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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Exploring for new Rhododendrons in the wild with intrepid plant hunter, Steve Hootman!

Board Meeting: Tuesday , 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, November 15th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting.

Pre-Meeting Dinner Our pre-meeting dinner will be at Chen's this month. Call or email Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or email her at flendish42@gmail.com or Lee Goodenough at 541-901-1292 or secretlgood@gmail.com **Be sure to reserve your place at the dinner table!** Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Cookie Team : Steven Price, Lois Bravo, and Sandi Hennig

Hospitality Table: Ron Caputo& Steven Price



Other Westcoast Chapter Meetings and websites

EUGENE CHAPTER:

Website : eugene-chapter-ars.org

PORTLAND CHAPTER:

Meetings 3rd Thursdays, September-May . Chapter meetings will be held at: Reedwood Friends Church 2901 SE Steele Street Portland 97202 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 : <http://tualatinvalleyars.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: WWW.noyochapterars.org

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.



Great people, Great Speaker, Great cookies, and all around great meeting!

November Presidents message



I often marvel at how beautiful and unique our favorite genus is. The marvel is they can have leaves from ¼” long to 3’ long and trusses with one or two tiny flowers to mounds almost a foot high comprised of 30 flowers, each four inches across. They can be prostrate, hugging the ground no more than a few inches tall or trees reaching 100’. Or, they can be epiphytic, growing in trees.

The myriad of colors always amazes. Just imagine and it’s possible.

Our October meeting featured Jack Olson, a hybridizer and collector for over 50 years. He shared his insight and expertise in searching for that elusive combination of parents to produce the perfect plant.

Our November meeting will feature Steve Hootman, plant explorer extraordinaire from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Gardens in Federal Way, Washington. We have had the pleasure of Steve’s presentations, taking us to China, Viet Nam and throughout Southeast Asia. Always informative and entertaining.

This meeting will be, “New Rhododendron Species Introductions in the Second Golden Age of Plant Exploration”. These are the new plants that have recently been discovered that offer almost unlimited potential for hybridizing. Remember, ‘recently’ is relative. Steve usually brings offerings from the Species Garden for us to purchase. The possibilities should give Jack Olson sweet dreams.

Don’t forget to send in your dues! If you wait too long (the end of November) you will not get the first issue of our great quarterly.

Please contact me with any inquiries about the world of Rhododendrons
Day Farrald, pres.

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Recipe for Ginger Crinkle cookies

Originally from Debbie Matson in Placerville, CA, became a favorite at the Marshall hospital laboratory

Mix together, beat until smooth:

- 2/3 cup oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 tablespoons molasses

Separately stir together:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 Teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon



Mix together liquid & dry ingredients, dough should be soft and pliable. Roll into 1 to 1 1/2 inch balls, roll balls in dish of sugar, place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet immediately.

Store in airtight container with a small piece of bread to keep them soft (I don’t usually add the bread, but they may get crispier if you don’t.) Makes about 3 dozen cookies

From Enid Deibert

Last December at our Christmas Party, we were honored to award bronze medals to Ron and Cheryl Prchal and Pam Guettler as well as a letter of appreciation for Jay Guettler. Then at the June Picnic we were also honored to award a letter of appreciation to JoAnn Wilson. All of these people worked tirelessly on behalf of our society, and we wanted them all to know how much we valued their work on behalf of our group.



Ron&Cheryl Prchal



Pam Guettler



Jay Guettler



JoAnn Wilson



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.



Daylight Savings Time is like cutting off one end of a blanket and sewing it onto the other end.



I was asked about when the Membership begins and ends at the last meeting and although the regular renewal comes due in September, I was not certain about the new memberships. I only knew that they were longer than someone who joined in January. Our treasurer, Linda Farrald asked Katherine Sterner to explain, and here is her response:

The renewals should be in by December. They are effectively no longer on the roster after 12/31. The 18 month membership applies only to NEW members. If someone joins after April 1, they will have already missed two journals. For this reason we give them the extra year (which is really only 1-1/2 years). Existing members will not receive an extra year, no matter how late they renew.

Best to just get their renewals in on a timely basis!

So, now you know, and I am a fan of the Journal. It is packed with so much interesting and useful information! Please renew so you won't miss any of the journals!

Exploring for new Rhododendrons in the wild

Siuslaw Chapter American Rhododendron Society meeting, Tuesday November 15th, 6:30 for social, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Presbyterian Church 3996 Hwy 101, Florence, OR.



Our speaker for the evening will be Steve Hootman, Executive Director and Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. The RSBG maintains one of the largest collection of species rhododendrons in the world and is committed to disseminating information about them, as well as plants and seeds. Steve has become a foremost international authority on Rhododendron taxonomy and distribution and he regularly visits the more remote parts of China, Vietnam, India, Tibet, and Papua New Guinea to discover, identify, and acquire new species. Steve was awarded the ARS's highest honor, the Gold Medal, in 2007 for his internationally significant work with genus Rhododendron. Steve's presentation for our meeting will be new Rhododendron Species introductions in

the second golden age of plant explorations. It promises to be a fascinating evening of pictures. You won't want to miss it!

Wednesday night, Steve will be speaking about his 2019 exploring trip in China, Eugene Chapter ARS, meets at The Springs, Greer Garden. the meeting starts at 7 so come earlier.



A species Peony in the RSBG



R. augustinii at the RSBG



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This is my red maple alongside our driveway. It's small but has beautiful fall color.



These are some Acer palmatum 'Sango Kaku' seedlings



This is a Starfish Cactus in my greenhouse. The blooms smell bad, but are beautiful and BIG!



Another species peony at the RSBG



Beach Baby



A good life is when you smile often, dream big, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are for what you have.



Tangerine Fuchsia



You get more than you give when you give more than you get.