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Chapter Picnic and Elections on June 15!

We will have an in-person picnic on Tuesday, June 15th at noon. We will be at a hangar at the Florence airport where we held the auction in May.

See the [President's Message](#) for details.

Our virtual flower show continues, where we display pictures of your Rhodies blooming now. Highlights [inside](#).

The newsletter will be on vacation this summer.
See you again in September.

Everybody have fun and stay safe this summer!

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On the internet

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

June 2021 President's Message By Larry Jensen

What a great venue for our auction! Many thanks to Sam for putting up with us. It was hard to get an accurate count, but we had 70 people, give or take. Thank you to all who brought plants and to those who bought them! Thank you to Mike for a lively auction! He got a pretty good workout!



We are trying to find where we will be meeting this fall. Hopefully back at the church. Next year the picnic will be back at the state park.

This year's picnic is scheduled at the airport hangar. Gather at noon June 15th and eat at 1:00.

Bring a dish for a potluck.

Bring your dishes and utensils.

Bring a chair, and a table if you want one.

Bring something garden-oriented for the plant game.

We have time to visit between 12 & 1, eat dinner, have a short meeting complete with elections, then play the plant game. For new folks, it's like musical chairs with plants or other garden items instead of chairs. Hope to see you there!

Siuslaw Chapter ARS Elections for Next Year's Officers

We have several chapter offices opening up in June. The candidates are:

President	Day Farrald Chris Trautmann
Vice President	Bill Hennig (incumbent)
1 member of the Board of Directors	Sandi Hennig

Voting will be in person at the picnic on June 15.

Check out our Virtual Rhododendron Show at
https://1drv.ms/u/s!AqAxEq_Z8DoHqcqSQpBFc3VQAzXfwQ?e=Y9lu1W

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

Eureka Chapter:

<https://eurekarhody.org>

Mt. Arrowsmith

Rhododendron Society:

<http://marsrhodos.ca>

All other web sites can be found at:

<http://rhododendron.org>

under chapters web sites

Portland Chapter

Eugene Chapter

Willamette Chapter are all on hiatus until the fall.

Mt. Arrowsmith

Rhododendron Society

Eureka Chapter

will meet on Sunday, June 6, for tours of a member's garden and Humboldt Botanical Gardens...and then go on summer vacation.

If you missed the Eureka Chapter's May Zoom, Mike Stewart on Dwarf Rhododendrons, you can watch the video recording [here](#).

Coming Up: Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden 2021 Symposium

The RSBG is having their Rhododendron Species Symposium 2021 on June 25—27 via Zoom. You can hear from local and international experts on a wide range of topics, from plant hunting to vireyas to the creation of a centralized Rhododendron research community.

All talks will be recorded and available to view within 48 hours of their scheduled time. Talks will be available for viewing through Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

You can go here to read more or register: [RSBG Event – Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden \(rhodygarden.org\)](http://rhodygarden.org) The cost is \$110, or \$85 for members of the RSBG.

Happening now:

Rhododendrons Down East: Exploring the North Atlantic Region
ARS 2021 Spring Virtual Convention, June 3 - 6, 2021



R. Bernice is blooming now with gentle fragrance

The Gerdemann Garden Needs Volunteers

The Gerdemann Garden in Yachats is at the end of the season, with lots of pruning and weeding needed.

Please contact Andreea at gerdemanngarden@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer this summer, or to arrange a tour.

*The ARS Photo Contest is open until July 31, 2021.
Please email entries to Glen Jamieson at ars.editor@gmail.com.*

Many Thanks to Sam Spayd

Many thanks to Sam Spayd for providing the perfect venue for our chapter's May auction.

Sam retired after 30 years' service in the U.S. Air Force as a full bird colonel. He piloted the C5 Galaxy, the U.S.A.'s largest airplane.

He then went to work for United Airlines flying all of Boeing's aircraft: 707, 727, 737, 747, 757, and the 777 around the world for 25 years. Sam now owns a beautiful bird named 'Lucy' and can be seen punching holes in the clouds around Florence.

The DAV, Rhody Cruisers, Rhododendron Society, politically like-minded citizens, military museum, and many other organizations are the beneficiaries of Sam's tireless community involvement. Use of his airplane hangar is just the tip of the iceberg.

Siuslaw Chapter ARS May Meeting & Plant Auction

After so many months, our chapter got together at Sam Spayd's hangar at the Florence Airport for an outdoor meeting and plant auction. We had a great time, and our chapter made \$1966.00! There were almost 70 people there, and 35 people bought plants. The smallest donation was \$2, the largest was \$400.



Photos: Myles Swift

Siuslaw ARS Chapter Virtual Rhododendron Show: Rhodies of the Week April 26 - May 12, 2021

The Siuslaw ARS Chapter has been holding a Virtual Flower Show since February, showing pix of the Rhodies blooming right now in our gardens. The winners from weeks 10 through 13 are shown here and on the following pages.



*Week 10 hybrid Rhododendron (above):
R. 'Southern Cloud' from Fred Guettler*



*Week 10 species Rhododendron (above):
R. spinuliferum from Ty Reimer HLF*



*Week 10 evergreen Azalea (above):
R. 'Silver Sword' from Fred Guettler*



*Week 10 deciduous Azalea (above):
R. luteum 'Golden Comet' from Ron & Cheryl Prchal*

Virtual Rhododendron Show:
Rhodies of the Week May 3-9, 2021



Week 11 species Rhododendron (above):
R. sargentianum 'Maricee' from Ted Hewitt



Week 11 hybrid Rhododendron (above):
R. 'Pink Pinwheels' from Myles & Patricia Swift



Week 11 evergreen Azalea (above):
R. 'Christopher Erin' from Dan & Annette Kessler

Week 11 deciduous Azalea (right):
R. occidentale (dd12) x *bakeri* from Floyd Hutchins



Virtual Rhododendron Show:
Rhodies of the Week May 10-16, 2021



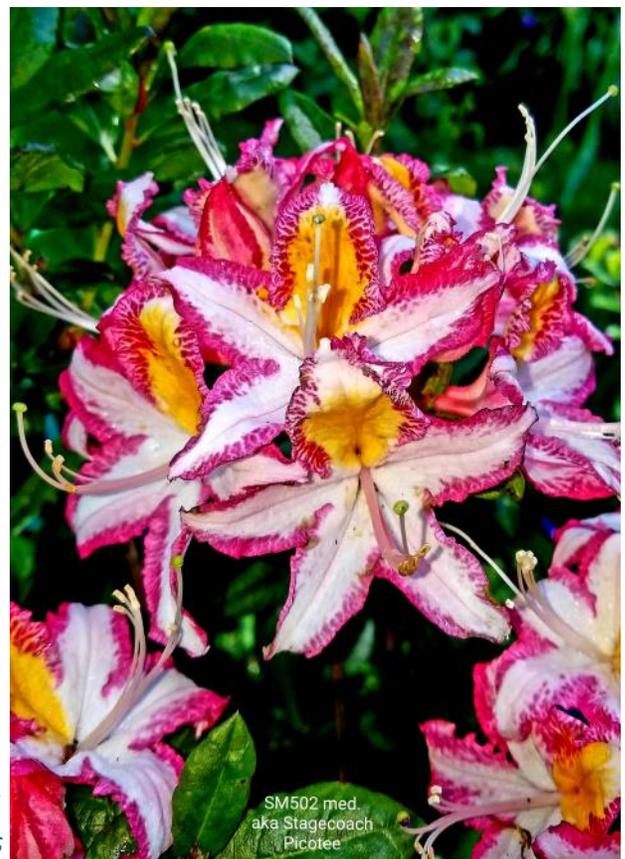
Week 12 evergreen Azalea (above):
R. Komo Kulshan seedling from Floyd Hutchins



Week 12 hybrid Rhododendron (above):
R. 'Black Widow' from Fred Guettler



Week 12 species Rhododendron (above):
R. kendrickii from Ron & Cheryl Prchal



Week 12 deciduous Azalea (right):
R. occidentale Stagecoach Picotee from Floyd Hutchins

Virtual Rhododendron Show:
Rhodies of the Week May 17-23, 2021



*Week 13 species Rhododendron (above):
R. augustinii from Myles & Patricia Swift*



*Week 13 hybrid Rhododendron (right):
R. 'Antoon van Welie' from Floyd Hutchins*



*Week 13 deciduous Azalea (above):
R. (occidentale dd12xbakeri) x open
from Floyd Hutchins*



*Week 13 evergreen Azalea (above):
R. 'Mother's Day' from Myles & Patricia Swift*

Calendar of Events 2021

- June 3-6 Rhododendrons Down East
ARS 2021 Spring Virtual Conference online.
Registration is closed.
- June 25 - 27 Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
2021 Symposium. Details [here](#).
- July 31 Deadline for ARS Photo Contest.

Calendar of Events 2022

- Apr 27—May 1 ARS Annual Convention
Portland, Oregon
Info [here](#).



*Mike Bones was a one-man 2021 Rhody Parade in May.
Photo: Stacey Wilson*

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