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*Photo: Sandi Jensen*

March 2020

# Macrophyllum

## Upcoming Chapter Events: Meeting on March 17

Board meeting	Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
Siuslaw Chapter meeting	Tuesday, March 17 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101, Florence
Meeting topic	Dr. Glen Jamieson on "Highlights of the Danish/Swedish/German 2018 ARS Tours"
Pre-meeting dinner	Ichiban at 5:00pm 1179 Highway 101, Florence Please call or email Lee Goodenough by Mar 13 at 559-288-5658 or <a href="mailto:secretlgood@gmail.com">secretlgood@gmail.com</a> to reserve your place at the dinner table.
Cookie Team	Dawn Carmody, Sandi Jensen, Cheryl Prchal
Hospitality Table	Board members
Coffee	Mike Bones

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### On the internet

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

## March Chapter Meeting Speaker: Dr. Glen Jamieson on "Highlights of the Danish/Swedish/German 2018 ARS Tours"



Dr. Glen Jamieson has a B.Sc. in Agriculture from McGill University and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Zoology from UBC. He worked for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as a research scientist for 31 years, both in the Maritimes for 5 years and at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, BC, for 26 years. He retired from DFO in 2008, and became editor of the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society in 2009. He joined the ARS in 1995, and has explored for plants in Yunnan, China (2005); Borneo (2008); Ecuador and Peru (five trips between 2008-2014) and in Sikkim, India (2015). He has travelled extensively elsewhere as well and with his wife Dorothy, lives and maintains a garden in Parksville that is periodically on the his local chapter's (Mount Arrowsmith: MARS) garden tour, where he also has an extensive vireya collection, possibly the largest in Canada. He is currently in his third presidency of MARS. He is also the editor of the new online journal he created called "Rhododendrons International", which can be accessed on the ARS website [here](#).

### Nancy Fullmer: In Memoriam

Sandi Jensen received a call from Nancy Fullmer's daughter, Heidi, telling her that Nancy passed away recently from lung cancer. Her memorial service was on February 29th in Riverside CA. You can send a card to her family at her address: Riverside Meadows; 4000 Pierce St., space 245; Riverside, CA 92505-3825.

Jo Ann Wilson remembers that she and her husband got to know Nancy when they became members of ARS. Nancy was active in the group, always helping with events and Flower Shows. She was the treasurer and membership chairman for a few years before moving to Riverside, CA. After moving, she came back for the May show for a couple of years.

In November 2019, Nancy wrote this about our upcoming Christmas Party: "Wish I could be there with all of you. I will be thinking about you on Dec. 1st!"

We're thinking of you too, Nancy. You will be missed.



*Photo: Sandi Jensen*

## 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>

SW Oregon Chapter:

Web site inactive

Willamette Chapter:

<http://arswillamette.com>

Tualatin Valley Chapter:

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

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 pm. On March 18, Glen Jamieson will talk about some ARS 2018 European tours.
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 7 pm, the program at 7:30 pm. On March 19, Glen Jamieson will talk about some ARS 2018 European garden tours.
Southwestern Oregon Chapter	Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. On March 19, Robin Hansen will talk about Fertilizing and Pruning in the Spring.
Willamette Chapter	Usually meets in Salem on the second Wednesday of the month, September thru April, at 7 pm. On March 11, Karen Brown will talk about Connie Hansen, her garden, and how it is today. Nancy Chase will show pictures of the garden.
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, September to April. On March 3, Don Wallace of Singing Tree Nursery will talk about starting a nursery from scratch. They will also hold a Smith Garden Spring Work Day on March 21.
Eureka Chapter	Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. On March 26, Bruce Palmer will talk about Plant Hunting with Joseph Rock in Hawaii.
Noyo Chapter	General meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the John Diedrich Center, 208 Dana Street, Fort Bragg. On March 25, Singing Tree Nursery's Don Wallace will present an entertaining and educational talk.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. On March 11 they will hold their MARS Circle of Knowledge.

## What's Your Favorite Rhododendron?

Are you willing to share it with our members? If you have a picture, and you'd like to write a few lines about the characteristics of the Rhody and why you like it, we'd love to hear the details. Our *Macrophyllum* newsletter has had a feature called Collector's Corner, with interesting info about some of the rarer Rhodies and beautiful pictures. We could expand on that idea and include Rhodies that may be common, but still have endearing qualities like long blooming season, terrific color, or easy cultivation. Please email your pictures and descriptions to [pcswift@outlook.com](mailto:pcswift@outlook.com).

February 2020 Siuslaw Chapter Meeting



Photos: Myles Swift

## New Member Profile: John and Dottie Curtis



John and Dottie Curtis moved here in Nov 2018 after 5 years in Grants Pass. Before that they lived in Paradise, CA for 30+ years.

They always wanted to live near the ocean, and finally made it!

Their home here in Florence had zero landscaping when they bought it, so they are gradually planting some of the beautiful choices that grow so well here....like Rhododendrons.

**Florence Home and Garden Show:**

Friday, March 6	2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 7	10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 8	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Come to the Florence Home and Garden Show, March 6-8 at the Florence Convention Center. Be sure to stop by the ARS booth and say Hi.

Our chapter will have a booth at the show. Fred Guettler is heading up this effort as he has done in past years. The primary purpose of the booth is to promote our Chapter and the American Rhododendron Society. We will have handouts about membership and about the care and culture of Rhodies. This year's booth will be smaller. There will be 2 people in the booth with an expert walking around beside the booth. We'll have just five types of No. 1 Rhodies for sale at \$20 each. You can contact Fred at 360-608-9779 or [fhg9779@gmail.com](mailto:fhg9779@gmail.com) for more info.

## Siuslaw Chapter 50th Anniversary Dinner on May 18

Our chapter is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a special dinner instead of the May meeting. On Monday, May 18, we'll gather at the Elks Lodge at 1686 12th Street in Florence around 5:00 pm, with dinner starting at 6:00. There will be a no-host bar. We'll enjoy a prime rib, chicken, or portobello mushroom main course. Side dishes include Caesar salad, baked potato, and veggies. Dessert is your choice of chocolate mousse or mini cheesecake, plus coffee. We'll probably have a speaker, to be announced later. The dinner costs \$25 per person, and we must be paid up by May 1. Contact Bill Hennig at 541-997-2489 or [billhennig40@gmail.com](mailto:billhennig40@gmail.com) for more info. You can reserve your spot at the banquet by mailing your check for \$25/person to [Pam Guettler](mailto:Pam.Guettler@SiuslawChapter.org) at Siuslaw Chapter, American Rhododendron Society, PO Box 1701, Florence, OR 97439-0111, or you can give her your check in person at the next meeting. Be sure to tell Pam your choice of entrée. Please do this well before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## March 2020 President's Message

By Larry Jensen

What a great program by Bob Zimmerman on plant hunting in Northern India! I managed to contain myself, and only bought three plants.

Now this month, we have another great program with Glen Jamieson Ph D, the editor of the ARS Journal.

This is such a busy time of the year! So many weeds to pull, two large apple trees yet to prune. I have kitchen cabinets to finish building and get the gardens ready to plant. And that's just at our house. With the club, we have the Home show coming up this week-end, but it looks as though Fred Guettler has this under control. Coming up in April is the Early Show on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, Day Ferrald is the show chairman in charge of the shows. Our April meeting is our annual Auction on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Southwest ARS group is having their show on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Then there is the ARS Convention in Vancouver WA on the last weekend of April and the first of May. WOW!



As I was walking through the garden, I noticed another strigillosum, another rireii, some mucronulatum, and a couple hybrids blooming. It has been so mild here they are a little early.

At the meeting we will see if there is any interest in a field trip to Hendrick's Park and Terry Henderson's.



*Photos: Sandi Jensen*

Our pre-meeting dinner is at Ichiban this month. Call or email Lee Goodenough at 559-288-5658 or [secretlgood@gmail.com](mailto:secretlgood@gmail.com) to reserve your place at the table.

We had 62 people at our February meeting. There was a lot of question and answer participation. Come and join us for our next meeting!

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## 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!

## Volunteers Needed For Siuslaw Chapter Flower Shows

Our chapter is one of the few that holds two Rhododendron flower shows every year, and it takes a lot of volunteers to make them happen. Day Farrald will serve as the Chair of the shows again this year. Day needs volunteers for judging and other jobs such as setup and teardown. He's also looking for donations for Late Show trophies. Day will bring signup sheets to the March meeting, or you can contact him to volunteer at 541-590-3161 or [day817@outlook.com](mailto:day817@outlook.com).



*Here's Mike Bones enjoying an early Rhody that started as an old seedling he got from Clint Smith years ago.*

### Siuslaw Chapter ARS 2020 Flower Shows

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

*We're one of the few chapters that welcome entries from everyone, not just members, in our flower shows.*

## 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.

## Harold's Rhododendron Pick for March Rhododendron 'Paul Lincke' by Harold Greer

'Paul Lincke', while not a new rhododendron, has not been distributed as much as it should, as it is ideal for a March flowering blood red rhododendron. It is great in the Northwest for an early flowering plant. While occasionally the flowers can be hit by a late frost as all early blooming rhododendrons can, it generally misses the frost and generally has enough buds that don't open at exactly the same time to put on a great show every year.

It is a hybrid of 'Glamour' x strigillosum. 'Glamour' is a hybrid from Exbury of 'Margaret' x griersonianum.

'Paul Lincke' was apparently named after the German composer of that name. The cross was made by Cecil S. Seabrook of Puyallup, Washington in about 1961. Cecil Seabrook was the person who hybridized 'Grace Seabrook' which is also a bright red.

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

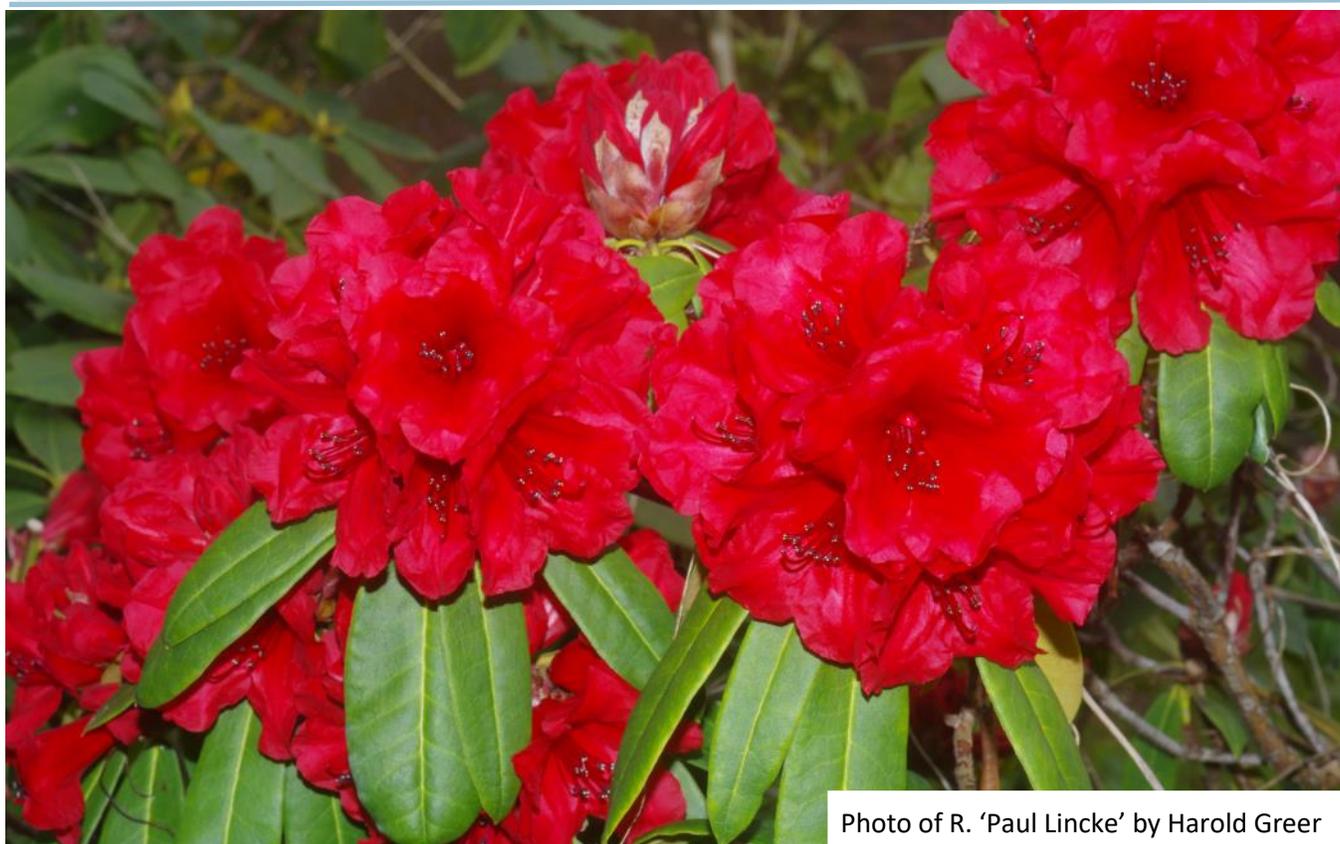


Photo of R. 'Paul Lincke' by Harold Greer



**District 4 Chapters:  
As hosts of the ARS 2020 Spring  
Convention, let's show our  
support with strong member  
participation!**



This is a rare opportunity to attend the ARS highlight event of the year in our own “backyard.” You have probably already visited local gardens included on the tours. Consider, however, what a special opportunity it is to

- (1) see the Iseli Nursery, a world-renowned conifer nursery and display garden, not open to the public, included on Thursday tours (C & D),
- (2) explore the Stewart Garden, formerly Dover Nursery, where lunch will be served surrounded by a spectacular private rhododendron garden,
- (3) enjoy Mike Stewart and Harold Greer’s introduction to the convention, including the history of the ARS and its origins in Portland, and
- (4) experience presentations from an impressive group of international speakers.

For just the registration fee of \$59, you’re able to attend all speaker events, poster sessions, plant sales, photo exhibit/contest and more. You can pick and choose among the other tour and event options available to suit your interests—whether or not you use overnight accommodations. Join us! You can be proud of hosting an event for attendees from all over the world who will be forever grateful for the memories you’ll share with them at this 75th Anniversary ARS meeting.

THANK YOU

The 2020 Convention Committee



Register now: [ars75.org](https://ars75.org)

*As of February 22, there were 15 members of our Siuslaw Chapter signed up for the convention.*

## Calendar of Events 2020

March 5	Community Career Fair Three Rivers Casino, Florence, 11am - 3pm.
March 6-8	24th annual Florence Home & Garden Show Friday: 2 - 6pm; Saturday: 10am - 6pm Sunday: 11am - 3pm. Details <a href="#">here</a> .
March 10	Siuslaw Chapter Board Meeting at 6:30pm Sandi and Bill Hennig's home 05638 Martin Rd., Florence
March 17	Siuslaw Chapter meeting 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting Speaker is Glen Jamieson, ARS Journal Editor
April 11	Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport Open Garden Day, 10am - 2pm
April 18-19	Siuslaw ARS Early Flower Show Florence Events Center
April 21	Siuslaw Chapter meeting and auction
April 25	Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport Open Garden Day, 10am - 2pm
April 29-May 3	ARS 75th Anniversary Convention in Vancouver, WA 20/20 Vision: Looking Forward, Reflecting Back. More info <a href="#">here</a> .
May 9	Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport Open Garden Day, 10am - 2pm
May 16-17	Siuslaw ARS Late Flower Show Florence Events Center
May 18	Siuslaw Chapter 50th Anniversary Dinner Elk's Lodge, 1686 12th Street, Florence Gather at 5pm, dinner at 6pm.
June 16	Siuslaw ARS Chapter Picnic

### Shop online at the ARS Store

You can benefit the ARS by using Amazon Smile. Whenever you shop at Target, Walmart, or Amazon, please start here:

[ARSStore.org](https://www.arsstore.org)

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