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## MACROPHYLLUM FEBRUARY 2022

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- Web site: [www.siuslawars.org](http://www.siuslawars.org)
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## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** History of Hendricks Park and the Rhododendron Garden presented by Emily Aune

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday , February 8<sup>th</sup> at Sandi and Bill Hennigs' home at 05638 Martin Rd. at 6:30 P.M.

**Chapter Meeting-:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, September 18th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting. Masks and proof of vaccination are required. (sorry)

**Pre-Meeting Dinner** Will be at Ixtapa Tuesday February 15th at 5 pm. Call or email Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or [flendish42@gmail.com](mailto:flendish42@gmail.com) to **reserve your place at the dinner table!** Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

**Cookie Team :** Sandi Jensen

**Hospitality Table: ?**



### Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites

**EUGENE CHAPTER:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon at 7PM October through March unless otherwise specified. Unfortunately, face to face meetings are currently suspended due to Covid 19. Website : [eugene-chapter-ars.org](http://eugene-chapter-ars.org)

**PORTLAND CHAPTER:**

**Meetings** 3rd Thursdays, September-May When safe again, chapter meetings will be held at:

**All Saints Episcopal Church 4033 SE Woodstock Blvd. Portland** the program begins at 7 pm. Website : [rhodies.org](http://rhodies.org)

**TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER:** First Tuesday of the month at 6:45 pm Washington County Fire District 2 31370 NW Commercial Street North Plains, OR 97133 Website : [tuatitinvalleyars.org](http://tuatitinvalleyars.org)

**SOUTHWESTERN OREGON:** Disbanded

**WILLAMETTE CHAPTER :** Meetings **Due to Covid-19, our current chapter meetings are held online via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May. Socializing begins at 6:30pm, with the meeting and speaker at 7:00pm. The Zoom link is sent via email and listed in the newsletter. This form of meeting will continue until in-person meetings can safely be resumed.** [Arswillamette.org](http://Arswillamette.org)

**NOYO CHAPTER:** [noyochapterars.com](http://noyochapterars.com)

**EUREKA CHAPTER:** [eurekarhody.org](http://eurekarhody.org)

**MT. ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY:** [marsrhodos.ca](http://marsrhodos.ca)

All other web sites can be found on [rhododendron.org](http://rhododendron.org) under chapters web sites.



Emily says:

My talk is called “History of Hendricks Park and the Rhododendron Garden’. It features timelines of development and the people involved with the creation of the amazing garden we have today. I’m currently the lead worker (and Head Gardener) at Hendricks Park and have been working there for the past 12 years. I joined the Eugene Chapter board in 2017 and have been the secretary since 2009.

As many of you know, Larry and I go to the garden frequently and have watched it evolve under her tutelage . She is a smart and dedicated steward of the park. Come and meet her and not only learn about the history, but about her plans for its future



## “Kia Ora! Springtime in New Zealand”

**Session opens 6:30pm; meeting at 7**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565149180>

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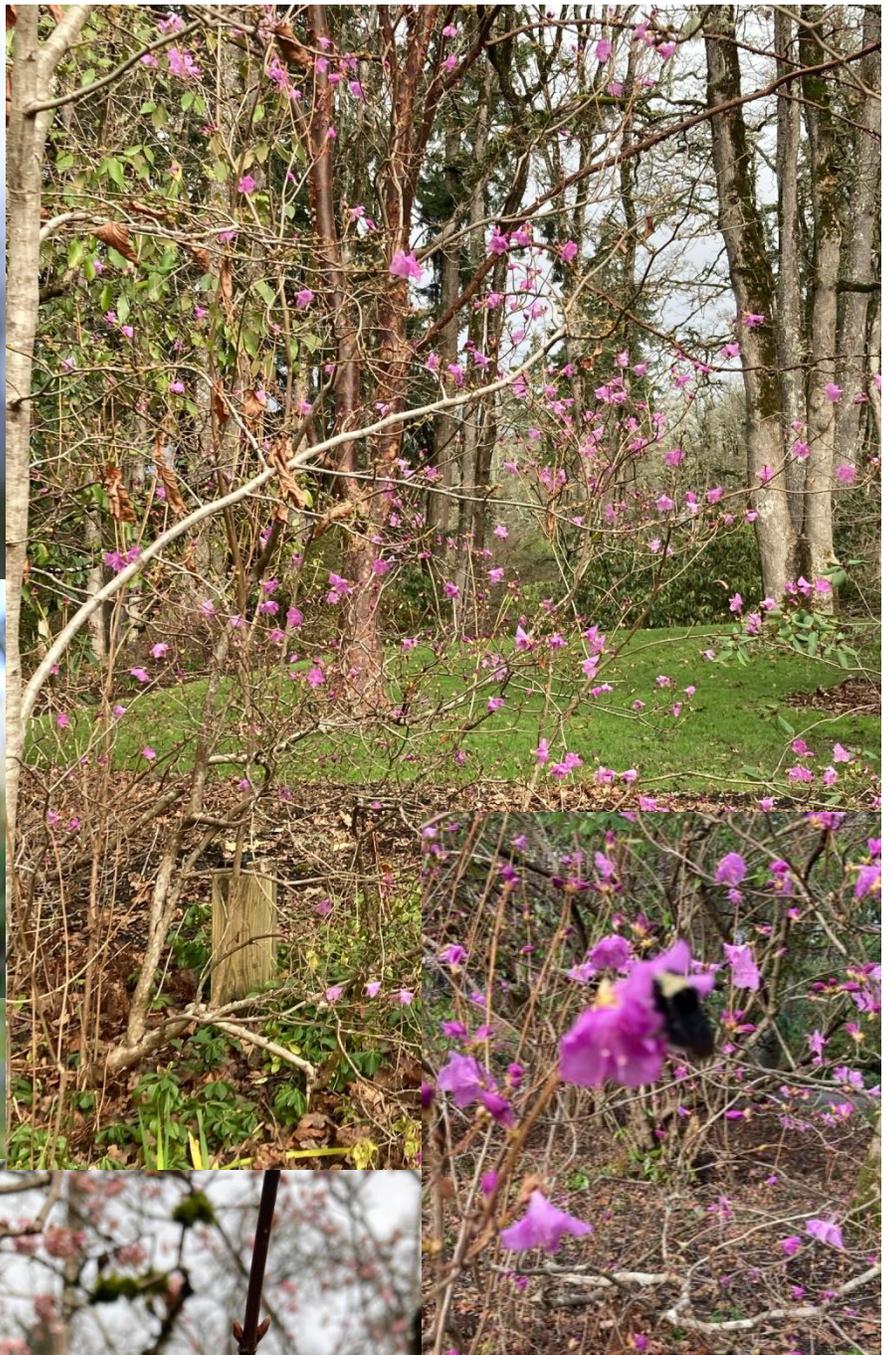
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New Zealand is a land of stunning beauty and diversity. With volcanic peaks and geothermal hot spots on the North Island to the uplifted “southern Alps” and glacial plains of the South Island, it is filled with contrasts. Because of the frequency of earthquakes, New Zealand is known as the “shaky isles”. From tip to tip, New Zealand is roughly the length of Portland to southern California, having a similar range of climates but in “reverse” since it lies in the southern hemisphere. The northern tip enjoys a definite subtropical climate (similar to San Diego) while the extreme southern end is a much cooler temperate one (with alpine areas, too). With all of this diversity comes a wide range of garden styles featuring a wide range of plants—both native and exotic! This presentation will take you on a grand adventure across the “shaky isles” while we visit many of New Zealand’s finest gardens.

Bruce Wakefield has been involved with The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon (HPSO) for most of the past 31 years. Between 1991 and 2010, he was a Vice President; served two terms as Treasurer, ran the twice-yearly plant sales now known as [Hortlandia](#) and [PlantFest](#); planned programs and Study Weekends; helped establish HPSO’s first office and oversaw two office moves; hosted board retreats; wrote for the newsletter; sat on board committees—long-range planning, finance, website, nominating, library, open gardens, grants, and by-law revisions. In 2010, when Bruce completed a two-year term as HPSO President, he stepped into the job of Office Director where he served for eleven years. He continued to volunteer as well, leading the HPSO travel interest group known as “Travel Club” and planning and escorting nearly 30 tours. In honor of Bruce’s service, HPSO named an annual scholarship in his honor. Now officially retired from his service as HPSO Office Director, Bruce plans to continue serving HPSO as a board member. He will continue focusing on HPSO’s travel program, too.



Here are some pictures of our latest visits to the garden.

Even in January there are a few things in bloom, and the bumblebees were very excited about the mucronulatum and the sweet smelling sarcococca. The hellebores are just barely beginning, and the edgeworthia is trying very hard to open!

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



ARS2022

RETURN TO THE NORTHWEST

SPRING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND-VANCOUVER | MAY 4 – 8, 2022

The American Rhododendron Society to hold its Spring International Convention at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Wash., May 4-8, 2022,

The 2022 ARS Spring International Convention—*Return to the Northwest*—will feature a renowned group of international speakers, tours to notable gardens in the area, a plant sale, photo contest, 2-day pre-tour, 3-day post-tour, and more. Invited speakers include Kenneth Cox from Glendoick in Scotland, Lionel de Rothschild from Exbury in England, Jens Nielsen from Denmark, Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros from the Holden Arboretum, and Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden and many others. Garden tours will include visits to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Iseli Nursery, Sebright Gardens, Woodburn Nursery, and the Stewart Garden (formerly Dover Nursery).

The American Rhododendron Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage interest in, and disseminate information about, the genus *Rhododendron*. The organization was incorporated in Portland, Oregon, in January of 1945 and has a membership of some 2,500 members worldwide. The first international rhododendron show was held on Park Avenue in front of the art museum in downtown Portland. 77 years later the 2022 convention, originally planned for 2020, returns for a delayed 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rhododendrons have long been landscape favorites for their diverse forms, foliage and flowers. Hybridizers continue to create new crosses and plant explorers continue to locate and identify new species.

**Registration for the 2022 convention will open on December 1, 2021 and will be available online at [www.ars2022.org](http://www.ars2022.org). ARS membership is not required to attend. Information on the ARS, including membership, is available at [www.rhododendron.org](http://www.rhododendron.org).**

Hello, fellow Rhodoholics. (My computer tried to change this to chocoholics!) ???

We've got great news. Our monthly meeting is on at the Presbyterian Church! The only caveat is we must wear a mask and be vaccinated. That way if any of us are bitten by a rabid dog... Prior to the meeting we will gather at Ixtapa for an intense in-depth discussion which will, no doubt, solve all the world's problems. Please contact Sandi Hennig to reserve a place so we don't need to guess who's coming to dinner. Our speaker for this soiree will be Emily Aune, horticulturist extraordinaire for Hendricks Park in Eugene. If you have never visited the Park, you must put it on your to-do list for this Spring. We are toying with the idea of having a group trip to see some very regal Rhodies and a nursery or two over there. We will also try to visit some personal gardens of our friends down South. And let's not forget about our local gardens. There are some fantastic specimens in our own neighborhood.



This March the Home and Garden Show will be held at the Florence Event Center, and we will need some volunteers to help with disseminating information about our favorite genus. Not genius – genus. Mike Bones will chair the Show, so contact him and offer to help. It's a lot of fun interacting with the public, giving away plants, and telling them how great a group we have.

Also, don't forget the Convention in Portland/Vancouver happening in May just before the late show. They are very educational, and, after this Covid lockdown, we'll need some fresh scenery.

So, let's have a virtual show like last year. Patricia Swift has graciously agreed to handle the logistics and make all our trusses look great again. We will simply enjoy the flowers from everyone's garden and not judge them this year. Please send your photos to Patricia at [pcswift@outlook.com](mailto:pcswift@outlook.com). You will be able to view all the pictures at this link:

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgAxEg\\_Z8DoHgtI4J\\_DKZD7XFR0riA?e=liB4Vj](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgAxEg_Z8DoHgtI4J_DKZD7XFR0riA?e=liB4Vj).

Not to worry about our REAL shows. It looks like the Florence Events Center is open for business this year. If all goes well and there are no more catastrophic incidents, we will have our shows in April and May. The purpose of the virtual show is to highlight those beautiful flowers that never get to strut their stuff in the actual shows.

Hope to see you soon.

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Hi Folks - In case you have not yet heard, here is very sad news from Bill Meyers about Ann Mangels, a past President of the ARS.

Good Evening All: I just received a very sad and shocking call from Bill Mangels that Ann, his wife of many years, and of course a recent Past President of the ARS and winner of the Gold Medal, passed away today from cardiac arrest. Bill said she had gone to the hospital to get a knee replacement on Monday, was examined by a doctor and he didn't like the look of an electro-cardiogram taken prior to the operation. He postponed the operation until Wednesday which she then had and Bill said it went well. She had been so looking forward to having that done so they could do some traveling.



While in the hospital after the surgery, she had a cardiac arrest. The doctors were able to resuscitate her and put her in an ICU. While there she had another cardiac arrest yesterday after which, again, the doctors were able to revive her. However today she had a third episode and they couldn't bring her back this time. Bill was there at the time.

Ann touched a lot of lives in many positive ways, not just in the ARS and ASA.

Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers.

Sadly, but with best regards, Bill Meyers

January 18<sup>th</sup>

It is with great sadness that we report the unexpected passing of Dick Cavender. He died at his home in Sherwood, Oregon, yesterday afternoon. We have no other details to offer at this time. Dick's wife, Karen, called with the news late this morning.

Dick has been our "Treasurer for life" at the Portland Chapter, was devoted to *Rhododendron Occidentale*, had many friends and great respect throughout the American Rhododendron Society. He'll be

greatly missed. We'll share more information as soon as we have it.



As Bill Meyers, ARS president, offered on hearing the news: "We are getting far too many of these announcements lately. Dick will be sadly missed by the many he touched in so many positive ways. Unfortunately I never got to know him and Karen except by his reputation and seeing him on line when he got the Gold Medal recently. As with Ann Mangels, I'm so glad that occurred when they were both still with us. The gavel he made that Ken Webb recently

sent me to pass down to future presidents is a testimony to his generosity and skill as well as his knowledge and love of rhododendrons."

There is no service planned at this time, but if you would like to send a card to Karen Cavender, please mail it to: Karen Cavender 15920 SW Oberst Ln Sherwood, OR 97140

There is a great tribute to Dick and his wife Karen in the Willamette Chapter February newsletter, and I would love to forward it to you if you let me know that you would like it. SJ



I had a bad habit early in my picture taking of not recording names of the cultivars. It has definitely come back to bite me, but it is a pretty thang!



This is a picture of one of the *r. occidentale* species that we saw on our way back from the conference in Eureka at Azalea Park in Brookings. We were in search of seeds, and collected a few which we have grown and planted in the ground.



This was a named variety 'Irene Koster' of *r. occidentale* that we saw in a garden on one of our tours at the Eureka Conference. It was a great time, and I urge you to look into the upcoming meeting in Vancouver, WA



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This was in Whitney Gardens last spring and was tagged 'Phipps Yellow'



Every time we go to Whitney Gardens, I ask for this plant 'Glory of Littleworth', but unfortunately I guess it is hard to root, so alas, I've never gotten one.



This one is 'Cody' and I do have one of these!



Larry under 'Heavenly Scent' They are HUGE, and fragrant!

**Man has never made any material as resilient as the human spirit.**



From Whitney Gardens we went the next day to the Rhododenron Species Botanical Garden. This was one of several species Peonies that were blooming in early May. You might see these if you can go on some of the tours of the convention. I have purchased several species Peonies from the RSBG and they have bloomed for me reliably every year and aren't as fussy as the hybrids that I've had in the past.



Here is another one, and it's probably the same one that I have planted in the ground that does very well.



This is one of the r. cinnabarinums at the RSBG



This was at the Prchal's garden last spring. Thank you for the tour, Ron and Cheryl!



*the first thing to try when all else fails is again*



*Kind Hearts are the garden,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.*



You get more than you give

when you give more than you get.



**NO CASES OF EYESTRAIN HAVE  
BEEN DEVELOPED BY LOOKING ON  
THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THINGS.**

I messed up a couple things in the newsletter, one was in the Chapter meeting line where I said the date of the meeting was September 18<sup>th</sup> ... It's on FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>! The other was the following announcement of the zoom meeting, I failed to include the date it was happening

My apologies!

There are several more Zoom meetings, but being the computer maladroit that I am, I wasn't able to copy the information into the newsletter. If you would like to join any of these meetings, contact me and I will forward the publications that they are in.

Just call me sorry Sandi

## Portland Chapter February 17, 2022

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