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Photo: Sandi Jensen

# Macrophyllum

## Chapter Events: Virtual Flower Show

The Siuslaw Chapter has no in-person events scheduled in April, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We are having a virtual flower show, where we display pictures of your Rhodies blooming now.

Our chapter members have been invited to several ARS Zoom meetings. Keep reading for details.

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*Everyone please stay well.*

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### On the internet

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

## April 2021 President's Message By Larry Jensen

Normally we are busy with some of the largest Rhody shows this time of year. Man, I really miss it! There's nothing like people coming through who have never seen anything like it!

In the garden, I'm in better physical shape than last year so I've been cleaning, weeding, mulching, and planting. So far, I've planted 10 new plants.

Every few years we go up to the Species Foundation's plant sale. Maybe next year. I think it's been three years since we have been.



I guess the Rhododendron convention in 2021 in Nova Scotia is going to be virtual. Since I don't do anything on the computer, I guess I'll have to wait until the 2022 Convention in Portland. I'm hoping it can be more normal. We were signed up last year at the Heathman lodge, then things went to -----! Guess we always have to be prepared for the unexpected.

Well, there's still 2 months of prime planting time. Our member nurseries have a good selection of plants. Chris says he has some new hybrids that are really nice. We were at Mike's and he has the largest selection I have seen there.

Peter Faulk is just starting to bloom. It is a strigillosum hybrid. The strigillosum species is a beautiful plant. The hairy stems and leaves are beautiful, and both of our strigillosum plants have great red leaf buds.

Be sure to check out the virtual (photo) rhody show at

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgAxEg\\_Z8DoHgcgSQpBFc3VQAzXfwQ?e=Y9lu1W](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgAxEg_Z8DoHgcgSQpBFc3VQAzXfwQ?e=Y9lu1W)

Patricia, Myles, and Day are all doing a lot of work to bring it to you.



## Siuslaw ARS Chapter Vacant Positions

The Siuslaw ARS is looking for a new Treasurer and a new Webmaster. Please contact Larry and Sandi Jensen ([sfuchsia@gmail.com](mailto:sfuchsia@gmail.com)) or any board member if you're interested.

## Virtual Rhododendron Show: Rhodies of the Week

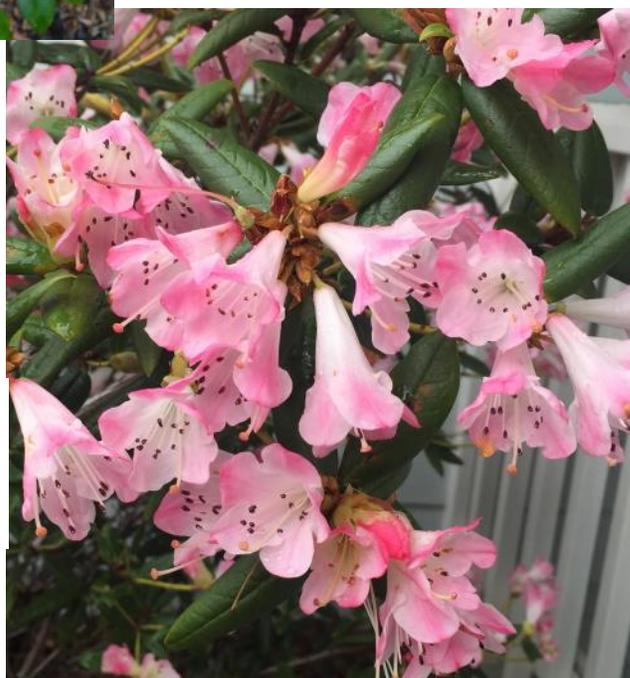
The Siuslaw ARS Chapter started our first Virtual Flower Show in February. We invited chapter members and then other local plant lovers to send in pictures of the Rhodies blooming right now in their gardens.

The show has run for 5 weeks. You saw a big picture of the first Rhododendron of the Week in the last month's newsletter. It was Chris Trautmann's beautiful *R. magnificum*, shown again [here](#).



*Week 2:*

*R. moupinense* growing in Richard Flavell's garden and cared for by Chris Trautmann



*Week 3:*

*R. 'Seta'* in  
Rosemary Rebello's garden

## Virtual Rhododendron Show: Rhodies of the Week (continued)



*Week 4:*

*Ted Hewitt's extraordinary  
azalea, R. dilatatum var  
satsumense, growing in  
Eugene*



*Week 5:*

*Ted Hewitt's unusual Rhody,  
R. seingkuense, has  
indumentum on both the  
leaves and branches, and  
fantastic foliage.*

*Check out our Virtual Show at  
[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AqAxEg\\_Z8DoHgcgSQpBFc3VQAzXfwQ?e=Y9lu1W](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AqAxEg_Z8DoHgcgSQpBFc3VQAzXfwQ?e=Y9lu1W)*

## Virtual Rhododendron Show Please Join In

Do you have Rhododendrons blooming in your garden right now? We would like to see them and share them with other Rhody enthusiasts in our Virtual Show.

The Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS is having a flower show on the internet where we display pictures of these beauties as they bloom. We'd also like to show any especially lovely buds and foliage. Day Farrald, our flower show chair, will select the best picture as Rhododendron of the Week. There is no award for the 'best'; this is just for fun and it shares your beautiful flowers with the world.

Please email your pix taken during each week to [pcswift@outlook.com](mailto:pcswift@outlook.com) Include the Rhody variety and your name. Pictures will be grouped by week, Mondays through Sundays. We have only a few rules:

- Pix must be current (no old pictures, please) and taken by you.
- The plants must be in your own garden.
- Rhododendrons and azaleas only, please.
- Pix must be clear enough to judge the flower (or bud or foliage).

We reserve the right to select pictures suitable for posting, and we may also use your picture in places such as our newsletter and Facebook page. This is our first virtual show, so the rules may change as the show matures.

## Support Our Local Member Nurseries

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

*Remember when we asked local small businesses to support our fundraisers?  
Now it's our turn to support them.*

## 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)

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	Meets via Zoom on the 3rd Thursday of the month, September through May. Social time begins at 6:30pm. The chapter meeting starts at 7:00pm, followed by the presentation. On April 15, Kathy Lintault will talk about Ireland, a Garden Paradise. Siuslaw Chapter members are invited to attend. Details <a href="#">here</a> .
Eugene Chapter	Meets via Zoom during the pandemic. On Wednesday, April 21, Kathy Lintault will talk about Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile. Siuslaw chapter members are invited to attend. Details <a href="#">here</a> .
Willamette Chapter	Meets via Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month, September thru April, at 7:00pm. On April 14, Nancy Moore will discuss All Seasons Interest in the Garden. Siuslaw chapter members are invited to attend. Details <a href="#">here</a> .
Eureka Chapter	Will meet on Thursday, April 22 via Zoom. Atsuko Gibson will talk about Four Seasons at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Details <a href="#">here</a> . Please click in by 6:55pm to join the meeting.
Mt. Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society	Has been meeting via Zoom during the pandemic. On April 5, Malcolm Ho-You will present a talk on herbaceous tree peonies.

## Species Rhododendrons on the Web

The Ai Xin Garden in Denmark has recently updated their web site. They have a remarkable section on species Rhododendrons that you really should see. Click [here](#) for some amazing images!

## 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.

A Zoom Invitation from the Willamette Chapter  
Nancy Moore on *All Seasons Interest in the Garden*  
Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm



Siuslaw Chapter ARS members are invited to join the Zoom meeting hosted by the Willamette Chapter on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm. The WCARS Chapter speaker for April is Nancy Moore and her topic is how to have a garden that's interesting all year long.

Here's the ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676285847>

Rhododendron growers tend to have exceptionally lovely spring gardens. But what about the rest of the year.....?

There are many ways to have an interesting garden throughout the entire year. Floral colour is usually our first thought, but plant foliage, texture, bark and form can also be delightful. When you combine those features with creative, thoughtful and well-placed hardscaping, then you have an interesting garden for all seasons.

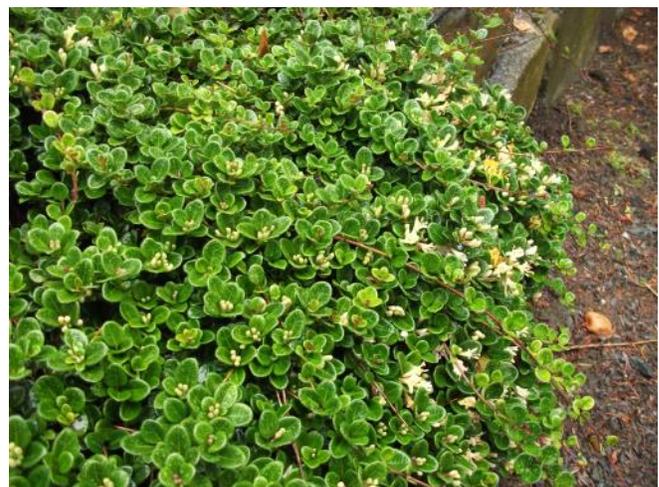
After graduating in landscape design/horticulture, Nancy Moore was involved in many aspects of this field, including being the horticulturist for a parks department, managing a shade tree nursery, teaching landscape design and horticulture at the University of the Fraser Valley, and managing her own landscape design/consulting business. She also



*Hacquetia epipactis*

enjoyed donating her time and expertise to benefit many community projects, including the Abbotsford Community Garden and the Sylvia Pincott Heritage Habitat Garden.

Nancy has recently retired from most of her commitments, but still enjoys teaching the Master Gardeners, and sharing whatever knowledge she has with a wide variety of clubs and organizations.



*Lonicera crassifolia*

A Zoom Invitation from the Portland Chapter  
Kathy Lintault on *Ireland, a Garden Paradise*  
Thursday, April 15 at 7:00pm



Siuslaw ARS Chapter members are invited to join the Portland Chapter's Zoom meeting to hear from their member, Kathy Lintault, about her trip to Ireland in 2015.

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*Here's the ZOOM link:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87422887322>

*Meeting ID: 874 2288 7322*

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As Kathy describes it, "Ireland's land mass is only about the size of Oregon west of the Cascades, but the Atlantic Gulf Stream contributes mild temperatures and plenty of rain which explains why it is known as the Emerald Isle. Small size notwithstanding, with these advantages Ireland is home to a great variety of notable gardens ranging from grand estates to small cottage gardens, from formal to informal, rural to urban, all displaying the passion and care of their owners." Kathy will highlight the gardens and their colorful plants enjoyed while circling the island in July. "Even some rhododendrons were still in bloom!"



*Rowallane Garden, Saintfield, N. Ireland*

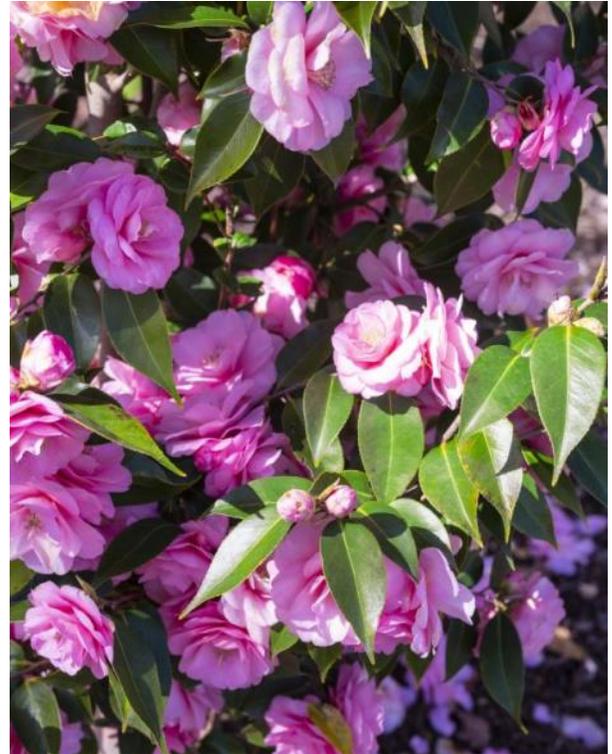


*Caher Bridge Garden, Ballyvaughan, Ireland*

You can read more about Kathy and Roger Lintault and their McMinnville garden in the [December 2020 edition](#) of Rhododendron News.

An Invitation from the Eugene Chapter:  
Kathy Lintault on *Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile*  
Zoom on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00pm

After living in Southern California for 25 years, Kathy and Roger Lintault moved to their home outside McMinnville, Oregon in 2000. They were excited to start gardening Pacific Northwest-style. Camellias and rhododendrons became a great interest and Kathy went on to be the President of the Oregon Camellia Society. While we all love rhododendrons, camellias give us another dimension to the garden, often flowering from October to April when we have few rhododendrons that are in flower. She will talk about the camellia's diverse and lovely flower forms which can appeal to those who appreciate quiet and simple blooms as well as to those who enjoy the bright and gaudy. Also, the camellia's past history and cultural requirements will be discussed, along with the camellia's ability to brighten the landscape and blend with other of our favorite garden plants.



*Camellia Spring Festival*

Here's the ZOOM link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188163312?pwd=SVBsZDMxUzVXYStBckU2NmpRMXNkdz09>

Meeting ID: 811 8816 3312 Passcode: 741695



*Camellia sasanqua ssp vernalis Yuletide*



*Kathy Lintault is a popular  
ARS Speaker.*

## An Invitation from the Eureka Chapter: Atsuko Gibson on Four Seasons at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden' Zoom on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:55pm

Siuslaw ARS Chapter members are invited to join the Eureka Chapter's Zoom meeting to see Atsuko Gibson discuss 'Four Seasons at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden'.

*Here's the ZOOM link:*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/99120170578>  
*Meeting ID: 991 2017 0578*

The Eureka Chapter kindly provides links to recordings of some of their Zoom presentations. This can give you another chance to see that presentation you missed. You can go to their web site [here](#) to see what's available.

## One Gardener's Idea for an 'In the Ground' Watering Schedule



When this lovely rhododendron garden was planted, the home owners, Marty and Carol, installed an automatic drip irrigation system. The question then was: "how often should it be set to come on?" Their idea was genius. First, they turned the system on and let it run for 24 hours straight. All of the plants were now thoroughly hydrated. Then they waited for the first signs of wilting. It took 10 days before they saw the first plant begin to wilt. So, they set their system to come on for 30 minutes every 10 days. They made some adjustments over time, and I believe ended up at 30 minutes every week. This calculation was made from real data...not just "I think 20 minutes every other day should be good". We always recommend letting plants get dry before watering, so a bit of wilting is not a bad thing...at least you know they are thirsty.

*Reprinted with permission from the Singing Tree Gardens Nursery newsletter.  
Visit their web site [here](#).*

## ARS Photo Contest: Open Now Until July 31, 2021

The 2021 ARS Photo Contest is open only to ARS members in good standing as of the contest closing date. Judges and their immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) and household members are not eligible. By participating in the Contest, each entrant fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of the Judges, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest. There are no prizes except bragging rights, and the Editor of JARS has the right to publish runner up and winning entries.

All photos submitted must have been taken prior to July 31, 2021, and not have been entered in a JARS photo contest previously, a change made last year, and is being continued on a trial basis at the request of some ARS members. Entries must be received by midnight PST, July 31, 2021. All entries should prominently feature either rhododendrons, azaleas and/or vireyas in the composition.

### Competition Categories:

- 1) Flower, truss or spray;
- 2) Plant in bloom;
- 3) Landscape or plants in the wild or in gardens;
- 4) Foliage;
- 5) People, Insects, or Animals; and
- 6) Other, for creative or artistic effects of any kind that involves these plants.

This could involve the use of software products like PhotoShop.

### Photo Guidelines:

The Photo must be in .jpg, .jpeg, or .gif;

Images submitted should be sent by email and be of modest size, about 1024 to 1280 pixels in length and 480 to 768 in width, which would correspond to a dpi of at least 300 for a 3 x 5 in (7.6 x 12.7 cm) photo;

Cropping of digital images and minor adjustments to exposure and color balance is permitted for entries in all categories. Advanced image editing features available in software products like Photoshop should not be used except for entries in category six;

The Photo caption and/or description must not exceed 200 characters in length. Provision of some details about the camera and settings for each entry is also desirable, and for submissions in category 6, include a brief explanation of how the image was created;

5) The Photo cannot have been submitted previously in an ARS contest (chapter contest submissions are acceptable); and

6) The number of entries by any individual per category is restricted to two.

### How To Enter

Please email entries to Glen Jamieson at [ars.editor@gmail.com](mailto:ars.editor@gmail.com). Entries must be received by midnight, July 31, 2021.

## ARS-NG Photo Contest



ARS-Next Generation is also conducting a photo contest aimed at early-career professionals and students, that is, the next generation of Rhododendron experts. Although the cash prizes are limited to these groups, all ARS members are also encouraged to enter this contest. One of the goals is to build a photo library that the next generation social media team can use in their work.

*Look here for more info:*

[https://rhododendron.org/next\\_gen.htm](https://rhododendron.org/next_gen.htm)

## Gerdemann Garden Tours Available This Spring

This Spring, Adreea Ghetie is leading small group tours of the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve in Yachats by appointment only. You can request a tour by sending an email to [gerdemanngarden@gmail.com](mailto:gerdemanngarden@gmail.com). Please allow several days' notice, since April and May are busy times in the garden. The tour takes about 1 hour. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults (kids free), either cash or check to View the Future, which goes toward organic fertilizer for these beautiful plants. Thursday is the best day for a tour because that's their volunteer day at the garden.



*R. racemosum (possibly) at the  
Gerdemann Garden in 2019  
photo: Myles Swift*

*This beautiful garden in nearby Yachats contains many rare Rhodies.  
You can visit their Facebook page [here](#).*

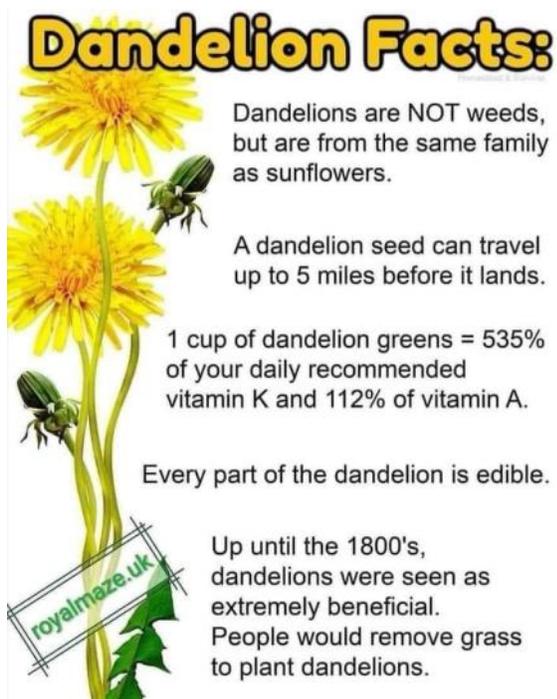
## Rhododendrons Down East: Exploring the North Atlantic Region ARS 2021 Spring Convention June 3, 2021 - June 6, 2021

Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to learn about growing, breeding, and gardening with rhododendrons. Due to the travel restrictions caused by the pandemic, the 2021 American Rhododendron Society Convention will be offering all the presentations, garden tours, and networking opportunities on line, to anyone who can access the internet!

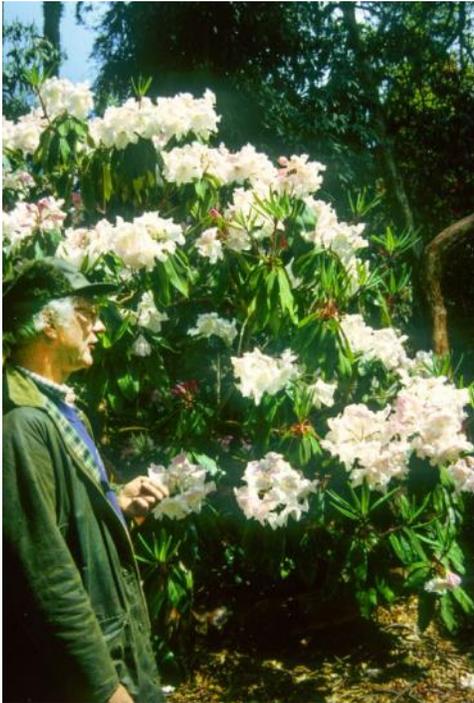
The convention features some very celebrated speakers who will be addressing different aspects of the theme: *Rhodos Down East: Exploring the North Atlantic Region*. These will include [Ken Cox](#), rhodo breeder and seasoned plant explorer from Glendoick Nursery, Scotland; [Joe Brusio](#), veteran rhodo breeder from Massachusetts; and [Todd Boland](#), author, educator and all-around horticultural expert, from Newfoundland's Memorial University Botanical Garden. Well-known plant experts [Christina Woodward](#) and [Nick Yarmoshuk](#) from Ontario, [Philip McDougall](#) an ex-pat Nova Scotian now living in B.C., and [Kristian Theqvist](#) of Finland, will also be active participants.

It costs \$85.59US to register for the virtual convention. The virtual presentations will be available to convention participants for a period of time following the event.

Check the [convention website](#) for the latest info and full details.  
Registration for the virtual convention is open now.



## Harold's Rhododendron Pick for April: The Loderi Group by Harold Greer



*Loderi Pink Coral with Robin Loder at Leonardslee 6/1996*

When Sir Edmund Loder of Leonardslee in southern England made the cross of *R. fortunei* x *griffithianum* in 1901, he produced a group of plants that have become quite famous in the warmer coastal rhododendron growing areas of the world. In 1875 the same parents were supposedly crossed at Kew Gardens near London, England, only the seed parent was *R. griffithianum* instead of *R. fortunei* as is the case with the Loderi Group, however, there is some doubt of the parents of Kewense Group, so we will devote our discussion to the Loderi Group.

There were some 30 clones of the Loderi Group registered, the best known of which is probably 'Loderi King George'. It is a large growing plant that will eventually become a small tree, as is true of all in the Loderi Group. 'Loderi Venus' is also well known as it is the most pink of all of the Loderi Group. Most of the Loderi Group are hard to tell apart, and my personal opinion is that only about three should have been named, not thirty! However, that said any one of the Loderi Group is worth growing if you can find one. They are not easy to propagate, hence we do not often see them in nurseries.

The foliage of the Loderi Group is large and attractive, though it does tend to get purple spots on the new foliage in the first warm

days of May and June. But by fall, most of the spotting seems to disappear. 'Loderi Superlative' does tend to have more chlorotic (yellow between the leaf veins) foliage than other cultivars.

Pictured with this article is Robin Loder the great grandson of Edmund. Robin and his son Christopher currently run Leonardslee which was started in by Sir Edmund in the 1890s.

The Loderi Group are all pink to white which would be natural since both of its parents are that color. But don't forget about their fragrance. A large plant of the Loderi Group will fill your whole garden with fragrance.



*Loderi Venus*

**Hardiness:** 5° to 10°F (may lose flower buds at a higher temperature)

**Height in 10 years:** 6' plus

**Color:** pink to white, very fragrant

**Propagation:** difficult

**Foliage:** good, but sometimes shows purple on the leaves

**Vigor:** good to excellent

**Rating:** 4/3-4/4 (flower / plant & foliage / performance, 5 is best 1 is least)

## Calendar of Events 2021

- April 14 Willamette Chapter Zoom at 7:00pm  
Nancy Moore on All Seasons Interest in the Garden. Invitation and link [here](#).
- April 15 Portland Chapter Zoom at 7:00pm  
Kathy Lintault on Ireland, an Island Paradise. Invitation and link [here](#).
- April 21 Eugene Chapter Zoom at 7:00pm  
Kathy Lintault on Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile. Invitation and link [here](#).
- April 22 Eureka Chapter Zoom at 6:55pm  
Atsuko Gibson on 'Four Seasons at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden' Invitation and link [here](#).
- June 3-6 Rhododendrons Down East  
ARS 2021 Spring Conference online  
More [here](#).

*If you haven't done so already,  
fertilize your Rhodies now!*



*Chris Trautmann's lovely R. magnificum  
was our first ROTW winner.*

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