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- **Web site:** www.siuslawars.org



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Show prep, Q&A for what you are planting, Rhodie ID(bring your bloomers and test our experts)

Board Meeting: Tuesday May 9th 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, May 16th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, Auction begins at 6PM!

Pre-Meeting Dinner Our pre-meeting dinner will be at Chens at 3620 Hwy 101 in Florence. Please 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 : Enid Deibert, Linda Cochran, & Debbie Peterson.

Hospitality Table: Debbie Peterson



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.

Lemons to Lemonade

Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

Talk about raining on our parade! Mother Nature played havoc on our favorite genus: snow, hail, rain, wind, and freezing temperatures.

That doesn't mean the task of putting on a great show was insurmountable. Like a well-oiled machine, the Chapter assembled the display racks in short order and proceeded to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Our fearless plant sale team came through again, and had one of the best sales events ever for the Early Show.

Although fewer than 200 entries were submitted, a great representation of varied varieties was enjoyed by all. Included was an outstanding bonsai and bud display. Now we need to worry about everything blooming before the next show and not having anything to show.

Our meeting this month will cover the basics of showing flowers; choosing, preparation, nomenclature classification, etc. Bring your questions and our able-bodied experts will have the answers you are looking for. Fundamental culture regarding summer care and preparation for Winter is on the agenda. Be prepared to be dazzled by their encyclopedic knowledge. If you have something blooming and want to know its name, bring it in. We'll attempt to put a name on it.

Let's not forget about our trip down South on the 3rd of May. We will visit three wonderful member gardens. Usually, over 150 entries come from our Southern gardeners for the May show. Listen for that drawl.

Any questions, please contact Day Farrald, Chap. Pres.

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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.**







Thomsonii ss thomsonia

One of my very favorite rhodies. The first one we saw was outside the office/gift shop at the RSBG. We were finally there when it was blooming, and it was spectacular. The florets are fairly large with 8-12 per truss. The growth habit is open and tree like. This rhodie is not available very often, so it took me several years to find one. We were at the RSBG plant sale about 5 years ago and Chemicum Woods had one for sale! Now it lives on the northeast side of my shop.



This location is where I can cover and heat it if the temperature goes below 10 ° F. Thomsonii bloomed for the first time this year for the early show. It is probably 8-10 years old. I think it would be very comfortable living at the coast , just in case any of you would like to seek one out. LJ



I have been looking around my computer and old files looking for a word version of our show schedule, and came across the discs of our old newsletters. In them I found many interesting things, and realized that I have been very negligent in my newsletters by failing to welcome and introduce you to our new members. During covid there was not an opportunity to meet new members, but that's a no good excuse since I'm not sure I have ever done so since I've done the newsletter. That said, I'd like to begin by welcoming our newest members: **Bennett and Dace Gregory from Langlois, OR, Don and Susie Smith of Florence, Julie Gunnell of Florence & new owner of Laurel Bay Garden, Bob and Sam Akins of Florence, Steve Drochek & Janet Von Toussaint of Florence, and last but not least William and Janet Mitchell of Florence. WELCOME!!!** At one time I would ask members to share their stories with us as a member "profile". However I quit asking and my laziness has created a void of us not getting to know each other. I would like to encourage everyone to give us a glimpse of your life, former as well as present, with a small blurb about yourself. It doesn't have to be lengthy, just a short note about where you came from and what drew you to the rhody group. Everyone has a story, and I'd love to know yours! Sandi Jensen



The Eugene Chapter is having their show on May 6th. **Check out their flyer on page 7** You could enter your 'tweener' bloomers! (the ones that bloom between our shows) They helped us out by bringing blooms to our show. I know we needed every truss we got! I don't have the list of raffle winners, so I'll print them both after the next show. SJ



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

Here is a note to me (The editor) from Sandi Hennig that is really for you all!

Hi Sandi,

Just a few thoughts about our Early Show. I am very proud to be a member of this Chapter and I'm always amazed how somehow (often without a lot of direction) the shows seem to come together. Many of our members are extremely active and do all they can to make visitors to our show feel welcome, share important information and represent us very well. I have a concern that some of our members could be more active and helpful, and I wonder why they aren't. What can we all do to make sure that everyone knows that each of us is important?

My thanks to all of you that made sure the entries were classified properly, the trophies were displayed perfectly, the raffle plants were beautifully wrapped, the plants for sale were healthy, the hospitality table folks was very "hospitable" and very happy to take money for our raffle, and to all those tireless workers who put up the racks, take down the racks and put every dang thing back in our storage unit.

As I look around at the shows I'm so glad I'm a part of "us".

Sandi Hennig



Trophy List



Best azalea- Hino Crimson grown by Liz Hultin; Best white elepidote-Kathy Bones selfed grown by Chris Trautmann; Best pink elepidote- Koala Bear grown by Chris Trautmann; Best Rose Elepidote Kathy Bones grown by Mike Bones; Best Taurus/Grace Seabrook grown by Liz Hultin; Best red elepidote Rubicon grown by Liz Hultin; Best purple elepidote Ink Spot grown by Ron and Cheryl Prchal; Best yellow elepidote Sinogrande grown by Mike Bones; Best orange elepidote Medusa grown by Terry Henderson; Best tri-color elepidote Seaview Sunset grown by Liz Hultin; Best Lepidote& Pogonanthum



Mary Fleming grown by Sylvia Smith; Best Maddenii&

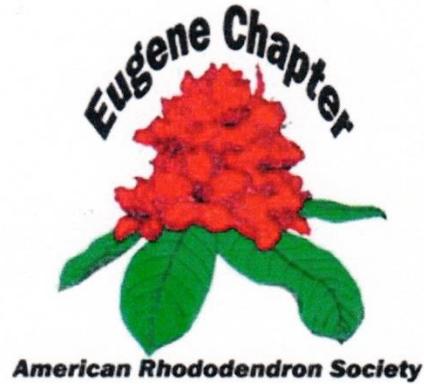
Edgeworthii Else Frye grown by Candy and Pete Baumer; Best species azalea Kiusianum grown by Mike Bones; Best species elepidote Macabeaunum grown by Mike Bones; Best species lepidote spinuliferum grown by Candy and Pete Baumer; Best new American hybrid Nancy Goldlust grown by Chris Trautmann; Best elepidote spray President Roosevelt grown by Liz Hultin; Best lepidote spray Else Frye grown by Candy and



Pete Baumer; Best elepidote hybrid Sinogrande grown by Mike Bones; Best in show Else Frye grown by Candy and Pete Baumer; Sweepstakes (most accrued points) Mike Bones; Best Bud grown by Mike Bones.

These pictures were taken by Janet Von Toussaint





Rhododendron Flower Show

Hosted by the Eugene Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

Plant Sales and Information Booths

5th Street Public Market Alley

(at the Gordon Hotel)

May 6, 2023

Entries accepted 8 am - 9 am

*** *Entries from the general public welcomed!* ***

Show Hours 9 am - 6 pm



Join us to learn how to prepare a flower truss for entry in the show

April 19th, 6:30 pm

The Springs at Greer Gardens, Three Sisters Room

1282 Goodpasture Island Road

For more information, visit www.eugene-chapter-ars.org

→ *ARS members are invited to meet at Hendricks Park from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on Friday, May 5th, for a volunteer event, to collect and prepare trusses for the show. Please RSVP to Emily Aune by email at Eaune@eugene-or.us. More information in next month's newsletter!* ←

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Here are three pictures from Ken Deibert from their tour of the Prchal garden. It looks lovely!



Be the reason someone smiles today.



One of the many great pictures sent to me by new member, Janet Von Toussaint



President Day, and Lori Kelly, Mike and Kathy Bones daughter.



Enid Deibert {photo from ken deibert}