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*Photo: Sandi Jensen*

# Macrophyllum

## Upcoming Chapter Events: Nothing in May

**This will come as no news.**

As you probably know, all our Siuslaw Chapter events for May have been cancelled in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Siuslaw Chapter events that have been cancelled include the May Board of Directors meeting, the May Chapter meeting, the pre-dinner meeting, the ARS Late Flower Show and Plant Sale, and our 50th Anniversary Dinner. The City of Florence has cancelled the annual Rhody Days Festival.

On the plus side, the ARS Spring Conference, that was to have been held around this time, has been rescheduled for April-May, 2022. Details on page 3.

**Please keep reading for more good news.**

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### On the internet

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



## New Member Profile: Enid and Ken Deibert

A desire to live near the ocean brought Enid and Ken Deibert to Florence. They are native Californians who spent their last 33 years living in El Dorado County, which borders Nevada at Lake Tahoe. They met Cheryl and Ron Prchal at Coastal Fitness, and Cheryl mentioned the February ARS Chapter meeting. They also knew Judy & Ron Caputo from the Florence Events Center and were happy to see them at the meeting.

The Deiberts' hobbies and interests include local history, gardening, old cars, and reading. As Chapter members, they hope to learn more about visiting different Rhododendron gardens.

Welcome to our Chapter, Enid and Ken! Your wish is granted...keep reading...

## An Invitation to the Prchal Garden

Are you stir crazy yet?

Ron and Cheryl Prchal would like to extend an invitation to all members and their friends to visit their awesome garden...it's even awesomer than last year. Ron has worked hard over the winter preparing the garden for the post-tour for the 2020 conference that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. There has been new landscaping and garden art added this past year. The majority of their plants are labeled for easy identification.

The garden will be open May 2 to May 10 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM for self-guided tours. Self-distancing will be observed. Any questions? Call them at 541-902-7637.

Their address is 5043 S Jetty Road...  
1/4 mile south of the bridge.

*R. Pink Pinwheels is shown at right. There are more Prchal pictures on the following pages.*



## An Invitation from Chris Trautmann to Mowbray Gardens



*See page 12 for more pix of Chris' garden*

Chris Trautmann invites all members and their friends to visit his lovely Mowbray Gardens. Like the Prchals' garden, Mowbray Gardens was supposed to be on the ARS post-conference tour this spring, so Chris has labelled his plants and they are looking their very best. In addition to his many beautiful Rhodies, Chris also has a fine dwarf conifer collection.

The garden will be open for self-guided tours with self-distancing between May 2 and May 10 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Chris will be available for appointments, too.

**For everyone's safety, please be sure to call before you come: 541-999-5425.**

The address is 88010 Woodlands Drive.

## RESCHEDULED!



April 27- May 1  
**2022**

Our intention is to duplicate all elements of the 2020 convention, including the Pre-Tour (new dates: April 25-26) and Post-Tour (new dates: May 1-3), while including even more enhancements to the original features. Registration will open again on December 1, 2021. For convention updates, sign up at [ARS75.org](http://ARS75.org).

The 2020 ARS Convention Committee

## May 2020 President's Message By Larry Jensen

Welcome to another month of cancelled meetings. We really miss the camaraderie of our meetings! The first order of our business is to congratulate Mike Bones for taking on the job as the District 4 director as of June 1st!



We will try to have a list of candidates for the open offices by the 19th of May, which would be our normal meeting day. Watch for an email with the nominees. The June picnic is still up in the air, but we're hoping we can have it on time. If not, we are looking at rescheduling until later in the summer. I will try to keep everyone informed as soon as we can figure it out.

Friday, we took time to drive over to Bones' Nursery. Everything is blooming like crazy. The pictures in this message are all from that visit. After that, we drove up to Thompson's to pick up some plants to replace those lost in the zero degree days a few years back. I cannot imagine how difficult it was for those in California who were not able to visit nurseries. We have been doing our part to help the nurseries in Oregon keep working. They are good for our mental health, and we have observed everyone social distancing and respecting one another.

Since we were in Florence at dinner time, we were fortunate to get take-out at Chen's.

I will try to keep you informed when we know what's happening.



## April 2020 President's Message Continued

By Larry Jensen



*More of Sandi's pix at Mike Bones' beautiful place.*



## Support Our Local Member Nurseries

|                      |                      |   |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| Mike Bones           | Bones Nursery        | 541-597-3082  |
| Robin Hansen         | Hansen Nursery       | <a href="https://hansennursery.com/">https://hansennursery.com/</a><br>541-297-3793 |
| Floyd Hutchins       | Oregon Rhododendrons | 541-745-5188  |
| Lisa Walter-Sedlacek | Laurel Bay Gardens   | 541-997-5973  |
| Michelle Thompson    | Thompson's Nursery   | 541-653-3676  |
| Chris Trautmann      | Mowbray Gardens      | 541-999-5425  |

*Now is the time to support our local small businesses.  
They're so important to our towns.*

Our Members' Rhody Pictures: Bill and Mary Curtis

*Unique Marmalade*



*Taurus*



*R. quinquefolium*



*Colonel Coen*



*Bruce Brectbill ?*



*R. johnstoneanum?*



*Kimbeth*

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures: Bill and Sandi Hennig

*Cinnkeys*



*This Fourth of July Azalea started blooming in early April this year.*



*Snow Lady*

*Colonel Coen (purple) and Star Trek*

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures: More from Bill & Sandi Hennig



Take a look at this lovely truss. Bill Hennig and Mike Bones agree: Bill's Rubicon might have been "Best in Show" this year.

Rubicon is an awesome smaller plant. It has a very long blooming season; it started in early April and will still have some flowers into June. It does well here on the coast, but not so well in the valley.

The pictures show that even its foliage is exceptional.

*Rhododendron 'Rubicon'*



## Our Members' Rhody Pictures

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*Fred Guettler*

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*Coastal Sugar*



*Coral Velvet*

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*Patricia & Myles Swift*

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*Siltcoos Sunrise*

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*Sandi & Larry Jensen*

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## Our Members' Rhody Pictures: Ron and Cheryl Prchal

*R. benhallii*



*R. pachysanthum*



*Hino Crimson*



*Linearifolium*



*Blue Baron*



*R. obtusum*

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures: More from Ron and Cheryl Prchal



*R. ponticum*



*R. lutescens*



*R. maddenii 'Mi Lady'*



Above: Dora Amateis  
& Red Majesty



Right: Coral Bells



*Taurus*, another likely prize winner.  
The leaves are 19" tip to tip.

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures

*Chris Trautmann*



*Musicality*



*Peachy Goldlust*



*John Mautino*

*R. kiusianum Bonsai*

## Bloedel Reserve Presents: Strolls at Home

Bloedel Reserve invites you to connect with nature on a mindful stroll around your own yard or neighborhood, or even on a mental stroll while just looking out your window.

<https://bloedelreserve.org/strolls-at-home/>



*Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, Washington, is closed right now. They offer these imaginary Strolls partly to replace the guided walks they usually have during the nice weather.*

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*Worry is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do  
but never gets you anywhere.*

*—Erma Bombeck*

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## 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: Mike & Kathy Bones

*Azalea Arneson Gem*



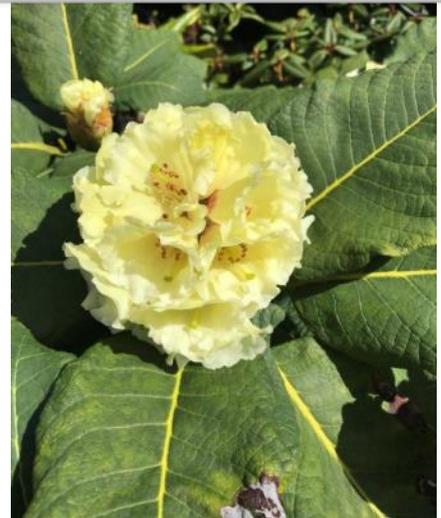
*Canby, a new low-grower*



*Many Moons*



*Honey Butter*



*R. sinofalconeri* is blooming for the 1st time

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures: More from Mike & Kathy Bones



*Scarlet Leopard*



*McNabii. It's a shame we can't capture that great fragrance too!*



*Yakity Yak (pale pink), Cherry Float (red), and Crater Lake (blue)*



*Sandra Ann Stipes, a new Rhody hybridized by Bill Stipe up in Washington, who named it after his daughter.*

## Our Members' Rhody Pictures

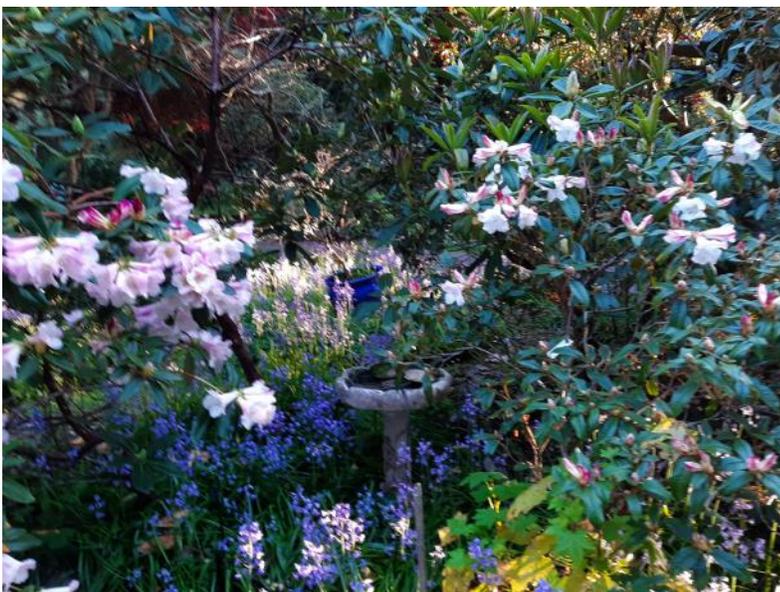
*Jo Ann Wilson*



*Seaview Sunset*

*Nelda & Bruce Palmer*

*The fragrant bed: Countess of Haddington on left and McNabii to the right of the birdbath.*



*Teddy Bear showing indumentum.*

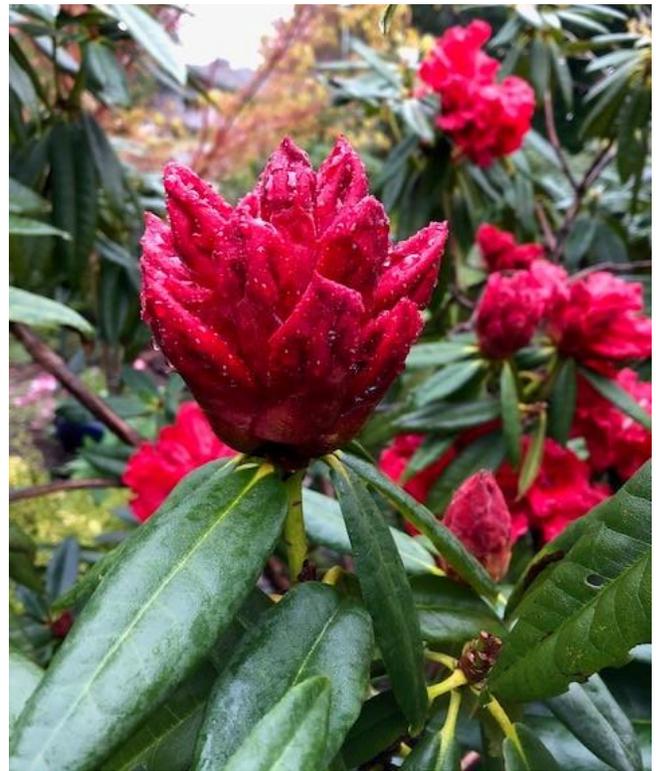
## Our Members' Rhody Pictures

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*Karen Cooper*

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*Unique has a nice plant habit, comes out pinkish cream, and stays cream (or light yellow) in the shade, but almost white in the sun. It is one of the top 5 rhodies landscapers use in Florence.*



*Taurus*

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## The Scottish Rhododendron Society

Here's a great opportunity to see what's going on with the Rhododendron community in Scotland.

<http://scottishrhododendronsociety.org.uk/>

This link takes you to the Scottish Rhododendron Society website. You can see their virtual flower show and even access the 2020 Scottish Chapter Yearbook, which is usually password-protected. The editor has kindly waived that restriction for now.

Many thanks to Gordon Wylie for this tip.

## Our Members' Pictures: The Hutchins Garden



*Below: view from dining room: mostly one-of-a-kind lepidote Rhododendrons. Left: R. Waxbill crawling over a log.*



*The Hutchins garden is different because of their extensive use of heath and Heather.*



*The tree heath is mostly from south Africa and other Mediterranean areas.*

## Our Members' Non-Rhody Plants: Good Companions



*Bones' Pleione. Mike is going to be placing some of these in the moss on the larger Rhododendrons.*



*Prchals' Pleiones*



*Hutchins' heathers, mostly winter erica carnea and hybrids*



*Bones' Calla Lilies*

## 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



*Simone Boggia's giant wisteria in Italy*

## 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:

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