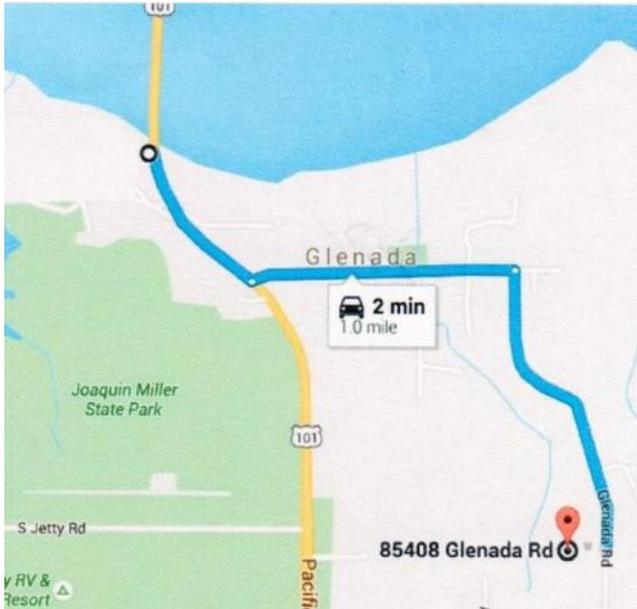
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On the internet

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

June Chapter Picnic & Meeting: June 18 at Deb and Steven Price's House



This year's Siuslaw ARS picnic will be held at Steven and Deb Price's house on Tuesday, June 18th. They are at 85408 Glenada Road. Glenada Road is the first street south of the Best Western Motel on the east side of Highway 101 just south of the Florence Bridge. Go down Glenada for 0.8 mi and look for the red ARS picnic sign on the right hand side. Park along the driveway. Social time starts at noon and the potluck begins at 1:00pm. The Prices will provide beef sliders and soft drinks. Please bring folding chairs, place settings, and your potluck dish. This could be a salad, a dessert, or anything that goes well with sliders. Please also bring a plant or garden item for the "musical chairs" game. This should be something good that you would like to have in your garden, like a plant or an ornament. You can call the Prices at 503-252-1897 if you have any questions. We will also be voting on next year's Chapter officers. We hope to see everyone there.

Election of Chapter Officers

We will be electing a new president, VP, and one board member at the picnic on June 18. The nominating committee announced the candidates (right) at our May meeting.

If you can't be at the picnic, you can vote absentee. You must send your vote to Dianne Carlton, the committee chair, at dcsdreams@gmail.com or 25 Mariners Ln, Florence, OR 97439-8982. Dianne must have those ballots by Saturday June 15th, 2019. If you vote absentee, you will not be able to vote for anyone who is nominated from the floor on the day of the annual meeting. Each membership and associate membership can vote only once.

Candidates	
President (2 years)	Larry Jensen
Vice President (2 years)	Ron Caputo Bill Hennig
Board of Directors (3 years)	Day Farrald Sandi Jensen Debbie Peterson

Other Western Chapter Meetings & Events

Other Chapter Websites

Eugene Chapter:

www.eugene-chapter-ars.org

Portland Chapter:

<http://rhodies.org>

Tualatin Valley Chapter:

www.tualatinvalleyars.org

SW Oregon Chapter:

Web site inactive

Willamette Chapter:

<http://arswillamette.com>

Eureka Chapter:

www.eurekarhody.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	The annual Spring Potluck will be held at Hendricks Park on June 30 from noon to 4pm.
Portland Chapter	The next scheduled event is the Summer Soiree potluck dinner at the Smith Garden on August 15.
Tualatin Valley Chapter	No meetings are scheduled for May through August.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	No meetings or events are planned until September.
Willamette Chapter	No meetings or events are scheduled until September.
Eureka Chapter	A members' garden tour and potluck picnic are planned for June 2.
Noyo Chapter	The chapter will hold garden visits in June. Details TBA.
Pilchuk Chapter Marysville, WA	No meetings are scheduled until September.

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.

May 2019 Siuslaw Chapter Meeting



Photos: Myles Swift

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Late Rhody Show & Plant Sale May 18-19, 2019

The Late Show was our second flower show this year. There were 776 entries in this year's late show. The plant sale sold over \$10,000.00 in plants. So many of our members stepped up to help with every phase of the show. It really was a group effort! Day Farrald did an amazing job as Show Chair.

The Kids' Art display was impressive. It included 406 items with 21 classes from Florence schools participating. The gentleman from the Western Lane Foundation told Steven Price he was impressed with the Kids' Art display. Thanks to the Foundation for donating \$500 to this project. Thanks also to Oregon Pacific Bank for donating \$300 and to TR Hunter for donating \$40 to our chapter for show costs.



Late Show Trophy Winners (continued on next page)

Class	Name of Class	Truss	Winner
1-6	Deciduous Azalea	(no name)	Marsha Greer
7-13	Evergreen Azalea	(no name)	Pete & Candy Baumer
14-16	White	(no name)	Randy McGrew
17-21	Pink	Verlet Sweezy	Larry Jensen
20a	Walloper	Pink Walloper	Dianne Carlton
22-23a	Rose	(no name)	Dianne Carlton
24, 25, 27, 28	Red	Leo x Noyo Chief	Dan Bones
26, 31	Black/Red Black/Purple	Black Widow	Talbot
29, 30, 32, 33	Purple	Whidbey Island	Dan Bones
34-37	Yellow	Many Moons	Ron Prchal
38-41	Orange	Sun Gold	Chris Trautmann
42-43	Tri-Color	Honey Butter	Jack Olson
44-50, 800	Lepidote Hybrid	Cinnkeys	Mike Bones

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Late Rhody Show (Continued)



Best In Show:
Whidbey Island, Dan Bones

Trophy Winners (continued from previous page)

Class	Name of Class	Truss	Winner
80-740	Maddenian	R. edgeworthii	Dave Braley
470-550	Species Azalea	R. kiusianum Mangetsu	Jim Smith
562	Macrophyllum	R. macrophyllum	Craig Brandt
566-680	Species Elepidote	R. forrestii	Dave Braley
700-790	Species Lepidote	R. sargentianum	Dave Braley
810-830	New American Hybrid	R. decorum x fortuneii	Mike Bones
850	Spray	(no name)	Marji Brown
910-940	Best Foliage		
	Best In Show	Whidbey Island	Dan Bones
	Sweepstakes		Liz Hulton



Best Hybrid Lepidote:
Cinnkeys, Mike Bones



Photos: Myles Swift

Florence Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade May 19th, 2019

Dawn Carmody put together a beautiful ARS float for the festival parade. Jim Carmody drove his Jeep float, with three distinguished passengers: Kathy Bones, the ARS Ambassador to the event; Dr. DeVern Pinnock, the first president of our Siuslaw ARS Chapter; and Gene Cockeram, our oldest active member. Dawn Carmody and Patricia Swift walked alongside the float, handing out candies and bookmarks with info about our chapter. We had perfect weather, which was especially nice after the rain and wind the day before. Lots of people turned out along the route to watch the parade.



Photos:

*above:
Pam Guettler*

*left & right:
Myles Swift*



President's Message

By Mike Bones

As my term as your president draws to an end, I want to thank each of you for your support and dedication to the chapter. I will still be on the board as Past President, the only differences: I will have a vote and won't be in charge. Thanks, Larry.

Our two flower shows each year are always top notch with everyone pitching in to help, meetings are well attended, and our membership is up. Thanks everyone for making my job easier by stepping up to help out. It's nice to see three qualified members running for the director position that Steven Price has held. Steven, thank you for your work on the board. You brought new blood and great ideas to the chapter.

Our annual meeting where we vote on the 3 new board members, President, Vice President, and one director will be Tuesday, June 18th. We gather from noon and eat at one. Thanks to Steven and Deb for hosting our picnic again this year. Everyone is to bring their own place settings, a chair to sit in, a side dish or dessert, and a garden-oriented gift for the plant game. It's kind of like musical chairs with a twist, everyone can play so bring something for each person that you have with you.

Be sure to water your plants if the rains don't come, especially those who live in the sands of Florence. Your plants will let you know if they are thirsty, wimpy and droopy leaves are a good sign. Watch for critters eating the new growth on your plants, slugs, snails, caterpillars, and root weevils. If it doesn't bother you that your plants are being eaten, then don't do anything about it; if it bothers you, then you can find ways to ease your mind. I find that it is the same with weeds; if they bother me, then I need to get rid of them one way or another. I find that the more weeds I have, the more birds are in the garden, either eating the bugs on the weeds or else the seeds from those weeds. I do try to deadhead all of the smaller plants, as they need the strength to produce the new growth for next year's flowers instead of being wasted on the seeds being produced for another generation of plants.

See you at the picnic or else at the next meeting on September 17th, just be safe during the summer.



*Mike Bones in the Rhody Festival Parade.
Mike is also president of the Florence
Area Ambassadors.
Photo sent in by Pam Guettler*

Dianne Carlton sent in this photo



A Thank You from the Prchals

Ron and Cheryl Prchal would like to thank everyone who came to visit their garden last month. They hope you enjoyed touring it as much as they did sharing it.

Visitors had many questions...here are some answers. The metal garden stakes are from Paw Paw Everlast Label Company. The names were printed on a Brothers label maker. For information on making the foam pots, check out the video on Wild Ginger Farm's website...Foam Alpine Troughs. The "lightweight" concrete pots were made from equal parts of peat moss, perlite, and cement.



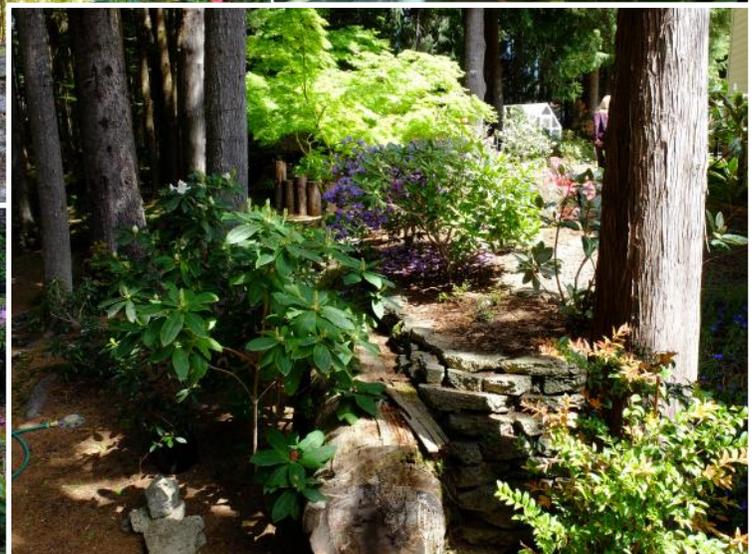
Photo: Cheryl Prchal

Everyone is welcome to visit the Prchals' garden any time. Many plants are still blooming but the garden is interesting any time of the year. Just give them a call at 541-902-7637 before you visit.



below: R. kendrickii

Photo: Ron Prchal



above: R. 'Seaview Sunset', a Frank Fujioka cross

Other photos: Myles Swift

Gallagher Park Work Party: July 20th from 8am—Noon

Please bring one or all of the following: loppers, pruners, rake, and wheelbarrow. Cold drinks will be provided.

The Rhododendron garden has been a project of the club since 1974. 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.

We will start with clearing out the non-rhodies in the park at the entrance area on Route 126 and work our way north towards the water tower and see how much we get done. At noon it will be time for everyone to go to The Power of Florence happening in the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

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

Cookie Recipe

Many of you asked for this after we had these cookies at the May chapter meeting. Here's the recipe, handed down by Myles' Mom, Marie Swift. Enjoy!

Pistachio Meringue Cookies

Ingredients

Cookies:

2 large egg whites
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. vanilla
1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, grated

Topping:

2 Tbsp. milk
4 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
3 oz. pistachio nuts, finely chopped



Directions

Beat egg whites stiff. Add 1/3 cup sugar gradually. Add vanilla. Gradually add the remainder of the sugar and the grated unsweetened chocolate.

Drop from a teaspoon onto a cookie sheet covered with brown paper. Try to make them bite-sized.

Bake at 275 for 42 -50 minutes. If you're using convection, it will take about 42 minutes.

Remove from cookie sheets and allow to cool on a rack.

Melt semisweet chocolate and mix in the milk. Dip each cookie in the chocolate, then roll in crushed pistachios.

Notes

A Swift Family favorite, modified for my smaller oven.

I find the rounder shape works better than a peak for dipping in chocolate. If you're not garnishing with chocolate and pistachios, then the peaked meringues are prettier.

Calendar of Events 2019

June 18	Siuslaw chapter summer picnic at the Prices' home Election of chapter officers
June 25	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
June 30	Eugene Chapter Spring Potluck Hendricks Park
July 20	Gallagher Park Work Party 8:00am-noon during The Power of Florence
September 17	Siuslaw chapter meeting
September 27-29	ARS Fall Conference, Parksville, BC, Canada
October 15	Siuslaw chapter meeting Don Wallace
November 19	Siuslaw Chapter Meeting Bill McNamara, Quarryhill Botanical Gardens

Events in 2020

April 29-May 3	ARS 75th Anniversary Celebration in Portland, OR 20/20 Vision: Looking Forward, Reflecting Back More info here
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*This is the last newsletter until September.
Have a lovely and safe summer!*

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