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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Jack Olson's trip to the Olympic Peninsula in pictures.

Board Meeting: Tuesday February 14th 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, February 21st 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 Abby's this month. Call or email Lee Goodenough at 541-901-1292 or secretlgood@gmail.com, or call or email Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com or **Be sure to reserve your place at the dinner table!** Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Cookie Team : Lee Goodenough, Sandi Hennig, Jody Driver, Anne Korn

Hospitality Table: Vicki Vogel



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.



Another fun meeting.

Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

The horticultural busy season is upon us and, if you want a few trophy winners, you better start babying them now. They are hungry and a good fertilizer is on the menu. Days are getting slightly longer and magically Mother Nature is sending a wake-up call to our slumbering flower babies.

At this month's meeting we will be dazzled once again by Jack Olson describing his favorite Rhododendrons. Always entertaining, Jack's 60+ years of Rhody love enables him to articulate the beauty he sees in stunning detail. It's a gathering not to be missed.

March brings the Home and Garden Show which is constantly fun. It affords us the opportunity to meet new people who are interested in our favorite plant and introduce our great Society to them. What is needed now are volunteers to greet folks and just visit. They usually have the questions, and we have the answers. If you can spare a couple hours it would be great.

Next come the big ones. Get ready for the April and May Shows. Our little village puts on the best Shows in the Country. Can't wait.

Hope to see you at the February meeting.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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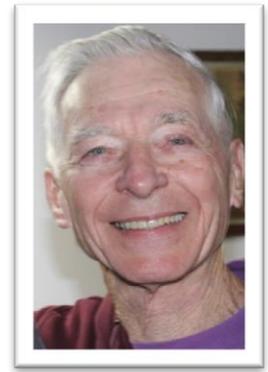
Siuslaw Chapter ARS Mission Statement

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.**

Jack Olson says about his program

I have been gardening now for over 60 years. Rhododendrons have been my passion. I have been hybridizing rhododendrons for over 25 years. When I found out there would be a garden tour and part of it would be to Haronswood garden, I wanted to go. My program will be about the trip in the Olympic peninsula. I will show the incredible gardens I got to view. - Jack



Collectors Corner- R. ririei

It's been a few years since I have written any articles for the newsletter.

A little background; about 25 years ago after a fairly strong windstorm, I was up near Hendricks Park in Eugene. Some trees from the park had blown down and damaged the perimeter of a neighboring house. It was early February and while upstairs in the house, I saw a purple rhodie in the park. Being early in the year as soon as I was finished writing a bid, I went to explore. The plant was rather open growing, but a really nice purple and very early blooming. As soon as I found that it was r. ririei, I went to Greer Gardens and bought one the next week-end. Unfortunately, that particular plant in the park perished, but there is another plant(the one below, left) higher up in the park. Being a species, the color ranges from lavender pink to medium purple. One of the best plants we have seen was at Bovee's in Portland. I believe the first one in Hendricks



Park was a cutting of the Bovee plant or vice-versa.

25 to 30 years later, our plant is about 10'-12' tall. We have had temperatures from -10°F to over 110°F. Sometimes it protests a bit, but over all is a healthy plant.

Before that we had a handful of plants (rhodies), but since that time the collection has grown to several hundred. We have had some other early bloomers, but ririei is still my favorite early bloomer! Larry Jensen



The last few years, as we have walked the upper paths of Hendricks park early every year, I have become enamored with the plant Mahonia x media 'Charity'. I have long been familiar with our native Mahonia aquifolium, better known to most of us as 'Oregon Grape'. It grows everywhere here in our wooded acres, but is not a plant that I would consider attractive. However, this Mahonia media is very attractive year round, and seems to be liked by many landscapers. I noticed



Berberidaceae
*Mahonia
x
media
'Charity'*

the other day that it had been planted in the planting strips on Crescent Avenue in northeast Eugene. They seem to handle a bit more sun than our native species, so could have wider applications, much like the rhododendrons are. I have yet to seek out a plant for our home garden, but it is getting to the time to go in search of a few good plants! SJ



Mike ordered a GIANT margarita at our pre-meeting dinner (that could explain a lot) and as you can see, Kathy was not impressed!



Some days I amaze myself... Other days, I look for my phone while I'm talking on it!



You call them swear words. I call them sentence enhancers.

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This is the cover picture of our Addison on the family calendar and is definitely frame worthy!

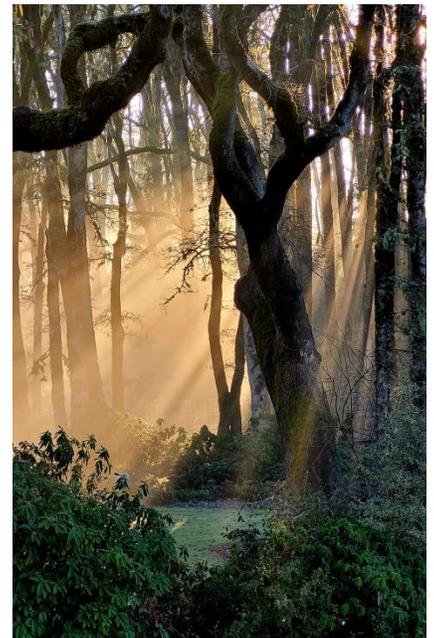


We had our first Fall 2023 Conference planning meeting in January on January 24th at Mike and Kathy Bones home. There is a lot to do and decide. So please set your calendar to join us for the next meeting that will be February 28, 2023 at 6:00pm at Mike and Kathy's home . Call them at 541-997-3082 for directions.

There is no better way to get to know the other members of the club than to volunteer. The work is not hard, but the rewards are great! SJ



Larry under one of the ginormous Loderi trees at Whitney Gardens



This beautiful picture was sent to me by Floyd Hutchins. Gorgeous!



We went to Washington state early in May of 2021, and after shopping at Whitney Gardens, we went over to Federal Way to the species botanical Garden. The Magnolias, Peonies, and above the Cinnabarinums were at their peak. I highly recommend a tour.



I have this Peony in a pot, and it is stunning every year!