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- **Web site:** www.siuslawars.org
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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Exploring for new Rhododendrons in the wild with intrepid plant hunter, Steve Hootman's pictures that we didn't get to see in November!

Board Meeting: Tuesday January 10th 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, January 17th 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 Ixtapa 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 : Jody Driver, Gabriella Borsay, Debbie Peterson

Hospitality Table: Rosemary Rebello



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.



Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and diets haven't gone completely off the charts. We can only hope 2023 will be prosperous, allowing us to buy more Rhododendrons, of course.

There are many things on the agenda for the coming year; the Home Show, two Rhododendron shows, and the Fall Conference, and as with previous activities, it takes many volunteer hours to accomplish the quality programs this Chapter, in this small community, presents. You guessed it. When asked, please raise your hand.

This past year we assimilated our sister Chapter from the Southern Oregon Coast. It was not something we pursued, but it was necessary to keep those members involved in Rhododendron culture to maintain contact with fellow enthusiasts. Three of those members graciously volunteer to judge our May show and one of those southerners brings more entries than any of our local colleagues. Some of the gardens are fantastic and should be visited as often possible. I would like to plan a Chapter trip this spring. I'll keep you posted so you can mark your calendar.

The program for the January meeting will include the visual part of the November get together. We had a slight computer problem which tested our speaker's ability to shoot from the hip and Steve Hootman came through with flying colors giving us an outstanding presentation. Now, we will show you the pictures, and you must fill in the blanks! Steve has given the Chapter a copy of his program along with the pertinent info. So...

Now, let's talk Christmas party. We had a great time! The food was outstanding, and the people were pretty good, too. We had the privilege of presenting Tom Dickson with a bronze medal. He exemplifies volunteerism.

I hope to see you all at our January meeting and talk about our favorite genus.

Day Farrald, Pres.

Please contact me with any questions. 541-579-5544, 541-590-3161, day817@outlook.com

And don't forget we have four nurseries in the area that are members of the ARS, each offering a 10% discount to Chapter members. Please call ahead for an appointment, and remember to bring along your membership number!

Bones Nursery
541-997-3082

Hérons By the Bay
4714 Sea Breeze Ln.
541-997-1520

Mowbray Gardens
541-999-5425

Thompson's Nursery
2874 Alsea Highway
Waldport, OR 541-563-3570



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.**

Anita's Angel:the plant...the dream...the story



We obtained the seed from the American Rhododendrons Society's seed exchange. It was a number of years before these seedlings began blooming. When I saw this blooming I knew it was something special and I brought home a truss to show Anita because she was still recovering from an operation, radiation and was on a year long session with chemo and the prognoses was bad. That night I had a dream and visioned the truss just in front of me. I saw the image of an angel head and the wings to the side on each petal. Then all the "angels" flew away! In the morning I told the dream to Anita and she asked me what it meant. I am not good at this but out of my mouth came...*you don't need the angels anymore and they have gone to help someone else.* At the time I had doubts but I knew thousands of prayers were sent up on her behalf. The dream and the words that came out of my mouth was not me and I began to believe they came from higher up. After many years we are very sure it was the hand of God and his angels that spared her life. Each year when Anita's Angel blooms we are reminded, thank God, and pray that Anita's angels are helping others through the bad times.
(actually more often than that)

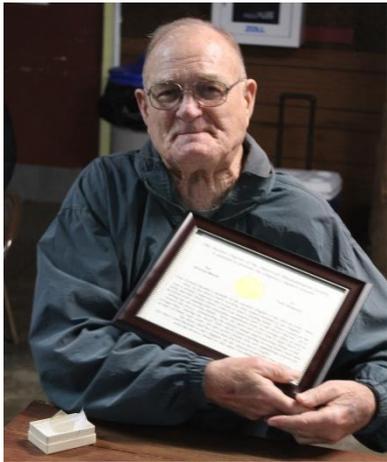
When I asked Floyd if I could reprint this from the 2017 Southwest Summer newsletter , he agreed and sent this update.

"Anita had the cancer return 27 years later. Her angels are still at work. Spots on her liver removed and a year later two lymph nodes removed and now had her 4 th clean c scan."

We're so blessed and thankful to have this lovely couple as members of our group!

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is pleased to present the chapter's highest award, the bronze medal to Tom Dickson.

Tom Dickson became a member of the Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS in 2008.



Since then, he has been a hardworking and valued member of our chapter. Tom is always congenial and ready to lend a helping hand. Twice a year, at the early and late Rhody Shows, Tom is an integral part of our shows' success. He is involved with loading and unloading equipment from our storage shed, as well as setting up the display stands. When the shows are over, Tom is right there to reverse the process dismantling the display stands and returning things to the storage shed. During the shows, Tom can be found putting in long hours each day as part of the Plant Sales team. He also assists people who are submitting trusses for the shows and has even been known to direct traffic.



For these contributions to our chapter, we are pleased to present Tom Dickson with the Bronze Medal on this date, December 4, 2022.



Mike and the crew at ICM at his birthday party



Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles. Notice them.

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Katrina

**IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT
A SMILE, GIVE THEM ONE OF
YOURS**



Walter Blohm, Larry Jensen, and Tom Dickson back when we used to volunteer at Gallagher Park



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