

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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November 2019

Macrophyllum

Photo: Sandi Jensen

Upcoming Chapter Events:

Meeting on November 19

Board meeting	Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, November 19 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Bill McNamara on the good, the bad, and the ugly in plant hunting
Pre-meeting dinner	Ichiban at 5:00pm 1179 Highway 101, Florence Please call or email Sandi Hennig by Nov 15 at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Jody Driver, Diane Mason, Debbie Peterson, Judy Caputo
Hospitality Table	Ron Caputo, Jo Ann Wilson
Coffee	Mike Bones

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On the internet

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

Chapter Meeting on November 19: Bill McNamara on The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The Trials and Tribulations of Plant Hunting

Human beings have been moving plants around the globe for thousands of years. Usually this has been of great benefit to us, though it has not been without problems. However, today this is a great urgency to get plants and their seeds to botanic gardens and seed banks due to the severe, yet little mentioned, extinction crisis.

About our speaker

In company with horticulturists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the Howick Arboretum, and others, Bill McNamara has botanized extensively in the wilds of Asia. For the past thirty-one years, he has ventured into the mountains of China, Japan, India, Nepal, Vietnam and Myanmar in search of plants.

In 1987 Bill began working with Quarryhill Botanical Garden, a private research garden in Glen Ellen, California. He was promoted to Director in 1994 and made Executive Director in 2007. Bill was made a Field Associate of the Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, and an Honorary Researcher of the Scientific Information Center of Resources and Environment of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2000. In 2001 he became an Associate Member of the joint Chinese-American Committee for the Flora of China. In 2006, Bill was made an International Advisor for Curtis's Botanical Magazine. Bill received the prestigious Garden Club of America's Eloise Payne Luquer Medal in 2009 and the 2010 Scott Medal and Award from the Scott Arboretum. He was the recipient of the California Horticultural Society Annual Award in 2012 and in 2013 he received the Award of Excellence from the National Garden Clubs. In 2017 he received the highly acclaimed Veitch Memorial Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society and the celebrated Liberty Hyde Bailey Award from the American Horticultural Society. In 2018 Bill was made an Honorary Member of the Garden Club of America.

Bill has a master's degree in Conservation Biology. He has had numerous articles published, lectures widely and also holds a third degree black belt in Aikido.

It's Time to Renew Your ARS Membership

Some of you have not renewed your membership in ARS for the 2019/2020 year. Regular membership is just \$40/year. Please mail your check to: Siuslaw Chapter ARS, PO Box 1701, Florence, OR 97439 before December 1.

Other Western Chapter Meetings & Events

Other Chapter Websites

Eugene Chapter:

www.eugene-chapter-ars.org

Portland Chapter:

<http://rhodies.org>

SW Oregon Chapter:

Web site inactive

Willamette Chapter:

<http://arswillamette.com>

Tualatin Valley Chapter:

www.tualatinvalleyars.org

Eureka Chapter:

www.eurekarhody.org

Noyo Chapter:

www.noyochapterars.com

Mt. Arrowsmith

Rhododendron Society:

<http://marsrhodos.ca>

All other web sites can be found at:

<http://rhododendron.org>

under chapters web sites

Eugene Chapter	Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon, at 7:00pm. Bill McNamara will speak on plant hunting at the meeting on November 20.
Portland Chapter	Meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, September through May. Social time begins at 7pm, the program at 7:30 pm. On November 21, Bill McNamara will speak on plant hunting. There will also be a potluck Dormancy Luncheon at Crystal Springs Garden on Nov 13 at noon.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The next meeting is on November 21, when our own Ron Prchal will speak about Troughs, Hypertuffas, and Foam Containers.
Willamette Chapter	Meets in Salem on the second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru April, at 7:00pm. On November 13, Keith White will talk about his plant hunting expedition to Sikkim in 2015.
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. The next scheduled meeting is on November 5.
Eureka Chapter	Usually meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. There's no meeting in November; instead, members will enjoy Thanksgiving feasting with family and friends.
Noyo Chapter	General meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg. The speaker for the meeting on November 20 is TBA.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. On November 19, Harry Burton will talk about Apple Luscious Organic Orchard.

An Invitation from the Southwestern Oregon Chapter: Learn About Troughs, Hypertuffas, and Foam Containers

On Thursday November 21st, Ron Prchal is presenting a program on the history of troughs, the development of hypertuffas, and the resulting development of tuffas using Styrofoam containers. The program is open to the public through the Southwestern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society in Coos Bay area. The meeting is at 7 PM at the North Bend Housing Authority, 1700 Monroe Street, North Bend OR. There will be refreshments after the meeting.

You are welcome to join the group for no host dinner before the meeting. Please call Ron or Cheryl at 541-902-7637 if you have any questions.

October 2019 Siuslaw Chapter Meeting



Photos: Myles Swift

President's Message

By Larry Jensen

November already! We have had a rather chilly end of October. Sandi has been hurrying (slowly), trying to get plants cut back and stored for the winter. We've had 22°-24°F on this side of the hill.



The October meeting was very interesting with a thumb drive from Marc Colombo, mostly on propagation in France, or as he put it 'The way he does it' !



The weather sounds much like it is here in the Willamette Valley.

This month our meeting is supposed to be Bill McNamara. He is one of the speakers set up by the Eugene and Portland ARS chapters.

Every year when the Dawn Redwood turns color before losing its needles, I wonder why it is not used more often in Landscaping. Granted, it does require a bit of room, but the Spring and Fall color is impressive! It was thought to be extinct until 1944 when a grove was found in China.

Don't forget to call or email Sandi Hennig 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your spot at the pre-meeting dinner at Ichiban! I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 19th. LJ

Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2020 Flower Shows

Early Show	April 18-19, 2020
Late Show	May 16-17, 2020

Bring a Friend to a Meeting

Please make a point of inviting your gardening friends and neighbors to one of our chapter meetings. We want to grow our chapter, and there's no better way than to show folks how much fun we have learning about Rhododendrons at our meetings. And don't forget to mention the delicious cookies!

An Invitation from the Friends of Hendricks Park: Mushroom Tour of Hendricks Park on November 3

Please join us for a Tour of Hendricks Park, with Joe Spivack leading a tour on Mushrooms in Hendricks Park on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Explore the diverse world of mushrooms with mycologist Joe Spivack. Mushroom enthusiasts will enjoy Joe's wealth of knowledge while hiking along the Park's beautiful trails.

All tours are one to two hours long. Meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter, 2200 Summit Avenue and dress for the weather (sunny and a high of 61° predicted). A donation of \$3 is suggested to help support Friends of Hendricks Park's education programs.

For more information, contact Friends of Hendricks Park at 541-607-4066 or info@friendsofhendrickspark.org

See you there!

*Our member Lisa Sedlacek tells me that the mushrooms growing on our garden mulch have a benefit for other plants. The mushroom roots help to break down the mulch and feed the garden plants.
[This is especially important if you garden in sand like I do.—Editor]*

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Presents Gardening School at the Oregon Garden in Silverton

National Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomes all students, both members and non-members, to its gardening school. Course I will be held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, OR, on November 17 and 18, 2019. This two-day course covers botany, soil, growing techniques, organic gardening, and plant propagation. The course costs between \$25 and \$75. More details, including a brochure, can be found [here](#). Contact Shirley Schmidt for more info at 541-218-3940 or shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com.

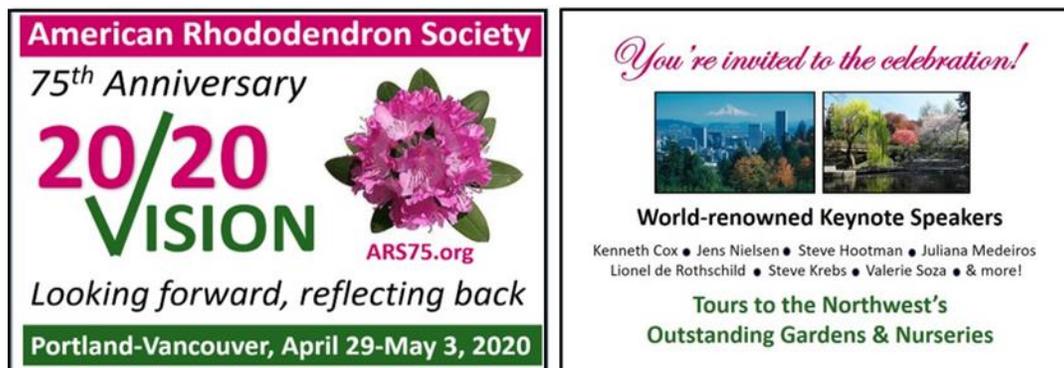
Deadline to register is November 9, 2019.

What Our Siuslaw Chapter is Doing for the ARS Convention

We are taking a couple of racks to display trusses. We will show our Key & Show Schedule.

The tours are all set. December 2 is the open enrollment. The Chinese and Japanese Chapters are coming. The ARS is working at getting more cooperation internationally. For example, check out this [web site called Rhododendrons International](#).

The American Rhododendron Society 75th Anniversary Convention



April 29-May 3, 2020, Hosted by ARS District 4
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA

20/20 Vision international speakers will include these speakers and more:

- Kenneth Cox from Glendoick in Scotland
- Lionel de Rothschild from Exbury in England
- Jens Nielsen, plant explorer from Denmark
- Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros from the Holden Arboretum
- Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
- Valerie Soza from the University of Washington

Garden tours will include:

- Crystal Springs Botanical Garden
- Cecil & Molly Smith Garden
- Portland Japanese Garden
- Lan Su Chinese Garden
- Iseli Nursery
- Woodburn Nursery
- The Stewart Garden (formerly Dover Nursery)
- Sebright Gardens

Plant sale, photo contest, poster session, special clinics, plus:

- Around the Sound [pre-tour](#)
- Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast Excursion [post-tour](#) including some of our members' gardens

ars75.org

Registration opens December 2, 2019

Watch Out for this Email Scam on ARS Members

Grace Fowler, the editor of the ARS Eugene Chapter newsletter, sent us this warning. Thanks, Grace!

Warning: someone illegal is using Terry Henderson's name to steal money from members. It is a little sophisticated, because they use your name in the e-mail they send you. They put Grace in the e-mail they sent me.

Please be aware that none of us would send you an e-mail like the one below. Hope no one was tricked into giving any information or money to these crooks. Stay vigilant and safe.

Here is the fraudulent e-mail:

"Grace,

I need your assistance, are you available? I'm out of town, I need you to handle this for American Rhododendron Society .We need some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice Care and welfare with patients and units.

Terry Henderson
President, ARS"



This Rhododendron 'Pretty Woman' is blooming right now in Florence.

Lovely sand art created during Circles in the Sand on Haceta Beach, October 12 in Florence.



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

November 9	Registration deadline for NGC Garden School at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. Details here .
November 12	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
November 13	Portland Chapter: Dormancy potluck luncheon at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden starting at noon.
November 17-18	NGC Gardening School at The Oregon Garden in Silverton Sponsored by the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs.
November 19	Siuslaw Chapter meeting 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence Speaker is Bill McNamara Pre-meeting dinner at Ichiban at 5pm.
November 21	Ron Prchal speaks to the SW Oregon ARS Chapter about Troughs, Hypertuffas, and Foam Containers. Details on page 3.
December 1	Siuslaw ARS Christmas Party Oddfellows Campground
December 2	Registration opens for the ARS 75th Anniversary Celebration in Portland. Register here .

Events in 2020

April 18-19	Siuslaw ARS Early Flower Show Florence Events Center
April 29-May 3	ARS 75th Anniversary Celebration in Portland, OR 20/20 Vision: Looking Forward, Reflecting Back. More info here .
May 16-17	Siuslaw ARS Late Flower Show Florence Events Center

Please save plastic bags for plants from the grocery stores. Be thinking about what we can use when these bags are discontinued.

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