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MACROPHYLLUM

Siuslaw Chapter
American Rhododendron Society
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Macrophyllum picture from Cheryl Prchal



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Rhodies 101 and early show preparation.

Board Meeting: Tuesday March 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, March 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 ICM this month. Call or email Lee Goodenough at 541-901-1292 or secretgood@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 : Lois Bravo, Enid Diebert, Tom Oshel,

Hospitality Table: Gabriella Borsay



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.

SPRING Spring:

A happy and active word, evocative of action or resilience, a source, energy, and more; all appropriate as a description for the subject of these comments. That is, of course, the fascination of unfurling new foliage and myriad flowers with which nature treats using a spectacle of growth and color during the yearly emergence from Winter all across our waysides and gardens. A 'Sunday Drive' including a stop at Hinsdale Garden is a great way to enjoy some of that Spring bounty.

About seventy years ago O. Howard Hinsdale set out to create a small woodland garden after the style made popular in the British Isles. Redwoods, Spruce and larger growing deciduous trees provided cover for massive plantings of rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias. Plant material was sourced from both overseas and around Oregon, the latter often mature garden specimens, thus forming the basis for a well-established garden. Hinsdale also greatly enlarged and improved the existing weekend cottage into a permanent family home. Soon the family began hosting open garden days, and teas, attracting visitors from up and down the coast, Roseburg, Eugene and beyond.

Today many of the plants have reached a size where one may delight in flowering well overhead, while also enjoying blossoms close at hand in mass plantings of evergreen azaleas. And then there's three weeks or so when the significant collection of Loderis fills the air with their special fragrance.

The garden location is easily accessible from either the I-5 corridor or coastal Highway 101 at about five miles upriver from Reedsport on Scenic Highway 38. Parking can be tight, but pull outs for the Elk Viewing Area on the other side of roadway (one opposite the gated garden entrance) provide access with just a short walk. The garden is owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and thus open to us all.

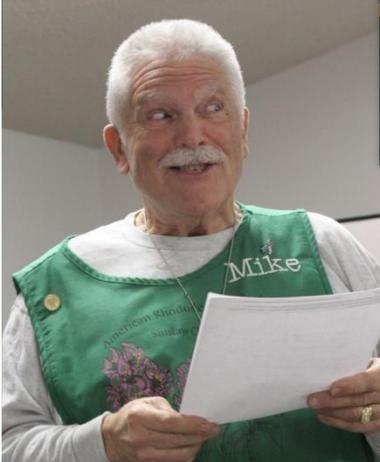
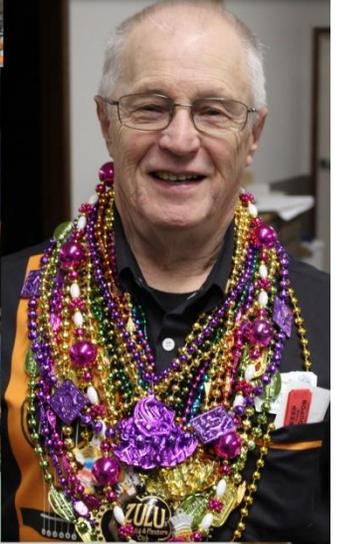
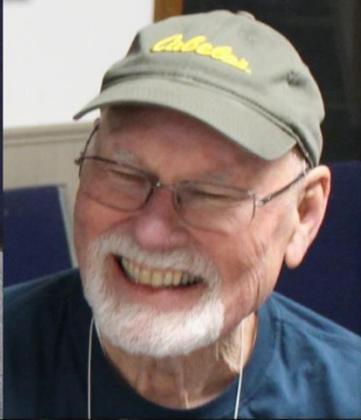
Gordon Wylie February, 2023



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.**





*The Florence Area
Chamber of Commerce
is proud to announce the 2023
Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade*

*Grand Marshall
as
Mike Bones*

*Our Local rhododendron expert,
2022 American Rhododendron
Society Silver Award Recipient,
Chamber Ambassador President,
Three Rivers Casino staff member,
community volunteer &
beloved friend to many in Florence.*



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Al Rojas - Chamber Board Chair, Beth
Rudometkin Board Member, Angela Nelson
Board Member, Mike Bones, Wife Kathy
Bones, Mitzi Hathaway Director of Tourism
Development, Rich Colton Board Member and
Marketing Director for Three Rivers Casino

Photo Mike Bones Grand Marshall Announcement

Here are copies of the announcement. Also included is a photo taken by Three Rivers Casino Marketing Assistant Jackie Bell. After we made the announcement on the PA system that Mike Bones was named Grand Marshall. It was taken Saturday night immediately after the Beach Party fundraiser for C.R.O.W. That is why we are dressed summer casual. LOL!

Mitzi Hathaway
Director of Tourism Development
541-997-3128 EXT:2

Recently, you've probably heard talk about the 2023 American Rhododendron Society (ARS) Fall Conference that the Siuslaw Chapter will be hosting this fall, October 19-21 at the Florence Events Center (FEC). The closer we get to the event, the more you'll hear about it. One aspect of hosting the event is the cost, the majority of which falls on our chapter. One way our chapter will be offsetting the event cost will be through a silent auction which will be held as part of the conference.

There will be a variety of items in the auction, all of which will be donations. While we will be canvassing local businesses for donations (but not until after the Late Flower Show), I wanted to make you aware that we will also be seeking help from our members for donations.

So many of you have skills in arts, crafts, quilting, woodworking, carving, jewelry, pottery, etc. IS IT POSSIBLE YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DONATING A PIECE OF YOUR WORK FOR THE SILENT AUCTION?

While October seems like a long time away, it will be here before you know it. Because some projects require a lot of time to plan, find necessary materials/supplies, and to create, I felt it is important you know now about this opportunity. It's also important that you know how much any such donation would be appreciated...very much!

To ensure we have enough available space and appropriate display areas, please contact me about your plans for donations. I can be reached at 541-997-1212 or beachbabybaubles@gmail.com.

Debbie Peterson



Hello, Rhodie Enthusiasts.

We have a serious problem on our hands. Last year, Mike Bones received the prestigious Silver Medal Award. This year, Mike will be the Grand Marshall of the Rhododendron Festival! This is going to be hard to deal with.

The Home and Garden Show was a great success. We had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of people eager to learn about our favorite flower. The Chapter gave away 14 plants to lucky attendees and many showed interest in attending one of our meetings. Thanks to all our members for the time they gave sharing their knowledge of our favorite genus. Now, we need to assimilate the experience and present suggestions as to how we can improve the event. Any ideas? Please share.

Next on the agenda is the Early Show on April 15 & 16 th . Get ready to put the gloves on, get the screw gun out and don't forget the muscle. It's always a lot of fun assembling the display boards. Oh! And disassembling.

Also, I have made arrangements with Candy and Pete Baumer of Coquille, Marjene MacIntyre and Liz Hultin of Bandon to allow us to visit their beautiful gardens. All we need is a date for the South bound caravan. The end of April through the beginning weeks of May would be the optimal time so please think about it and maybe we can reach a date at the meeting. At this month's meeting we will cover a myriad of topics. Besides the trip, we will discuss preparation for the Show, including truss preparation, the Home and Garden Show, the Fall Rhododendron Conference and talk about more activities for our energetic group.

Any questions, please contact me. Day Farrald, Pres. Siuslaw Chapter ARS
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Enid Deibert working at the home show!

Ken said: We had fun during our appointed time at the Rhododendron Club table at the Home & Garden Show. Enid was successful in selling several plants. Many plants were described by Mike which lead to more sales during the two hours we were working. See photos. Notice Day's magnifying glass on the table next to Enid's left hand during conversation with visitor. Good tool for looking carefully at underside leaves. Good to be out & about.

Mike Said: I wanted to thank each of you for giving your time to the Chapter. by volunteering at the Florence 25th Home and Garden show. We had many people stop by the booth. not all of them signed up for a plant as many just had questions.

We want to make it better for next year...and need suggestions.

Just some comments that I have heard so far.

1. keep a book of who won each hour.
2. create more info to go on the triangle, like a photo of the hair on the back of azaleas.
3. show a picture of both deciduous and and evergreen azaleas.

on saturday the shifts were 3 hours and on sunday they were 2 hours...which works best?

(we can get more members involved with two hours)

4, two people behind the table is enough, one or two on the floor.

5, writing on the table about the plant was better than a book.

6. sounds like a few more guests will be at the next meeting. we will need to add a quick lesson about something ...rhody

7. Day made a good contact with the siuslaw news.

8. need to come up with a triangle just for home and garden show. we need ideas, what questions were people asking you? Thanks, Mike



Clear tall plant near the augustini group in the RSBG



r. kesangiae



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Introducing Silas, our new Greatgrandson!



Addisons Mardi Gras beads, thanks to Day



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Agapetes smithiana



Sunny really likes ice cream

