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*Photo: Sandi Jensen*

October 2019

# Macrophyllum

## Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on October 15

Board meeting	Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, October 15 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Rhododendron propagation by Marc Colombel via Mike Bones
Pre-meeting dinner	Ixtapa at 5:00pm 1015 Highway 101, Florence Please call or email Sandi Hennig by Oct 12 at 541-997-2489 or <a href="mailto:flendish42@gmail.com">flendish42@gmail.com</a> to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Karen Cooper, Dawn Carmody, Sandi Jensen, 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](http://www.siuslawars.org)

## September Chapter Meeting on October 15: Mike Bones presents Marc Columbel

Mike Bones will present the talk that Marc Colombel gave at the 2019 Rhododendron Conference in Parksville British Columbia. The program covers propagations: hybridizing, cuttings, and grafting. It's all done in a way that everyone could do it. Marc is not only educational, but entertaining as well.

Marc is from France and is a member of the Scottish Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. His main interest in Rhododendrons is hybridization. In recent years, he has worked on hybridization of polyploids. To this end, he is currently creating a conservatory for polyploid rhododendrons in Josselin, France with 'old' and 'new' polyploids.

Marc has been a member of the ARS for 30 years. In 1993 he published a book titled *Rhododendrons: Mode d'emploi* and he created the Société Bretonne du Rhododendron of which he was president for 14 years. During these years he wrote about 200 articles for the association's bulletins and newsletter.

He opened his first website in 1996, with the goal to share his knowledge and to educate visitors with the help of files. He received the ARS Silver Medal in 2008 and he was named Knight of the Agricultural Merit by the French Government in 2010 and an Officer in 2017.

His website is <http://www.rhododendron.fr/josselin/>

## An Invitation from the Oregon Community Foundation: Wednesday October 23 at Lovejoy's

The [Oregon Community Foundation](#) invites you to join their team for an informal meetup in Florence! They want to learn how communities on the Central Oregon Coast are working to meet local needs and discuss how OCF can help support those efforts. Come share your story while mixing and mingling with neighbors and OCF staff. Through this exchange of information, you'll also learn about OCF grant opportunities, their long-standing partnership with [Western Lane Community Foundation](#), and their work in rural Oregon.

**The meetup will be Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 3 pm to 5 pm at  
Lovejoy's Restaurant and Tearoom, 195 Nopal Street, Florence, OR 97439.**

Tasty beverages and food will be served.

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*There is no charge for the event, but they'd appreciate your RSVP to Tina  
Garland at [SWVevents@oregoncf.org](mailto:SWVevents@oregoncf.org) or 541.431.7099*

## Other Western Chapter Meetings & Events

### Other Chapter Websites

Eugene Chapter:

[www.eugene-chapter-ars.org](http://www.eugene-chapter-ars.org)

Portland Chapter:

<http://rhodies.org>

Tualatin Valley Chapter:

[www.tualatinvalleyars.org](http://www.tualatinvalleyars.org)

SW Oregon Chapter:

Web site inactive

Willamette Chapter:

<http://arswillamette.com>

Eureka Chapter:

[www.eurekarhody.org](http://www.eurekarhody.org)

Noyo Chapter:

[www.noyochapterars.com](http://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. Jeanine Smith of the Seattle Chapter will give the talk on October 16.
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 October 17, Jeanine Smith of the Seattle Chapter will speak on using Rhododendrons in the landscape. The chapter will also hold its annual species 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. The next scheduled meeting is on October 1.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on October 17.
Willamette Chapter	Meets in Salem on the second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May, at 7:00pm. On October 9, John Poole will speak on Peonies—The Revelations of a Gentleman Who Tells.
Eureka Chapter	Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. On October 23, our own Mike Bones will be the guest speaker.
Noyo Chapter	General meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg. On October 25, Mike Bones will address the group.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. On October 9, Margaret Cadwaladr will speak about Dart's Hill Garden Park in Surrey, BC.

## 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.

# September 2019 Chapter Meeting



Photos: Myles Swift

## President's Message By Larry Jensen



My favorite time of the year has arrived. Fall. It has cooled off, plus we have already received about 7 inches of rain. I can stop watering!

Walking through the garden, I noticed bloom buds on my pink Calophytum. One of my crosses with Whidbey Island has a bloom bud. Hopefully this fall I can get a bunch of work in the yard done.

Our September meeting was well attended, about 50 people. It was a chance to learn a little about rhododendrons, and visit with friends.

If you are in northern California, near McKinleyville, it is well worth checking out Singing Tree Gardens. Our first trip there was around the turn of the century. Since then Don Wallace has built a new nursery with one of the finest display gardens around! Don does a lot of hybridizing and has many nice hybrids. LJ



### Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2020 Flower Shows

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

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



# The American Rhododendron Society 75th Anniversary Convention

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

The 2020 ARS international convention—*2020 Vision, Looking Forward, Reflecting Back*—will feature a renowned group of international speakers, including Kenneth Cox from Glendoick in Scotland, Lionel de Rothschild from Exbury in England, Jens Nielsen from Denmark, Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros from the Holden Arboretum, Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden, Valerie Soza from the University of Washington, and more. Garden tours will include visits to Crystal Springs Botanical Garden, Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Iseli Nursery, and Woodburn Nursery. The convention will also feature a plant sale and a photo exhibit and contest.

The American Rhododendron Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage interest in, and to disseminate information about, the genus *Rhododendron*. The organization has a membership of some 2,500 members worldwide. The ARS was incorporated in Portland, Oregon, in January of 1945. The first annual rhododendron show was held on Park Avenue in front of the art museum in downtown Portland. 75 years later, the 2020 convention returns to the Portland area, home to many of the major nursery suppliers in the country. To this day, *Rhododendron* is celebrated as a diverse and fascinating genus, with hybridizers continuing to create new crosses and plant explorers continuing to locate and identify new species.

Registration for the 2020 convention will open on December 2, 2019 and will be available online at [ARS75.org](http://ARS75.org). Registration forms will also be available as an insert in the Fall quarterly edition of *Journal American Rhododendron Society*. Information on the ARS, including membership, is available at [www.rhododendron.org](http://www.rhododendron.org).

## American Rhododendron Society

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

20/20  
VISION



Looking forward, reflecting back

Portland-Vancouver, April 29-May 3, 2020

*You're invited to the celebration!*



### World-renowned Keynote Speakers

Kenneth Cox • Jens Nielsen • Steve Hootman • Juliana Medeiros  
Lionel de Rothschild • Steve Krebs • Valerie Soza • & more!

Tours to the Northwest's  
Outstanding Gardens & Nurseries

## Collector's Corner By Larry Jensen

### Vireyas



The Vireyas are a very interesting group of rhododendrons. At present, I believe, there are well over 300 species. We have bloomed a few species including *R. himantodes*. I find it to be one of the most unusual with all the scales on the stems and flowers.

Vireyas are epiphytes. This means that they grow in the moss of trees in the wilds of New Guinea, Borneo, and the Malay-Indonesian islands. Recently they have been found in Viet Nam, so who knows where else they might be discovered where the temperatures are warm and humid. They can be grown inside if they are given good drainage, and humidity. Some of the smaller ones can be grown in a kitchen or bathroom window, and then placed outside during the summer.



I first got hooked on them when Lucie Sorenson came to speak to us. She collected and hybridized at Bovee's, and we spent many hours there looking through her collection.

#### The Rhododendron Species

Foundation has a beautiful Conservatory with many tender species and hybrids.



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November 12	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting
November 19	Siuslaw Chapter Meeting Bill McNamara, Quarryhill Botanical Gardens
December 1	Siuslaw ARS Christmas Party Oddfellows Campground
December 2	Registration opens for the ARS 75th Anniversary Celebration in Portland. Register <a href="#">here</a> .

## 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 <a href="#">here</a> .
May 16-17	Siuslaw ARS Late Flower Show Florence Events Center

### Shop online at the ARS Store

Amazon has dropped the ARS Store from its Affiliates Program, but you can still benefit the ARS by using Amazon Smile. Whenever you want to shop at Target, Walmart, or Amazon, please start here: [ARSStore.org](https://www.amazon.com/ARSStore.org)

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