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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: AUGUST SATURDAY 26TH PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! GATHER AT NOON , EAT AT ONE!

Board Meeting: DONE

Chapter Meeting-: We will be having a potluck picnic at the airplane hangar provided by the very generous Sam Spayd! Florence Municipal Airport 2001 Airport Way (my google map app says Rd.) Florence, OR
Since this will be a **POTLUCK PICNIC**, please bring a dish to share. Bring a dish or dishes that are your family favorites Bring table service and, beverages for yourselves. Chairs will be provided, but we could use some folding tables. PLUS, bring a garden related gift for the 'plant game'. (Something that you would like for yourself). Please join us for good food, and a good time. And don't forget the 'plant game'! Our version of musical chairs or ???
The red ARS 'sign' will be at the entrance to the airport on Kingwood next to the Military Museum! See you there!



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

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.



Greetings, Rhody Enthusiasts.

We are halfway through Summer and getting perilously close to the Fall Conference. Now is the time to step up and get involved in an endeavor that puts our little Chapter on the International stage. This Tuesday, August 8th we will have a meeting at Mike and Kathy Bones' place at 6:30. We are going to need help with plant sales, greeters, table hosts, display assemblers, and a myriad of other important jobs. Please plan on attending and volunteering. It is VERY important.

Another upcoming event will be our second picnic of the year. Sam Spayd has graciously offered his hangar for a unique get-together, sharing meals of our ancestors or other ethnic dishes. Remember, this does not have to be a main course. Desserts and side dishes are always fun. Personally, I'm making a big pot of gumbo (Louisiana) and a Mokka Torta (Hungarian).

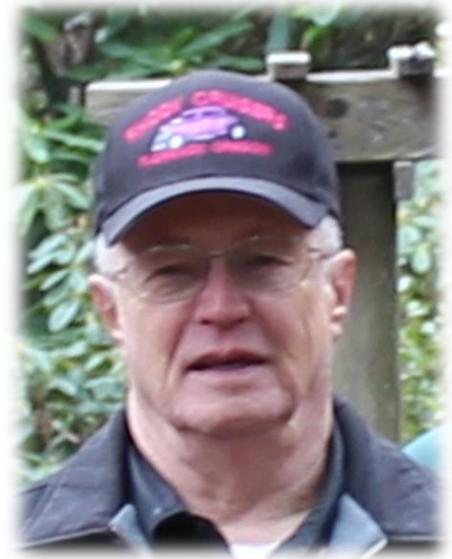
The grab and run gift exchange will be on tap, again. Find something garden related and be prepared to outwit the gremlin that wants the same treasure as you. Festivities begin at noon and chow is set for one on SATURDAY the 26th of August.

And don't forget, it won't hurt to fertilize again. Those babies get hungry in this sand.

Hope to see you at the Conference meeting at the Bones house and the picnic. [TUESDAY AUGUST 8TH @ 6:30](#)

If you have any questions or input, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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FALL CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION

CHAPTER BASKET

It's getting close! With the ARS Fall Conference scheduled for October 19-21, it's time to kick preparations for the Silent Auction into a higher gear. To help with the cost of the event, there will be a Silent Auction at the conference. Mike Bones has received a commitment from the other Chapters in our district to each provide a "Chapter" basket to be bid on. Our Chapter will also supply such a basket and we are looking for your help to fill it. The general theme for the basket will be Florence and the surrounding area, although it isn't limited to just that. Your donations will be much appreciated and are what will make the Silent Auction a success.

There will be several other baskets and items for bidding at the Silent Auction. If you have an idea for an item you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, or specifically for our Chapter Basket, please contact me at 541-305-1424 or at beachbabybaubles@gmail.com. Your interest and contributions to this project are appreciated. Debbie Peterson

Welcome our new members, Spencer & Sara Lake, John and Renee Laude, Dolly & Devin Northrup, Florence Harrod and Gary Johnson, & Bruce Ward. We hope to see you all at the picnic!



As you read in Day's message we have a pre-conference meeting at Mike and Kathy Bones home this coming Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30. It is very important for all of us to pull together and volunteer at the conference. The jobs are all important and the more people we have volunteer, the less each individual has to do. Please, please, please help!

Sandi Jensen



This first picture is our granddaughter with her blue ribbon, the 2nd is from Susan Walker from her yard, and we believe it may be 'Anna', and the 3rd is a Kalmia in Shore Acres Park.



Relax... We're all crazy... It's not a competition



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.



I meant to behave, but there were too many other options.



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Here is Silas with his foot in his mouth! He must take after me, but I don't think I could do that anymore. Just figuratively now!



Addison as one of the village people.



My Rudbeckia and Echinacea



One of my dark fuchsias



Larry has been busy making firewood for the winter



And I've picked our first beans!

