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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Surprise!

Board Meeting: February 13th 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, February 20th at the Presbyterian Community Church, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, 6:30 for refreshments, 7:00 for the meeting.

Pre-Meeting Dinner: Our pre-meeting dinner will be at Chens at 5, February 20th, prior to the meeting. Call or email Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com. Be sure to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Cookie team: Steve Drochek, Jody Driver, Enid Deibert, and Cheryl Prchal



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

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: Disbanded

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER : **CHAPTER MEETINGS:** Our current chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May at a local Salem restaurant. Gather for dinner at 5:00pm, meeting begins at 6:30pm, and the speaker and program at 7:00pm. Our meetings will be in person unless otherwise stated.

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.



Thanks to Sandi Hennig, and the Deiberts for the pictures, since we could not be there. I hear it was a great program!

Trip to Hendricks Rhododendron Park (Eugene) Oregon

Today is 21 of January and I hardly could wait for the ice and snow to disappear to head out and take look at the Rhododendron Park in Eugene to see what is blooming and how badly was snow and ice damage in the park?

There have been some downed trees and branches but, not as bad as the park experienced before during our winter seasons.

Hendricks Park sits on top of hills, with lovely residential homes surrounding it. From the park you can see the area views the city of Eugene specially the University areas.

The Park is very enjoyable, it has places to meander, admire very old trees, specially rhododendrons. At the same time you can sit and relax and listen to the sounds of water by your bench.

The Rhododendron Park has many sections, for example: The alpine garden is interesting area with all sorts of evergreen trees and shrubs including rocks placed as points of interest. In the gardens are many paths for meandering, and admiring things on your way.

I should mention one of beauties I noticed this time of year was a plant which is some variety of witch hazel so beautiful with colorful leaves and flower combinations. It is one of the high lights I will include pictures of so you can judge for yourself.



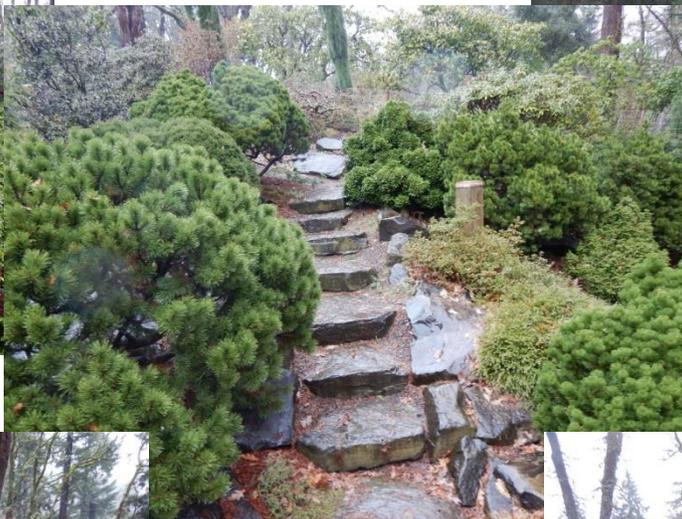
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The other addition placed in the rhododendron garden is a memorial for our friend, Harold Greer, who was the author of several rhododendron books, a hybridizer, and a nursery man. He is missed by us all.

My message, if I may, to you all, plants are interesting in all diverse seasons. You will see so many colors, forms, structures, and views each time you visit.

Ali Sarlak





As many of you know, we were inundated by an ice storm and power outages immediately prior to the last meeting. We had temperatures in the low 20's, and power outages, one lasting almost 20 hours. We had ventured down the hill to check on the greenhouse, but after Larry fell on the ice, I stayed in and just hoped (but didn't have a lot of faith) that my plants would survive the frigid night temperatures during the power outages.

With the rain that was forecast for the evening of the meeting we chose to remain at home that evening, and after seeing the aftermath of the ensuing ice storm, we were glad that we did. However, during the night, following the power outage, we began to hear the results of the ice laden trees and limbs. It was what I would

imagine a war would sound like with limbs breaking and what we later learned was treetops breaking as well as trees falling. We awoke to see the devastation, and seeing trees leaning toward the house! Fortunately for us,

they began to melt and drop the weight of the ice by mid-morning. With our source of heat being a woodstove, as long as Larry could get in the wood, we were warm and were using the wood stove to cook on and heat wash water. I'm not fond of camping, but by doing all this and using the coolers and the back deck as refrigerators, we survived just fine... until they restored the power! We experienced something that we had never had happen before! The electric cook stove was screaming, and reading "BAD LINE" over and over, the light bulbs were popping, and one of our sound bars



was sparking, and there was a horrid electrical smoke smell in the house! Frightening! Needless to say, I had another sleepless night. On Monday, an electrician told us we had a broken neutral line coming into the house so after the power company was notified, we continued to 'camp' until the power company fixed our problem on Friday. We waited until Saturday to try out everything, since we didn't know if any of the interior wires were harmed. We'd rather have daylight to check it out!



Finally we were able to check out our appliances which we thought might have been fried, but lucky for us we only lost one old garage refrigerator, and our washer with the garage door opener to be determined yet. During our time without power, we took a couple trips to Eugene, and to our daughter's house in Veneta to shower, and get water. Then after the highway opened, we went to Florence and saw the devastation there. That is what these pictures are of, to the east of the tunnel. Once we passed through the tunnel, there was no sign of an ice storm on the west side!

And just to think, we had it easier than the people in Springfield, Pleasant Hill, Creswell, and Cottage Grove. What a mess!



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



Life happens... Beer Helps

Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

Hope everyone has had the opportunity to recover from our recent Arctic Blast. For those of us on the coast we averted a possible catastrophe. For those on the East side of the hump, it was much more serious as presented by Sandi Jensen in her accompanying op ed.

January's program by Chris Trautman was excellent: informative and well presented.

The season is upon us. Start sprucing up the garden and don't be afraid to throw a little fertilizer around. So far, my 'Seta' has bloomed, and 'Airy Fairy' is flowering. It won't be long and the annual explosion of color will be here. Maybe we can put a little of what we gleaned from Chris and make a few hybrid crosses of our own.

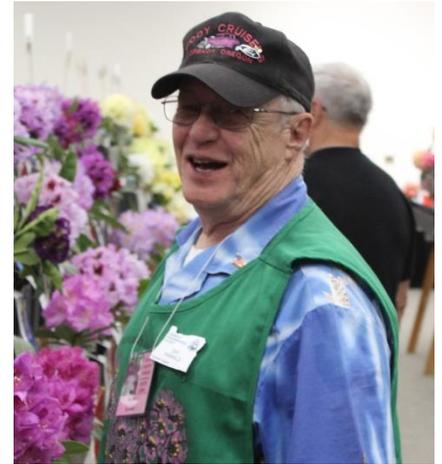
March 1st and 2nd are the dates of the Home and Garden Show. If you've been contacted by Steve Drochek, please offer to lend a hand. It's a lot of fun and you meet a ton of interesting, friendly people.

And don't forget the two great shows in April and May.

Also, there are plans to visit Hendricks Park in Eugene and, on a local level, we have been invited to spend time at Richard Flavell's garden along with a trip to the Prchal's Garden and Chris Trautman's Nursery. If possible, we might be able to see Dr. Pinnock's place.

Hope to see you on the 20th.

Day Farrald



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.



Just a few tantalizing rhody pictures to get you into the mood for spring!

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Addison enjoying the snow in Salem



I don't think Silas was enjoying the snow as much!

I am happy to report that the plants that were in the cold temperatures during our power outages look like they will probably survive for the most part, so the auction still is looking good!



Some more hopeful signs of spring



**Time, like a snowflake,
disappears while we are
deciding what to do with it.**