

MACROPHYLLUM MARCH 2022

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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On the internet

- Web site: www.siuslawars.org
- Facebook: Coastal Rhododendrons



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Rhodies 101, and flower prep for the early show

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 8th at Sandi and Bill Hennig's home at 05638 Martin Rd. at 6:30 P.M.

Chapter Meeting-: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, March 15th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for visiting, 7:00 for the meeting.

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

Hospitality Table: Ron Caputo



Other Oregon Chapter Meetings and websites

EUGENE CHAPTER: 3rd Wednesday on March 16, at the Sizzler in Springfield....arrive at 5:30 to order dinner and be served...program at 7. Tim Walsh is our speaker. Website : 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

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

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

NOYO CHAPTER: noyochapterars.com

EUREKA CHAPTER: eurekarhody.org

MT. ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY: marsrhodos.ca

All other web sites can be found on rhododendron.org under chapters web sites.

Some of these meetings will have changed or relocated, but this is what I have at this time.



I don't know about the rest of you, but I will be delighted when I can see all of your smiling faces again! SJ

Hello, Fellow Rhody enthusiasts.

It is with a heavy heart that I must tell of Gene Cockeram's passing. He was a member of our Chapter for 52 years. Anyone who encountered Gene knows how much he enjoyed sharing stories about his favorite topic. And, once he had your ear... Soon we will try to have a memorial. More details coming.

In February we were finally able to have an in-person meeting and we could not have had a more enjoyable presentation to kick things off. Emily Aune escorted us through the development and history of Hendricks Park in Eugene. Most interesting. Personally, it was a walk down memory lane. I must have known at least half the people mentioned.

On to March. Usually we have a 'Rhodies 101' program as our first gathering of the year. However, nothing has been as usual for the past two years, so this meeting we will attempt to regale you with some basic culture tips presented by our very knowledgeable members. At future gatherings we will delve into Rhododendron care in more depth.

This weekend is the Home and Garden Show at the FEC and we will be there with bells on. If you are not on our Rhody booth crew, stop by and say hello. The more the merrier.

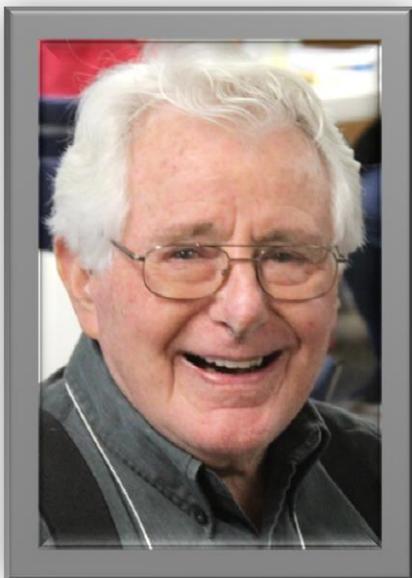
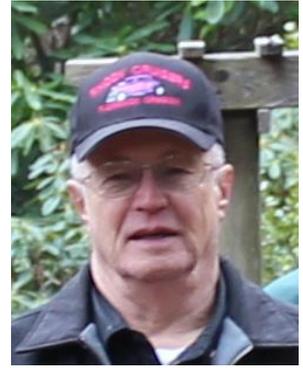
Don't forget about next month. The April Flower Show will be upon us before we know it. Fertilize and clean those babies now. We need to make our shows the best ever. Be ready to volunteer.

What about the virtual show? Send your pictures to Patricia Swift at pcswift@outlook.com. They won't be judged this year, but it's always nice to share those beautiful flowers that are never entered into the actual shows. Please contact me if you need anything.

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Just to let you know that Gene Cockeram passed away this morning, (March 1st)

He had a good life.

He did like displaying his rhododendrons all over the state, taking away many trophies and bringing them to Florence.

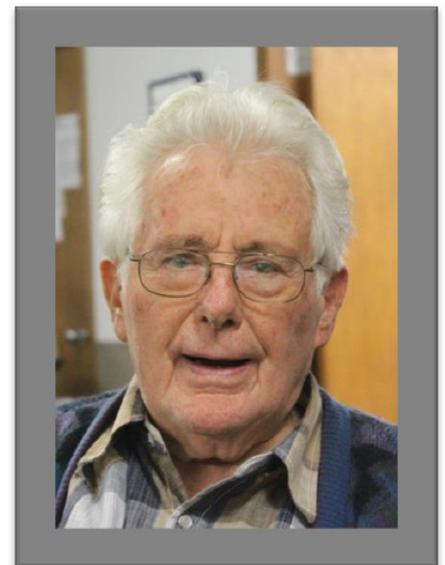
He will be missed.

Mike

He was a staple of our society, not only because of his vast knowledge of all things

rhododendron, but for sharing his knowledge and love of

rhododendrons with everyone. He will be sorely missed, but we can hope that he will be reunited with Doris, his first and longest love. Rest in peace, Gene Sandi J



AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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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 75th 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. ARS membership is not required to attend. Information on the ARS, including membership, is available at www.rhododendron.org.

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This is a not great picture of Gene Cockeram’s rhodie that was chosen by the Susan B Komen foundation, and named “Pink Ribbons” Gene donated all his proceeds from the sale of these plants to the Florence Hospital for state of the art diagnostic and treatment tools to fight breast cancer.



Eruption



Yaku Sunrise @ Whitney Gardens



Phipps Yellow @ Whitney Gardens



Red Eye



Phyllis Korn @ Prchal’s Garden



IDK



Seven Devil’s Red Macrophyllum



Here's a couple Kalmia also known as Mountain Laurel



This is our r. Sutchuenense



A little touch of cuteness... our Addison



**In our house dog hair is both
a fashion accessory
and a condiment.**