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Photo: Sandi Jensen

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Macrophyllum

Upcoming Chapter Events: Nothing in April

First, the bad news:

As you might have guessed, all our Siuslaw Chapter events for April have been cancelled in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. The events that have been cancelled include the April Siuslaw Board of Directors meeting, the April Siuslaw Chapter meeting and plant auction, the pre-dinner meeting, the springtime Gallagher Park cleanup, the ARS Early Flower Show, and even the ARS 75th Anniversary convention.

Our Siuslaw Chapter's 50th Anniversary dinner on May 18th at the Elks' Lodge has also been cancelled.

Other nearby cancellations: all three open days at the Hinsdale Garden in Reedsport and the ARS Noyo Chapter's 2020 Rhododendron show.

Please keep reading for the good news.

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On the internet

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

Spring Has Not Been Cancelled



New Member Profile: John and Alice Lautenschlager

John and Alice Lautenschlager are new residents of Florence. Alice followed her daughter here, and John followed Alice. John hails from St. Louis, MO., and Alice comes from the Central Valley of California. Robert Zimmerman's excellent talk at our February meeting brought the Lautenschlagers to the Siuslaw ARS. They joined us to learn about the plants in their new house's garden, especially the Rhododendrons. John's favorite hobby is gardening. Alice makes cards and is active in church activities.

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.

Our Members' Rhody Pictures



R. calophytum

Sandi & Larry Jensen



R. sutchuenense

**Siuslaw Chapter ARS
2020 Flower Show**

Late Show May 16-17, 2020



*President Roosevelt with
Eleanor Roosevelt
about a month ago and now*



*Greg and Dianne
Carlton*

April 2020 President's Message By Larry Jensen

This is not what we planned for springtime. I hope everyone is well and they will soon get a handle on the virus.

The cancellation of the Early Show, our May Anniversary dinner, the April Auction and the Convention in Vancouver is unprecedented, and I will really miss these events. So, with all these events missing, our member nurseries can really use your support: Bones Nursery, Robin Hansen, Floyd Hutchins, Laurel Bay Gardens, Thompson's Nursery, and Chris Trautmann.

In other business, we need to elect a secretary, a treasurer, and one board member. Be thinking about it, and if asked, please consider serving.

I hope everyone stays well, and I hope we will be able to have Rhody Days!



Support Our Local Member Nurseries

Mike Bones	Bones Nursery	541-597-3082
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Lisa Walter-Sedlacek	Laurel Bay Gardens	541-997-5973
Michelle Thompson	Thompson's Nursery	541-653-3676
Chris Trautmann	Mowbray Gardens	541-999-5425

*Remember when you asked that small business to support our fundraiser?
Now it's time to support them. They're the heart of our towns.*

Testimonial from the Treasurer by Pam Guettler



My name is Pam Guettler, and I am currently the Treasurer for the Siuslaw Chapter. My two year term will be up this summer. I will be sad to give up this position, but I intend to stay involved by volunteering at the shows and in other ways.

My husband and I moved to Florence about 2 ½ years ago. At one of the meetings Mike Bones approached me about considering to run for Treasurer. I was a new member, but I considered it. I spent some time with the prior Treasurer to see what was involved, and I decided to run.

Being the Treasurer and on the Board, I learned a lot. I have had the opportunity to get to know many wonderful people who make this club a success. Being the Treasurer is a commitment, but the experience is well worth the effort.

If you are good with numbers, and curious about the inner workings of a fun social club, then you will enjoy being the Treasurer. If you think you might be interested in running, I would be happy to speak to you after a meeting, or you can call or email anyone on the Board. The election happens at the summer picnic in June.

Encouragement from the Flower Show Chair by Day Farrald



I would encourage everyone to participate in the Rhody show. Every facet requires a different skill set, and there is always a job that someone is able to do. Whether it is physical, like assembly of the display boards, or greeting the public at the show entrance, there is a member qualified to help. It is not a requirement that you need to have an encyclopedic knowledge of the genus Rhododendron. You just need to love the flowers.

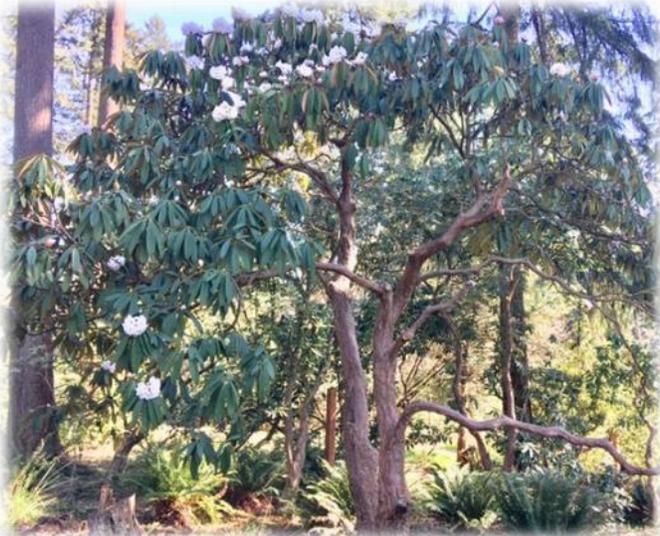
The great thing about participating is the sense of pride when we look at our accomplishment. Knowing our shows are among the best in the country and are respected by the national Rhododendron community is very gratifying. As a volunteer you can sit back and say, "I helped with that." These shows are our babies and it takes a.....

So, if we are fortunate enough to have our late show this year, please consider helping. You'll be so happy you'll do cartwheels!

Our Latest Walk in the Park By Sandi and Larry Jensen



Thursday we were in Eugene and decided to go to Hendricks Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and there were many things blooming. The Magnolias were in full bloom and R. Bibiani, a great red, as well as Avalanche, and a couple of r. arboreums. There were several lepidotes, and the lutescens were really nice. The park is looking great after the ice and snow storm last year. I think if I had to pick a favorite plant in the park, it would be the large white arboreum. We hope to see you all soon.



More Members' Rhody Pictures



*Aglo by Kathleen Sand
The foliage is glowing, too.*



PJM by Ken & Enid Deibert



Haru no habiki



Milky Way



Neon



Spray of Tina

Terry Henderson

Opal Luster



More Members' Rhody Pictures



Obtusum



Dalkieth almost died 2 years ago but now it's thriving.



Hino Crimson



RW Rye

*Ron and Cheryl
Prchal*



Rubicon



Shamrock



R. racemosum



Razorbill



Southern Cloud bud

Fred Guettler



Shamrock won a trophy last spring. Now it's all dressed up and no place to go.



R. racemosum

Steven Price



Azaleas



Nelda Palmer
in Eureka, CA



above:
Red Majesty



R. scabrifolium

A Selection of Mike Bones' Rhodies
Photos by Myles Swift



Harold's Rhododendron Pick for April Rhododendron 'Blue Ridge' by Harold Greer

April brings the blues, blue rhododendrons that is. Well maybe they are not true blue, but 'Blue Ridge' is close. This is a lepidote (scaly) rhododendron with smaller foliage than many of the big standard hybrids which are elepidote (non scaly). The leaves are about 1" to 2" long a medium green in summer with a spicy fragrance when you brush against the leaves. In winter they are lighter yellowish-green to bronze. Generally it grows more upright than wide. This plant was hybridized in 1966 by Russell and Velma Haag in Brevard, North Carolina and registered in 1981. It is a cross of 'Russaautinii' x 'augustinii'. It has been sold in the Northwest since the 1990's, though is not a commonly found plant. It will grow in sun or part shade, but will flower better in sun. Be sure to give it good drainage as it does not like poorly drained conditions. This is a plant that will give you a glowing cool blue for that spot in your yard where you want something special.

Height in 10 years: 5'	Hardiness: -10° F.	Color: dark bluish lavender
Rating: 3/3-4/4 (that is for flower / plant & foliage / performance)		
Ease of propagation: easy	Flower: beautiful	Foliage: good
Vigor: good	Would I buy it for its flowering time? yes	Would I buy it for its color? yes



Photo of R. 'Blue Ridge' by Harold Greer

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

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Rhododendron Society:

<http://marsrhodos.ca>

All other web sites can be found at:

<http://rhododendron.org>

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Noyo Dream in Jo Ann Wilson's yard



Cream Crest in the Swifts' yard



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