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On the internet

• Web site: www.siuslawars.org



 Siuslaw ARS Christmas Party!!! Sunday December 8th  at the Jesse T. Jones Oddfellows Park at 4906 S. Jetty Rd. The big red ARS sign should be at the entrance to the park. Gather at noon, eat at 1 pm. Bring a garden themed gift to exchange. Choose something that you would like to receive, and mark it for a man or a woman if it is gender specific. To reach the party, cross the bridge heading south from Florence to South Jetty Rd. Turn Right (west), and drive roughly ½ mile to the Jesse T. Jones Oddfellows Park on the left. Look for the circular building. We hope to see you there! This year we will have a potluck meal. Everyone bring your own table service, and beverages, (coffee will be provided) and anyone wishing to add food items to the list given on the next page, please call Kathy Bones at 541- 997-3082.



Other Westcoast Chapter Meetings and websites

EUGENE CHAPTER: Holiday Dinner- Wednesday, December 11th starting at 5:00pm (details at the end of the newsletter) 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

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER : WCARS December Potluck Saturday, December 2 Redgate Winery Gather at 12:00noon Dinner at 1:00. 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.

Turkey	Bones
Ham	Hennig
Gravy	Bones-Sylvia Smith
Gumbo	Day
Cranberries	
Mashed Potatoes	Linda Cochran
Sweet Potatoes	
Hot Vegetables	1. Janet & Steve
	2. Rosemary
	3.
Rolls/Butter	
Dressing	1. Price (cranberry casserole dressing) 2. Cheryl B.
Salads	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Dessert	1. Enid Deibert 5. Jay and Pam Guettler 2. Sandi Hennig 6. Sandi Jensen 3. Connie Rosenbalm 4. Kathy Carmer
Appetizers (horsd'oeuvres, yes it's spelled right)	1 Sandi Jensen pickles
	2. Cheryl deviled eggs
	3 . Bill Hennig- salmon roll
	4.

I hope all of you can come to the Christmas party, and fill in with the foods that have blank spots. Remember you can call Kathy Bones at 541-997-3082 or email her at kathybones@charter.net
Have a Merry everything and a Happy always!



Ho, Ho, Ho Rhody enthusiasts.

'Tis the season to appreciate Spring. And, of course, good friends and food.

Our Christmas extravaganza will be filled with fun and the usual gift exchange headed by Santa himself. So, don't forget to bring something that you would like to receive even if it isn't garden related.

The year ahead promises to bring new speakers and interesting topics that stimulate the horticultural curiosity we all possess. Also on the agenda are trips to beautiful gardens, both public and private. We are known as one of the most active Chapters in the ARS and we need to maintain that reputation. If there are trips or topics in which you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks to our speakers at our November meeting. As always, they impart interesting little tidbits we may not have known. Also, to those who brought plants for the raffle and seeds to share we certainly appreciate their involvement. Without your participation we wouldn't have a Chapter.

Don't forget to send in your dues if you haven't done it. After the 1st of December, you may not receive the January edition of our wonderful Journal.

A little side note. There is going to be a special announcement at the Christmas party. It will be very special. If we don't see each other at the party, have a great holiday.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Day Farrald, day817@outlook.com or 541-579-5544.





I have received a request from the Eugene Chapter via Esther- ARS Eugene Chapter Events Coordinator to put their events onto our website since they do not have a newsletter editor. I don't know if I can enter it in the website, but I certainly can put the information in our newsletter. For any questions email Esther@eugenechapter.ars@gmail.com

She says:

Hey everybody, Here's a few upcoming events we'd love to see you there!

Saturday December 7th 1-3pm Holiday Decoration and Wreath Making- Hendricks Park Shelter 2200 Summit Ave, Eugene OR 97403

- We will provide a plethora of lovely evergreens, pinecones, leaves, berries etc. We will also provide wreath bases and other things to help make wreaths.

-We will also have warm beverages and some snacks.

- There will also be a cozy fire

You can bring a snack to share and anything you'd like to decorate with, bows, ornaments, candles, things you've harvested from your yard, fun containers to put stuff in etc.

Holiday Dinner- Wednesday, December 11th starting at 5:00pm in the Three Sisters Room.

The Springs will fix a ham & pineapple for our main entree. We ask our members to bring dishes to share, like:

Salads, vegetables, potatoes, desserts etc.

Also, for the last few years we've had people present slide shows of fun things they did over the year.

If you are interested in presenting, or just showing some pictures, awesome! Just bring a usb drive or zip drive and we'll make sure you get a chance to show everyone all your exciting adventures!

Details for our meetings are below:

Chapter meetings October-May the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm.

Where:

The Springs at Greer Gardens

1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene OR. - In the Chapel Room

Optional dinner provided by The Springs @ 5:00pm at their restaurant. Lots of delicious dinner and drink options!

SPEAKERS 2024-2025

December 11th- Potluck dinner at the Springs 3 Sisters Room- The Springs will provide the main dish, members bring a dish to share and a quick presentation with pictures of your fabulous 2024!

January 15th- Keith White- A long time Willamette ARS chapter member, he will speak about his many travels abroad.

February 19th- It's open to a couple options- Mike Stewart owner of Dover the former Rhododendron Nursery In Mt. Hood. Mike has given several talks in the past so we aren't sure what he will speak about but he has a wealth of knowledge and experience from how to propagate, grow and sell rhododendrons, to deciduous azaleas and where all these cool names come from of Rhodies come from. I'll keep you posted as I gather more information.

Other potential speakers in February are Mark Bloom, and Jack Olsen.

March 19th- Erine Wyckliffe from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, she will speak about Azalea Lace Bug and the Emerald Ash Borer. Spread, Symptoms, control and preventive measures.

APRIL 16TH - Elaine Sedlack - Will talk all about Rhododendron maddenii!