

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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May 2019

Macrophyllum



Photo: Sandi Jensen

Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on May 21

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| Board meeting | Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence |
| Siuslaw Chapter meeting | Tuesday, May 21 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence |
| Meeting topic | Wrap-up of the 2019 flower shows Nomination of officers |
| Pre-meeting dinner | Chen's Family Dish at 5:00pm 3620 Highway 101, Florence Please call or email Sandi Hennig by May 17 at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your place at the dinner table. |
| Cookie Team | Mike Bones, Sandi Hennig, Patricia Swift |
| Hospitality Table | Ron Caputo and Cassandra Caputo |
| Coffee | Mike Bones |
| Late Rhody Show | Saturday, May 18, 1:00—5:00pm Sunday, May 19, 10:00am—5:00pm Florence Events Center |
| Florence Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade | Sunday, May 19 Starts at noon from 27th & Oak Streets |

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On the internet

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

Our May Meeting Program:

Wrap-up of the Two 2019 Flower Shows

*Please come and contribute your ideas to
make future shows even better.*

The May chapter meeting will be a wrap-up of our chapter's two flower shows this spring. Pictures from both events will be shown to help spark discussion.

Please think of what you liked about the shows so we can do more of that. Also reflect on any bumpy spots or areas for improvement. We want the shows to get better each year!

The candidates for chapter President, VP, and one board member will also be announced.

The meeting will be held at our usual place: The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, Florence, at the usual time: 6:30 for socializing, 7:00 for the meeting.

The meeting starts at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 21.

Elections for Chapter Officers Are Coming Up

Elections for some of our ARS Chapter officers are happening soon. We will be electing a new president, VP, and one board member at our picnic in June. The nominating committee is made up of Ron Caputo, Judy Caputo, Dianne Carlton, and Debbie Peterson, with Bill Hennig as the board representative to the committee. They will announce the candidates at our May meeting.

The committee is eager to receive nominations from the club membership. Please contact them before the meeting on May 21 with your suggestions.

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Photo: Sandi Jensen

Jenny Velinty

Our chapter member, Jenny Velinty, passed away a few weeks ago. Some members share their memories of Jenny.

Sandi Jensen wrote:

Jenny Velinty was one of the first people we met in the rhododendron society. She was so very friendly and helpful. She was a lifelong nurse who moved from England to Canada, and then to the US. She was always excited about rhododendrons, and was a big supporter of the Hinsdale Garden project in Reedsport. The thing I'll remember most about her was her bubbly personality. You couldn't help but smile with her.

JoAnn Wilson wrote:

Jenny had health issues for about the last ten years and wasn't too active in the rhody group. Up to that time I remember she attended meetings, worked at Gallagher Park, was always offering to help with clerking and recording. Jenny took photos of rhodies that won trophies and would write an article about them for the Siuslaw News. She was originally from England and loved to travel. I think that is why Paul and I loved talking with her. She would always give us ideas on places not to miss in England and we would compare stories.

Sandi Hennig wrote:

Jenny was so smart, opinionated, a hard worker, and very dedicated to our Chapter. I admired her spunk and enthusiasm, and so enjoyed visiting with her at every opportunity. She was in charge of our notorious Cookie List, and there were times when I'd help her. Now that I do it, I will do so in her memory. She was well-loved by all and will be sorely missed.

Mowbray Garden Tour

Our member Chris Trautmann would like to share the springtime beauty of his Mowbray Gardens with any and all interested members. Chris has 3/4 of an acre bursting with rhodies, evergreens, and other plants. Chris has hybridized many of the rhodies himself. Most of the plants are labelled, and Chris knows all of them like old friends. Many of his rhodies are in bloom now with many more about to bloom. We had a lovely walk around his garden with Chris in late April. He'd be glad to show everyone around. Please call Chris at 541-999-5425 to arrange a time and get directions to his place near Florence.



R. 'Leah's Demon' by Chris Trautmann

Photo: Myles Swift

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:

<http://sworegon-ars.org>

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

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| Eugene Chapter | The 2019 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet is happening on Saturday, May 4 at The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon, from 3—9pm. |
| Portland Chapter | Meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR. The May 16 meeting features a potluck awards banquet. Setup begins at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7pm. Gisele Schoniger of Kellogg Garden Products (Gardner and Bloome) will speak on Helping People Grow Beautiful and Healthy Gardens Organically. |
| 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. No regular meetings are scheduled for May through August. |
| Southwestern Oregon Chapter | Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. On May 16, Elaine Sedlack will talk about the Wild Adventures of George Forrest, Plant Collector Extraordinaire. Elections will also be held. |
| Willamette Chapter | Second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May, at 7:00pm. The meeting on May 8 is a potluck and plant sale. |
| Eureka Chapter | Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. The May 23 meeting is a Member's Mini Show, Let Us See Your Bloomers. |
| Noyo Chapter | The chapter's annual show and plant sale will be held on May 4-5 at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Hours are 9am—5pm. |
| Pilchuk Chapter Marysville, WA | Meets the first Thursday of each month, September thru May. |

Federal Way Garden Virtual Tour

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, WA has the largest collection of Rhododendron species in the world. In case you can't get there, check out this lovely tour of the garden with lots of pictures:

<https://www.swansonsnursery.com/blog/2015/04/08/rhododendron-garden-tour>

The garden's own website is also a good source of inspiration:

<https://rhodygarden.org>

The garden is open to the public for Mothers' Day weekend this year. For details:

<https://rhodygarden.org/cms/events/mothers-day-weekend-in-the-garden-2018/>

Gerdemann Garden Tour

May 7, 2019



Sandi Jensen is organizing another tour of the Gerdemann Garden Preserve for Tuesday, May 7th. We will be leaving the Fred Meyer Parking lot (north edge) at 10 am, and as before, we'll caravan to the Smelt Sands parking lot to use the restrooms before proceeding up into the garden. We will be allowed into the private section of the garden, and as you can see from some of the photos that Sandi took there on May 7th of 2016, there should be LOTS of color! Please join us if you can! Call Sandi at 541-505-4246 if you have any questions.



Photos: Sandi Jensen

Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2019 Flower Shows

Early Show April 13-14, 2019

Late Show May 18-19, 2019

Shop online at the ARS Store

Did you know that you can benefit the ARS every time you buy online at Amazon, Walmart, Target, and Best Buy?

Please use this link to shop via the ARS store:

[ARStore.org](https://www.arsstore.org)

When you use this link to make purchases, the ARS makes some money. The ARS makes a good deal more via this Affiliate Program than via Amazon Smile, so do not use Smile; instead, please click through the ARS Store each time you shop!

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Late Rhody Show and Plant Sale

May 18-19, 2019

Show Chair: Day Farrald

Ours is one of the few ARS chapters that put on two flower shows each year. The Early Show went well in April. The May Show is usually bigger and better attended. This takes a lot of member participation. We're asking for a \$15 donation from each member to cover the cost of trophies. Anyone wishing to send a donation can mail it to Siuslaw Chapter ARS, PO Box 1701, Florence, OR 97439-0111, or you can give a check to either Pam Guettler or Day Farrald. Your support is much appreciated, and essential!

Let's hope the weather cooperates with our show schedule so you can bring in lots of beautiful trusses, sprays, and foliage. 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). The leaves must not be cut, but you may remove entire leaves with your fingernail. Except for the native rhodies, your entry must be from a shrub you have owned for at least six months. There's a foliage category for Rhody greenery with no flower buds or color; people usually enter pretty new growth.

Every entry 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 your truss, spray, or foliage.

If you know the name or variety of your Rhody, you can look for its class in the show key at the following link. Foliage classes are also given here.

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

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

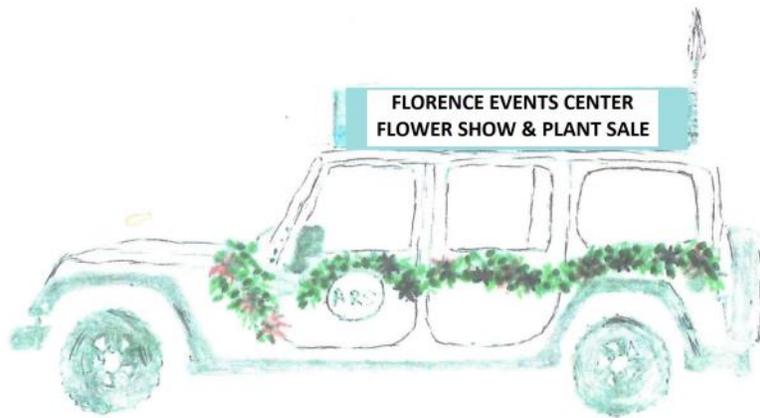
[http://www.siuslawars.org/resources/FlowerShows/2019ShowSchedule\(same-as-2016\).pdf](http://www.siuslawars.org/resources/FlowerShows/2019ShowSchedule(same-as-2016).pdf)

Schedule

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| Thursday, May 16: Setup | | |
| 3:30pm | meet at storage unit | |
| 4:00pm | setup at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street, Florence | |
| Friday, May 17 at Florence Events Center | | |
| 5:00 – 7:00 pm | bring in flower trusses (ARS members only) | |
| Saturday, May 18 at Florence Events Center | | |
| 7:00 – 9:00 am | bring in flower trusses (everyone) | |
| 1:00 – 5:00pm | flower show | |
| 10:00am – 5:00pm | plant sale | |
| Sunday, May 19 at Florence Events Center | | |
| 10:00am – 5:00pm | flower show | |
| 10:00am – 5:00pm | plant sale | |
| 5:00pm | teardown followed by dinner at Ixtapa | |

Florence Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade May 19th, 2019 starting at noon

Dawn and Jim Carmody have been working to prepare their Jeep for the upcoming Rhody Festival Parade on Sunday, May 19, 2019. The Jeep will be displaying Rhody trusses with a background of greenery across the hood and hopefully along the sides. The theme of coastal canvas is displayed on the Jeep with a large paint palette and brush attached to the back. Dawn hopes you will bring lots of Rhody trusses to the Florence Events Center on Friday or Saturday when you bring your other trusses for the flower show. There will be a table set up outside the side entry for receiving any trusses that aren't quite perfect, but that are still beautiful and colorful.



Dawn asks that we bring foliage for the float to her home at 864 Kingwood Street for the two weeks before the parade, May 6-18. Please bring good-looking foliage such as pine, cedar, and magnolia boughs, but no holly, please. Feel free to leave your foliage contributions on Dawn's lawn, if nobody's home, and limit your visits to between 7am and 8pm. If you can't make it to Dawn's place, call her at 541-991-3818 and someone will come and collect the greenery from you.

Dawn hopes to get 200 Rhody trusses to decorate the float. You can drop off your extra trusses when you bring your entries to the Florence Events Center on Friday, May 17 between 7 and 9pm or on Saturday, May 18 between 7 and 9am, or you can drop them off at Dawn's house before 9am on Saturday. Please put each truss or spray into a bottle with a stopper, like we do to submit entries for the show.

The parade starts at noon on Sunday at 27th and Oak Streets. Jim Carmody will be driving the float. Dawn will be walking along beside the float, handing out info about our ARS Chapter to the crowd. If you'd like to join Dawn, please contact her before May 8 so she can put you on the official parade list. Then see her at the FEC when you drop off your rhodies, or call her at 541-991-3818 after May 8 for details about where and when to meet up on Sunday for the parade.

April 2019 Siuslaw Chapter Meeting & Auction



Photos: Myles Swift

President's Message

By Mike Bones

The year has gone by so fast and with everyone's help, it made for a good year. It is nice to be able to work with a group of people who like to step up and do something, making it a positive event. Our membership is up and the meetings are well attended. Patricia and Myles Swift do a fantastic job on our newsletter and chapter picture taking. Jay Guettler is on the ball keeping the website updated and fresh. He always seems to be one step ahead of me in his postings. It has been years since the Siuslaw Chapter has had a float in the Rhododendron Festival Parade and thanks to Dawn and Jim Carmody, we will be well represented this year. Sandi Jensen has organized two outstanding Garden trips for our Chapter this spring. Sandi Henning is busy with the cookie list and the restaurants that we go to for our pre-meeting dinners. It is impossible to find a place for this large group that everyone agrees on. Day Farrald has his first Siuslaw Flower show behind him and did a good job as Chairman. Everyone pitched in to do their part. Fred Guettler did another fine job of organizing the booth for the Siuslaw Chapter at the Home and Garden Show at the Florence Events Center. Steven Price is busy with the City and Gallagher Park. Your board is a working board, always willing to step out and try something different. Steven Price applied for a Grant from the Western Lane Foundation to help with the School Rhododendron Art Project. We were able to add the Mapleton Elementary Kids' Art to the early flower show. The Siuslaw Schools will be doing their artwork for our upcoming show on May 18th and 19th.

The weather this past winter wasn't as cold as some people think. I haven't seen any sign of frozen flowers. The maddenii are beautiful this year, not only for their color but for the nice fragrance that they have. Our next show is only a few weeks away, please bring in your trusses on Friday night, May 17th from 5 to 7. This way you will be able to help the non-members on Saturday morning to display their flowers. I have new rhododendrons blooming this year, some really nice things with new varieties coming out each year.



Watering is a must right now, since the dry winds from the north arrived about one month early. I have actually seen trusses being blown off the plants. The flowers use lots of water during their blooming time and the new growth is coming out. That new growth becomes your flowers for the 2020 season. If you live in the sand, a little fertilizer will not hurt.

Mike Bones and Jay Guettler

Photo: Pam Guettler

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Early Flower Show

April 13-14, 2019

The Finalists

*Best in Show and Best Purple
Randy McGrew's R. 'Ink Spot'*



Photos: Myles Swift



*left: Best Red
Kathi Brandt's
R. 'Mrs. Roosevelt'*



*right: Best Species Elepidote
Sylvia Smith's
R. roxanium var. oregonastes*

Trophy Winners (continued on next page)

| Class | Name of Class | Truss | Winner |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1-13 | Azalea | Koromo Shikibu | Mike Bones |
| 14-16 | White | Laramie | Chris Trautmann |
| 17-21 | Pink | Dame Nellie Melba | Elizabeth Hultin |
| 22-23a | Rose | arboreum x | Chris Trautmann |
| 24-28 | Red | Mrs. Roosevelt | Kathi Brandt |
| 25a-25b | Taurus | Grace Seabrook | John Weatherwax |
| 29-33 | Purple | Ink Spot | Randy McGrew |
| 34-37 | Yellow | Invitation | Dee Hill |
| 38-43 | Orange/Tricolor | Brigadoon x Orange Marmalade | Gene Cockeram |
| 44,47,49,50 | Lepidote Hybrid | Shamrock | Fred Guettler |
| 48 | Purple Lepidote Hybrid | Vibrant Violet | Mike Bones |

Siuslaw ARS 34th Annual Early Flower Show (Continued)



*Best Flower Bud
Bill Hennig*



*Best White and Best Rose
Chris Trautmann*



*Best Bonsai
Mike Bones*

Trophy Winners (continued from previous page)

| Class | Name of Class | Truss | Winner |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 470-550 | Species Azalea | obtsum | Ron Prchal |
| 560-680 | Species Elepidote | roxianum var. oreonastes | Sylvia Smith |
| 850 | Spray | Helen Deehr | Dianne Carlton |
| 80, 740 | Maddenia | yellow maddenii | Margene MacIntyre |
| 700-790 | Species Lepidote | keiskei | Floyd Hutchins |
| | Bonsai | | Mike Bones |
| | Flower Bud | | Bill Hennig |
| | Best In Show | Ink Spot | Randy McGrew |
| | Sweepstakes | | Mike Bones |



Hospitality Table

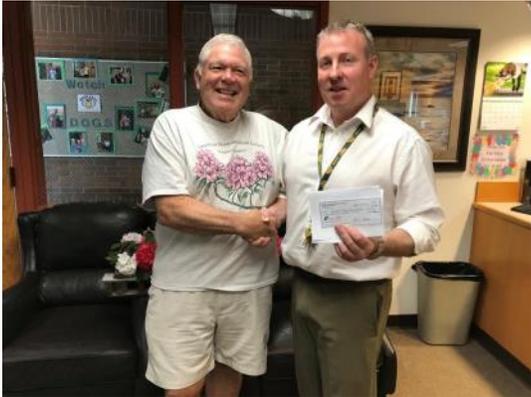


Talking it over

Photos: Myles Swift

Our Chapter Supports Kids' Art in Local Schools

Florence



Mike Bones, President of the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, presenting Mike Harklerode, Principal of the Siuslaw Elementary School with a check for \$300 to help with the school's Art program. The elementary classes do an art project that will be on display at the Florence Events Center during the Chapter's annual Rhododendron Flower Show and Plant sale during the Rhododendron Festival, May 18th and 19th. This year the project was extended to the Mapleton Elementary School for their Art Work being displayed at the Chapter's Early Flower Show that was on April 13th and 14th. The students' art adds to our Flower Shows, and we look forward to this art project because it gets the students involved in not only plants, but in art. A thank you goes out to the Western Lane Foundation for their grant this year.

Mapleton

below:
The kids from Mapleton Elementary School created lots of artistic versions of Rhodies, our favorite plants. Their artwork was on display at our chapter's Early Rhody Show in April.



right:
Mike gives a check for \$100 to Yvette Siminton for the Mapleton Elementary School.

Photos: Mike Bones and Myles Swift

What I Learned from Judging the Early Flower Show

by Patricia Swift

At the Siuslaw ARS Early Rhody Show, I was a novice judge who joined with two experienced judges to make a team of three. I learned a lot about what makes a prize-winning entry.

Cleanliness

It's hard to overstate the importance of cleaning up your truss or spray. Several entries that would have won a first prize for beauty and form, instead got a lesser ribbon or even none at all because of debris. You should go over your entry very carefully and remove any dried bracts and trash from your trusses. Use a tweezer to get at those hard-to-reach places, but be careful not to damage the flowers.

Conformance to Type

Each class has its own characteristics. The best rhodies are good examples of their classes.

Beauty and Symmetry

Our eyes were drawn to the most perfect, symmetrical trusses. A closer inspection was still needed, but this first impression often held up.

Condition of Each Flower

Rhody trusses are made up of multiple flowers. It's best if every individual flower is at its peak: fully open and in prime condition.

Leaves and Stems

Use only plain water to clean up your entries, no soaps or waxes. No cutting is allowed, but you may remove entire leaves with your fingernail if needed. Be sure some leaves remain on your entry; they're significant. Good foliage really enhances the flower. If you look at the three finalists on page 10, you will see that each has a corona of leaves framing the blossom in a most attractive way. Good trusses also have straight stems that are long enough to sit well down into the water in the display bottles.

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.

Calendar of Events 2019

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| May 4 | Eugene Chapter Flower Show, 3-9pm The Springs, 1282 Goodpasture Island Rd., Eugene |
| May 4-5 | Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Noyo Chapter annual show and plant sale 9am—5pm. Details here |
| May 11 | Open Garden Day, 10am—2pm Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport. Details here |
| May 11-12 | Mothers' Day Show and Sale Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland |
| May 11-12 | Mothers' Day Weekend 2019 Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden Federal Way, WA 10am-4pm. 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 shows wrap up & nomination of officers |
| June 18 | Siuslaw chapter summer picnic at the Prices' home Election of chapter officers |
| 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

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| 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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