

# SEPTEMBER 2023 MACROPHYLLUM

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## On the internet

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



### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** The condition of our plants, and the October Conference

**Board Meeting:** September 12<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, September 19<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 Ixtapa 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.



### 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.

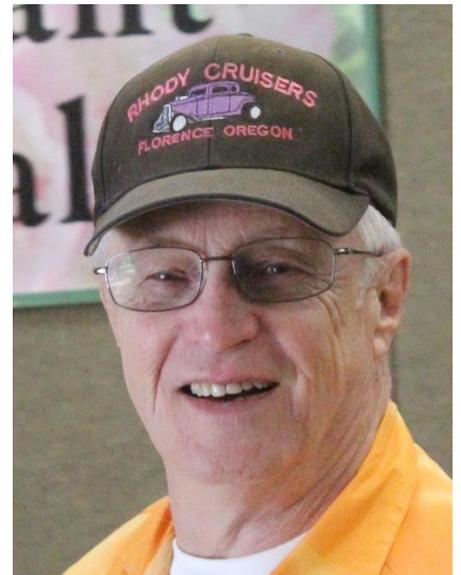


Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

Apparently, I missed a fun picnic. Word has it the creative juices were flowing, and the gastronomic choices were many. That'll teach me to get sick.

This Fall is going to be very busy preparing for the Conference in October and, by now, most of our Chapter members should be fully committed to lending a hand. The challenge in having a successful gathering of this magnitude is total involvement, whether helping with plant sales, refreshments, contacting inns for our guests, preparing silent auction baskets or being a host at one of the dinner tables, each job is as important as the other.

The middle of October = tomorrow! To think we can wait until the October meeting is too late. It is only two days before the Conference. If you have not been approached to help, please volunteer.



Our September meeting will be a potpourri of topics. For our new members, we will try to touch on basic Rhododendron care and culture. Also, we need to examine some of the effects of that exceedingly hot May weekend followed by a very dry Summer. What can be done to mitigate the stress caused by such arid conditions? Then, we must talk about the Conference. Please plan to attend, it is a very important meeting.

If you have not sent in your registration for the Conference, please do not wait until the last minute. I know it is human nature to put off today what we can do tomorrow, but that only applies to mowing the lawn or washing the car.

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

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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.



Lemon Ricotta Cookies w/Lemon Glaze – Giada De Laurentiis  
375 degree oven. Makes 44 cookies, more or less

Cookies:

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 stick unsalted butter, softened  
2 cups granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
1 (15 oz.) container whole milk ricotta cheese  
3 Tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice  
1 lemon, zested

Glaze:

1 ½ cups powdered sugar  
3 Tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice  
1 lemon, zested

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Cookies:

In a medium bowl combine flour, baking powder & salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine butter & granulated sugar. Using electric mixer, beat butter & sugar until light & fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until incorporated. Add ricotta cheese, lemon juice & lemon zest. Beat to combine. Stir in the dry ingredients.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Spoon the dough, about 2 Tablespoons for each cookie, onto the baking sheets. Careful to not make them too big. They will spread in the oven. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until slightly golden at edges. Remove pans from oven and let cookies rest on the baking sheet for 15-20 minutes.

Glaze:

In a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, lemon juice & lemon zest & stir until smooth. If too thick, add small amount of lemon juice. Spoon about ½ teaspoon onto each cookie & use the back of spoon to gently spread. Try to get some zest on each cookie. Let the glaze harden for about 2 hours. Pack the cookies into a container, using plastic wrap or waxed paper between layers.

Can be frozen. Glaze will be glossy coming out of the freezer, and they are delicious frozen!

Someone suggested that swirling the tops of cookies in the glaze would save time, but I haven't tried it. Might use up more glaze than spooning it on.

Enjoy!

*Do you ever wonder.....Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*



## DUES ARE DUE!

I am including a form for your dues from our treasurer, Linda Farrald to save us all time and money that she won't have to spend sending out renewal forms. It includes the address of the chapter, so you can just follow the instructions. There are also instructions to renew online at the bottom of the page. Remember those who joined in April, until now are paid up until September of 2024. Thank You, Sandi Jensen



I hate to admit it, but I'm finding it very difficult finding inspiration for this issue of the Macrophyllum. This is such a busy time for me; watering, picking, canning, and although I do enjoy the small respite that the rain and cooler temperatures have brought, sitting at the computer is not really high on my desired activity list! I will add some pictures to try to make this a somewhat tolerable issue! I hope to see everyone at the September meeting if for nothing else than a good visit! SJ



Here are some not so pretty pictures of the azalea lacebugs. If you have been seeing the leaves of your rhododendrons or azaleas looking chlorotic, check out the underside of the leaves for these critters. They are something that can be sprayed, but once the damage has been done, those leaves will not recover their dark green color. You will have to wait for the new growth the following year, and check and spray earlier. Unfortunately, the hot and dry conditions that we have experienced the last few years are a contributing factor.



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**Our latest tomato picking.  
Hopefully we can bring some to  
the meeting to share.**



**Larry and Sunny have been  
getting in our winter wood  
supply!**



**These two sunflowers tower  
above all the other ones, and the  
beans have decided to climb  
them. I feel like I'm living in jack  
and the beanstalk!**



**This is our biggest tomato this  
year**



**It's a family tradition**



**Smiling Silas**

