

# OCTOBER 2023 MACROPHYLLUM

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## On the internet

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



## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** Chris Trautmann and his bloomers, and the October Conference

**Board Meeting:** October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Bill and Sandi Hennigs home at 05638 Martin Rd.

**Chapter Meeting:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or [flendish42@gmail.com](mailto:flendish42@gmail.com) Be sure to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

**Cookie team:** Linda Cochran, Rosemary Rebello, Janet VonTousaint, Sam Akins.

**Western Regional Rhododendron Conference:** October 20-21<sup>st</sup> at the FEC. Register with Kathy Bones.



## 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.





### 5 Reasons To Love Easy Care Cheerful Daffodils



1. They're easy to plant. Just dig about a 6" deep hole, place the bulb pointy side up and cover with soil.

2. Daffodils brighten springtime landscapes, perennial gardens, and cut flower gardens.

3. Daffodils contain a toxic liquid called lycorine, so deer, squirrels and other pests will stay away from them.

4. They naturalize well and will return—and often multiply—year after year.

5. Also, they come in singles, doubles, a variety of color combinations, heights, and yes, even scents



### **KNITTING TUTOR NEEDED**

**Is there an expert knitter in this group? I've been a knitter for many, many years, but ran into something I'm having difficulty with and would like some guidance from anyone who knows. Specifically, it's short rows for a sock heel with WT (wrap and turn) stitches. Any sock knitters out there who can provide some expert mentoring?**

*Susan Walker*

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Welcome to our newest members, Nancy Burns; Spencer and Sara Lake; John and Renee Laude; Dolly and Devin Northrup; Florence Harrod and Gary Johnson; and Bruce Ward. Welcome all! I did get to meet some of you at our summer picnics, and hopefully you will all get to join us at the next meeting as well as the fall conference at the FEC !



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



It is the season for taking a break from the constant watering to get the plants and houses ready for the colder weather to come. Although I have too many plants, I still feel the need to do cuttings. I know it seems silly to some people, but many times I have lost plants only to find them in among the cuttings that I've done. Also some of the plants I have given away, I've been able to get plants or cuttings from the people that I've given them to. So, now I have to try to find room in my greenhouse and shade house for everything that I have that is extra. I will have to bring some extras to the next meeting for raffle plants.

There is an incredible amount of weeding to do in the plants that have been sitting around under others but that is one of those good rainy day projects.

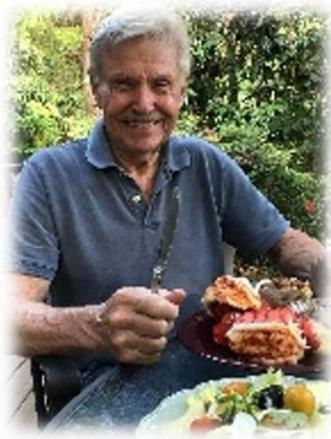
Next will come the plastic on the shade house, after the next warm weather that is coming. Sandi Jensen



## NOTICE

Due to the current workload, the light at the end of the tunnel will be turned off until further notice.





Bruce William Pratt, 86, born in Carroll, Iowa April 1, 1937, passed away on September 11, 2023 in Springfield, OR. Bruce attended Glidden Primary School and Glidden High School, then furthered his education at Iowa State University. Bruce served in the Army Reserves and had a successful career.

In the 1970s, Bruce moved to Florence, OR and opened Honeyman Village Nursery which he operated until 1994. He was a residential and commercial landscape contractor, specializing in landscape design and irrigation. Bruce had a passion for growing many species of plants, particularly Rhododendrons. He also had a fascination with Bonsai that started as a young boy growing up in Iowa and continued throughout his lifetime. He spent many years of his retirement collecting, training and showing his trees. Bruce was a member of Eugene Bonsai Club and American Rhododendron Society.

Bruce was a gentle soul who loved life, family and friends and the great outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, fishing, gardening, traveling and was always game for new adventures. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Bruce is survived by Anne, his wife of 40 years, and his children Dion Pratt (Tania) of Jenison, Michigan, Tami Molony (Jason) of Springfield, OR, and Scott Hood of Vancouver, WA, his grandchildren Elisabeth Pratt of Chicago, ILL, Devri Molony of Springfield, OR and Jaden Molony of Quantico, VA, his brother, Dick Pratt, and sister, Arleen Prairie and his cat Rascal. He was preceded in death by son Brian Hood in 1998, grandson Just in Pratt in 2017 and his parents Don and Polly Pratt.

No formal celebration is planned for Bruce's passing. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163 US



## **Success is not the key to happiness, Happiness is the key to success**



### **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 reason volunteers aren't paid is not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless**

## HUCKLEBERRY MEMORIES



While tediously cleaning huckleberries to prepare them for the freezer, I thought back fondly to my childhood summers. My family spent a lot of time at Spirit Lake, which was at the foot of Mt. St. Helens until 1980, and in addition to those family outings I went to the YMCA girls camp for a few weeks each year. That was always the best part of summer for me. One year the camp cook, Jeretta, told us that if we would go out into the woods and pick enough huckleberries, she would bake huckleberry pies for us.



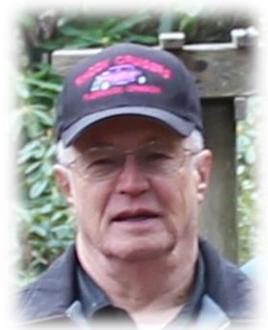
We got back to camp with enough berries for the pies, and Jeretta stayed true to her word. That pie was the most delicious thing I'd ever tasted, and I talked about it for years. So as I clean and prep my umpteenth basket of huckleberries for the freezer, I still can't believe my good fortune to have chosen to move to Florence, a place where huckleberries abound. I need only step into my back yard to remember Jeretta's wonderful pie and my great times at camp. Susan Walker



Greetings, Rhody enthusiasts.

The time is upon us. In two short weeks the Fall Conference will commence, and Florence will be on center stage. Our speaker line-up is quite varied, and we hope there will be something of interest for everyone.

Our October meeting will feature local member Chris Trautmann, giving an abbreviated presentation of his program that he gave at the Spring 2022 Conference in Vancouver, Washington. Chris has decades of experience in Rhododendron care, culture, and hybridizing. We hope in the future Chris will give an in-depth talk on hybridizing techniques.



This will be followed by final instructions and assignments regarding the Conference. Please plan to attend this very important pre-conference meeting.

Our success relies on your help.

And don't forget to pay your dues for next year. If you wait too long, which is after November 30<sup>th</sup>, you will miss the January issue of the ARS Journal.

Hope to see you on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**A day without sunshine is like, well, night.**

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Grand Recital

I found this on Nancy Greer's Facebook page! Beautiful!



I don't know what it is, but it is sure beautiful!



Autumn Sedum and the bees are loving it!!!



Silas loves his pancakes!



Hydrangea 'Sabrina'  
Hopefully It will bloom next year



Addison is getting so grown-up looking!