

# JUNE 2023

## MACROPHYLLUM

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- Web site: [www.siuslawars.org](http://www.siuslawars.org)



### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic: JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> 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. We have people bringing pulled pork, cole slaw, gumbo, and pickles. 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). In addition, we are going to be holding elections. Day Farrald has agreed to run again for president, Bill Hennig has agreed to run again for vice president, and Ken Deibert has agreed to run for the board position but nominations will be accepted from the floor. Please join us for good food, a good time, and elections!!! 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](http://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](http://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](http://Arswillamette.org)

NOYO CHAPTER: [WWW.noyochapterars.org](http://WWW.noyochapterars.org)

EUREKA CHAPTER: [eurekarhody.org](http://eurekarhody.org)

MT. ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY: [marsrhodos.ca](http://marsrhodos.ca)

All other web sites can be found on [rhododendron.org](http://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 tour of 3 gardens. Pete and Candy Baumers', Liz Hultin's, and Marjean MacIntyre's. on the southcoast.



I'm pleased to tell you that Sandi Hennig is recovering at home and doing very well. Bill has been her rock, and family made them some meals so they wouldn't have to cook so much. (I'm ashamed to say I didn't even think of it) We missed them at the show so much, but we muddled through with everyone's help. She continues to gain strength and we hope that we can see them both soon!



I wanted to tell you about Lee Goodenough and Fred Guettler who were a big part of our group for many years. They recently moved to Arizona to escape the cold we had been experiencing. Lee says she misses everyone, but is reveling in the warmth where they moved. She sent me some pictures of their new digs and surrounding landscape. We wish them the very best!







Contributors to the pictures in this collage were Ken Deibert, Eric Oshel, Day Farrald and Lori Kelley as well as myself

**May 2023 Late Show  
TROPHY Winners**

5/20/2023

List #	Category #	Category Name	Truss Name	Winner
1.	1-6	Best Deciduous Azalea		Baumer
2.	7-13	Best Evergreen Azalea		Baumer
3.	14-16	Best White		Mayes
4.	17-21	Best Pink		Baumer
5.	20a	Best Walloper		Drochek
6.	22-23a	Best Rose		Trautmann
7.	24-25-27-28	Best Red		Hultin
8.	26 & 31	Best Black Red & Black Purple		Beaty
9.	29-30-32-33	Best Purple		Baumer
10.	34-37	Best Yellow		Baumer
11.	38-41	Best Orange		Baumer
12.	42-43	Best Tri-color		Baumer
13.	44-50 & 800	Best Hybrid Lepidote		Hennig
14.	80-740	Best Maddenia		Baumer
15.	470-550	Best Species Azalea		Prchal
16.	562	Best Macrophyllum		Bones
17.	566-680 (excluding 562)	Best Elepidote Species		Brayley
18.	700-790	Best Species Lepidote		Prchal
19.	810-830	Best New American Hybrid		Jensen
20.	850	Best Spray		Klampe
21.	910-940	Best Foliage		Jensen
22.		Best in Show		Baumer
23.		Sweepstakes		Hultin
24.		King		Baumaer
25.		Queen		Baumer



We had a great raffle, thanks to Michelle at Thompson nursery who donated the plants. They created much excitement, and much needed income !

The winners were, one of our own members, Mary Curtis, Judy Crawford, and Buchwald. I'm sorry I did not record who won what, but I'm certain that they were very happy with their plants!





Here are a few pictures from Ron and Cheryl Prchals garden from mid May! Beautiful !



#### 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.

Welcome to our new members! Nancy Burns who is a member from the Eugene Chapter is now an associate member of our group, and welcome to Spencer & Sara Lake, plus welcome back Bob and Leilani Mayes ! We look forward to getting to see you at our picnic!

We have a new activity, an azalea cutting party is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 1pm at Gallagher's Park. Bring cuttings of your favorite azalea, or we will have material available. If you have a container that you would like to use, bring it. We will also be providing medium (potting soil, bark, pumice, perlite, etc.). We hope to see you there. The other summer activities that we are considering are building truss carriers, and a late summer picnic. These will be discussed at the June picnic.



Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

We put another one in the books, and it was great! There were 657 flower entries and 17 foliage. Considering the terrible weather this Spring, it was a fabulous turnout. It took a lot of effort and could not have been accomplished by a lesser group. The teamwork and friendship was exemplary.

Sandi and Bill Hennig were very much missed, and their absence was felt, but everyone picked up the slack and we had super sales and a very knowledgeable group at the hospitality table. Plant sales exceeded \$10,000 and book sales and raffle and donations added another \$1,000. Our percentage covered the rental of the FEC!

As always, our objective in putting on such a beautiful show is to illustrate to the public how wonderful and varied the genus rhododendron is and hope it may pique their interest enough to enter next year and, maybe, eventually join. One way we do this is by awarding multiple ribbons in each category. Of the 657 entries the judges awarded 427 ribbons! Personally, I have had six people in my neighborhood light up when I gave them their ribbons. Additionally, today (Monday) we received a new application from an exhibitor who was not a member.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of this month we will hold our annual picnic at Sam Spayd's hangar. The gate will open at the airport at noon and grub is on at one. Remember, this is a potluck, so bring one of your favorite dishes. At the picnic we will be holding an election, so please come, it is important. And don't forget the plant game!!!

The week following will be our azalea cutting party on the 27<sup>th</sup> at one. If you have evergreen azaleas in your yard and wish to propagate them, please bring a few cuttings. Don't forget to label them. There are azaleas at Gallagher Park, and we can take some there, too. All materials will be supplied, and we will prepare them next door to the park. Bring pruners if you have them.

Thanks, again, for all the help putting on the Show.

See you at the picnic.

Day



***A wise man never plants more garden than his wife can hoe!***



***I'm so far behind.....I thought I was first!***

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**We thought you all might like to see the evil weevils!!!**



This is the most common adult, the one that chews notches in the edges of your rhododendron leaves... Then you can see the grubs (below) who are responsible for many plants dying what seems quickly because they can eat all the roots, and girdle the bark.



Below are a couple of good buggers!



The last three pictures were sent to me by Ken Deibert of their tour of Hinsdale Garden!