

Siuslaw Chapter
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Photo: Sandi Jensen

Macrophyllum

Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on January 21

Board meeting	Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, January 21 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Steve Vinisky from Cherry Creek Daffodils, Sherwood, Oregon, on daffodils and bulbs
Pre-meeting dinner	ICM at 5:00pm 1498 Bay St., Florence Please call or email Sandi Hennig by Jan 17 at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Sylvia Smith, Dianne Carlton, Phyllis Dickson
Hospitality Table	Board members
Coffee	Mike Bones

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On the internet

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

January Chapter Meeting Speaker: Steve Vinisky on Daffodils

Steve Vinisky is a daffodil expert and owner of Cherry Creek Daffodils in Sherwood, Oregon. He has hybridized many daffodils, including 'Blush of Rose' in 2005 and 'Tangelo' and 'Chapel Chimes' in 2000. You can read more about daffodils at the American Daffodil Society's website [here](#).



Siuslaw Watershed Council 2020 Native Plant Distribution

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is now taking orders for free native plants from property owners along creeks, streams, and lakes in the Siuslaw watershed. Orders must be in by February 1, and plants will be distributed on February 15 in Mapleton, Deadwood, and other locations.

Click [here](#) for details and a list of plants.

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.

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. On January 15, Eureka Chapter member Bruce Palmer will speak about "The Plant Hunting Tradition and Joseph Rock, Polymath, ARS Sine Qua Non."
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. Charles H. Muller will present the program "Sikkim Himalaya Re- visited: Family, Friends and Rhododendrons 1943-2015" at the meeting on January 16.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	No meetings in January or February. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm starting in March.
Willamette Chapter	Meets in Salem on the second Wednesday of the month, September thru April, at 7:00pm. They will present the BBC video called "The Glory of the Garden" on January 8.
Tualatin Valley Chapter	No meeting in January. 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, September to April.
Eureka Chapter	Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. On January 23, Paula Trinoskey will talk about Chinese Gardens.
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 January 22 is TBA.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. January 8 will be MARS Photo Night. Gus Thompson will give a bonus presentation on How to Take Great Photos.

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

December 2019 Siuslaw Chapter Christmas Party & Potluck

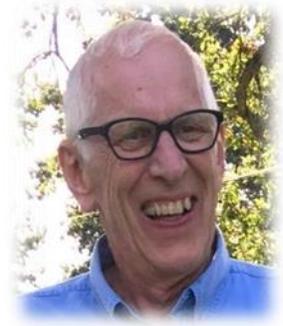


Photos: Myles Swift

President's Message

By Larry Jensen

Happy New Year to all! This is one of my favorite times of the year. The days are getting longer now, but they are still dark, and it feels like hibernation time! However, with the nice warm days this January, it makes me want to walk around the garden, pulling a few weeds and admiring the bloom buds. Some new plants have buds for the first time.



Many of the fir trees that I've decorated for Christmas for the last 20 years have grown too large for me to wrap the lights around. The trees appreciate the water and fertilizer that I've been feeding the Rhodies that are at the base of them, so our light display has become smaller. We picked up most of the lights and hung them to dry for another year.

The ARS has a busy year coming up. Our chapter, the Siuslaw ARS, will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary, and the American Rhododendron Society (ARS) will be celebrating its 75th year Anniversary at the convention in Vancouver, Washington. We have made our hotel reservations, so now we have to get our reservations for the convention put together. For our 50th Anniversary we are looking at a prime rib sit down dinner, probably with a speaker.

Our speaker for our upcoming meeting is Steve Vinisky of Cherry Creek Daffodils of Sherwood, Oregon.

Thinking forward, we have the Home Show coming up. Fred Guettler is the chairman of that event. Then Day Ferrald is the chairman of the two flower shows this year. Our chapter has many people willing to help with our activities, so we can have some of the best shows around.

On the coast it's time to fertilize. Out our way to the east, I wait until mid February. It seems I need to go through all our trails and prune back many of the Rhodies so we can walk the paths. It was getting bad and then the snow came last year. It really is a mess now!

I hope to see you all January 21st for the meeting.

Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2020 Flower Shows

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

Please keep saving those plastic bags for plants from the grocery stores. Now that the free bags have been discontinued, they're more valuable than ever!

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 these gardens and more:

- Crystal Springs Botanical Garden
- Cecil & Molly Smith Garden
- Portland Japanese Garden
- Lan Su Chinese Garden

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 Photo Exhibit and Contest (for attendees only)

To reflect the convention theme "Looking forward, reflecting back" photographers are encouraged to share their favorite photos, including those that have been previously entered in a convention or local show. The photo exhibit, along with the photo contest, is intended to accommodate contributors who may not want to enter a competition. Show us how past photographs stand up to current ones!

Go to <https://ars75.org/photo-contest/> for details and rules.

ars75.org

Registration is open now!

Calendar of Events 2020

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February 1	Deadline to apply for free native plants from Siuslaw Watershed Council. Details here .
February 18	Siuslaw Chapter meeting 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting Speaker is Bob Zimmerman from Chimacum Woods Nursery.
March 6-8	24th annual Florence Home & Garden Show Details here .
March 17	Siuslaw Chapter meeting 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting Speaker is Glen Jamieson, ARS Journal Editor
April 18-19	Siuslaw ARS Early Flower Show Florence Events Center
April 21	Siuslaw Chapter meeting and auction
April 29-May 3	ARS 75th Anniversary Celebration in Vancouver, WA 20/20 Vision: Looking Forward, Reflecting Back. More info here .
May 11	Siuslaw Chapter 50th Anniversary Dinner
May 16-17	Siuslaw ARS Late Flower Show Florence Events Center

*Here's a tip from the
Florence Garden Club:*

*Put leaves in black 1 gallon pots and
cover with soil.
By spring you'll have nice planting mix.*

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