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Photo: Sandi Jensen

September 2019

Macrophyllum

Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on September 17

Board meeting	Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, September 17 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Rhododendrons 101 Q&A with our own Rhody experts
Pre-meeting dinner	ICM at 5:00pm 1498 Bay Street, Florence Please email Patricia Swift by Sep 12 at pcswift@outlook.com to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Judy Caputo, Mike Bones, Jo Ann Wilson
Hospitality Table	Board Members
Coffee	Mike Bones

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On the internet

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

September Chapter Meeting on September 17: Rhododendrons 101

Bring all your questions about Rhododendrons to the September meeting. We have several members who are experts, and they will offer advice and answer your questions.

New Chapter Officers

We elected a new president, VP, and one board member at the picnic on June 18.

Larry Jensen is our new president for 2019.
Bill Hennig will continue as VP.
Day Farrald will join the Board of Directors.

Thanks very much to our retiring president, Mike Bones, and to our retiring board member, Steven Price. We appreciate all your good work.

An Invitation from Lane County Master Gardeners

My name is Laura Campbell, and I am a Lane County Master Gardener Volunteer. We would like to invite the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society to attend our Lane County Master Gardener Fall Festival, hosted by the Lane County Master Gardener Association!

It takes place on Saturday, September 28th at Emerald Park, located at 1400 Lake Dr., Eugene, OR 97404 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to celebrate a day full of harvest fun for the whole family, including kids' activities. Sample free, fresh-pressed apple cider; taste multiple varieties of tomatoes and apples; attend free gardening workshops; browse among many items for sale, including gardening books, handmade goods, garlic, bulbs, fruit trees and other plants, and more. Admission is free!

Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/481040409329755/>

Website link: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/events/master-gardener-fall-festival-0>

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.eureka-hody.org

Noyo Chapter:

www.noyochapterars.com

Pilchuk Chapter:

www.rhododendron.info

Mt. Arrowsmith Chapter:

<http://marsrhodos.ca>

All other web sites can be found at:

<http://rhododendron.org>

under chapters web sites

Eugene Chapter	The annual Fall Potluck will be held at The Springs at Greer Gardens on Sunday, Sep 15. See details below.
Portland Chapter	Meets at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, September through May. The program begins at 7 pm. On September 19, the speaker will be Tim Walsh from the Eureka Chapter. They will also have their Annual Cuttings Exchange.
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 September 3.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on September 19.
Willamette Chapter	Next meeting is on Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm, when Tim Walsh will speak about the development of the Humboldt Botanical Garden. (The chapter usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May.)
Eureka Chapter	The next meeting is on Thursday, September 19. Elaine Sedlack, now a Eugene Chapter member, will be speaking about the Maples at Westonbrit BG in England.
Noyo Chapter	General meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. On September 11 Glen Jamieson will speak on North American Deserts. The chapter will also host this year's ARS Fall Conference September 27-29 in Parksville, B.C., Canada.

An Invitation from Harold and Nancy Greer and the Eugene Chapter

We invite all chapter members and friends in other chapters to the 2019 Eugene Fall Potluck to be held in our home and garden on Sunday September 15th from noon to 3 p.m. at 1280 Goodpasture Island Road. The chapter will furnish a main course and we ask others to bring a side dish of your choosing. Come anytime after 12:00 noon. Food will be served at 1:00 p.m. We should have enough chairs and tables for everyone. Come and see how the garden has grown and our new stream that runs the length of our back yard. Turn into The Springs at Greer Gardens at the traffic light on Goodpasture Island Road. As you come down the driveway, make the very first right you can and that runs directly into our home. Park wherever you can find a spot anywhere except the numbered, covered parking near the back. Welcome everyone!

June 2019 Annual Picnic



Photos: Myles Swift

President's Message

By Larry Jensen



Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a great summer. We have really enjoyed the cooler summer this year, but the vegetable garden has been slow to start producing because of it. The tomatoes are just beginning to show up, and although Sandi has had a battle with voles eating off the bean vines, she has found enough to can for the winter.

Now is the time to plant those rhodies you have been collecting. This spring you may have seen a truss you had to have! Now is the time to go buy the plant and get it into the ground. I've been babying several that I need to get in the ground soon.

A week ago I got up at 2:30 am and found that we had no water. I couldn't sleep, so soon after daylight Sandi and I pulled the pump. She had a fuchsia meeting in town, so we went to that and then went and bought the pump and most of the necessary parts. It took most of Wednesday, and a parts trip and I had the pump running by 4pm. Luckily we had about half an inch of rain on Wednesday to tide the plants over.

This past Saturday our eldest grandson Trevor was married. As I write this, they are honeymooning in Maui.

Many years ago I would listen to Jerry Baker on the radio on Saturday mornings. He was always telling people to use detergent and a hose end sprayer to water with since it will allow the water to soak in. Sometimes I forget this little gem, and allow plants to dry out and die.

Next spring we need to have a show and tell about hybridizing. It really is quite easy. In October and November you can collect some seeds and give it a practice run. I had two new hybrids that have shown great promise.

There will be a board meeting at Bill and Sandi Hennigs at 6:30 on September 10th. You are welcome to come.

The regular meeting will be September 17th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101, Florence, OR. We hope to see you there!

*Mike Bones sent in this picture in late July.
This was his last rhododendron to bloom for the year.
Rhododendron dalhousiae
It has 6 blooms on it, the fragrance is kind of like the smell of clover.
It comes from E. Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and SE Tibet,
found growing from 6,000 to 8,000 ft.
It does very well here on the Oregon Coast.*



Gallagher Park Work Party during The Power of Florence in July

About a dozen of our chapter members worked on the interior of Gallagher Park as part of The Power of Florence on July 20, 2019. We cleared out a lot of non-Rhody vegetation and built a good-sized pile of debris for the city to cart away. There was raking and trash cleanup, too. The park looked a lot better when we were finished.



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 then the club has taken the responsibility of keeping the Rhododendrons pruned, fertilized, and visible to the public.

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

Photos: Myles Swift

Calendar of Events 2019

September 10	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
September 17	Siuslaw Chapter meeting Rhododendrons 101
September 27-29	ARS Fall Conference, Parksville, BC, Canada Rhododendrons by the Seaside Registration is required. Details here .
October 8	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting
October 15	Siuslaw Chapter meeting Don Wallace
November 12	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting
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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But though an old man, I am but a young gardener.
—Thomas Jefferson

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