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



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Chris Trautmann will show and tell what it takes to raise rhodies from inception to registering.

Board Meeting: January 9th 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, January 16th 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 Ixtapa at 5 January 16th, 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: John Mautino, Susan Walker, & Phyllis Dickson.



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.



Great Food, Great Friends, and Great presentation of the bronze medals to our president, and treasurer, Day and Linda Farrald!

Many thanks from the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society for the dedication, leadership, knowledge and loyalty of our President, Day Farrald and Treasurer, Linda Farrald.

Day has been an active member of our Chapter since he joined. He has held the position of a Director on the board, publicity person, Show Chair for the 2 annual shows, is the go between for our Web Designer and the Chapter, gathers trophies from the community for the flower shows, was Co-Chair for the 2023 Western Regional American Rhododendron Society Conference and is currently the President of our Chapter. As Co-Chair of the Western Conference, he was instrumental in obtaining the location for the Conference and guided each committee to ensure a very successful event.

When Linda began as our Treasurer, the Chapter records were in disarray. Linda reorganized, modernized and systemized all the paperwork on the computer. She brought us up to date with the State Standards, laws and requirements. We now have an accurate computing system. BRAVO Linda!

This was all done in a few short months. Linda has also taken on the responsibilities for Membership. A fact she wasn't aware of when becoming our Treasurer! The Board is grateful for her accuracy and efficiency. She is always ready to explain the facts that we need to continue the mission of our Chapter. Her ability to do more than one thing at a time is apparent and our Chapter is the recipient of this knowledge.

Day and Linda, your loyalty to the Siuslaw Chapter, your willingness to always be there and help whenever needed and for the dedication you have spent serving the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, Our Chapter thanks you and awards you both a Bronze Medal on this Third Day of December 2023.



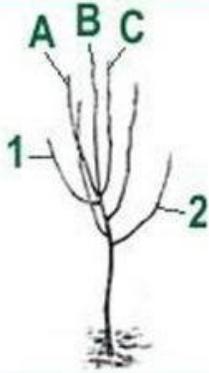
Siuslaw Chapter ARS Mission Statement

The mission of the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is to promote the genus Rhododendron by:

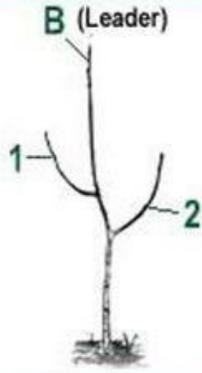
- ✓ Creating enthusiasm for the genus Rhododendron through meetings, shows, publications, and social activities that provide the opportunities for members to share experiences and build friendships.
- ✓ Providing educational opportunities to successfully grow and enjoy these wonderful plants.
- ✓ Encouraging 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.

Pruning Fruit Trees

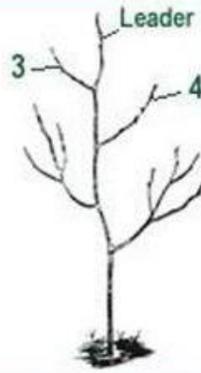
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Tree as received from nursery



Pruned at planting

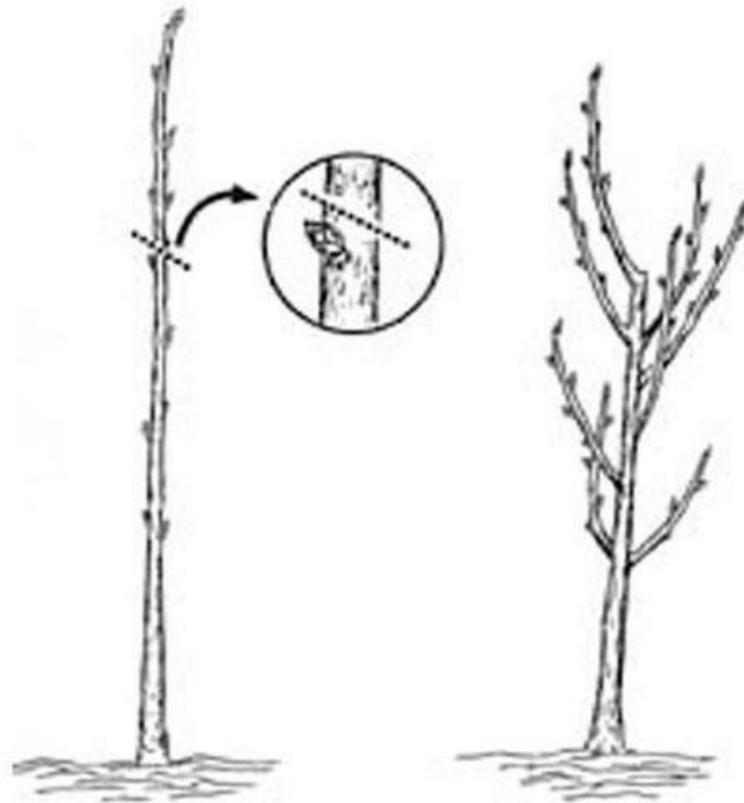
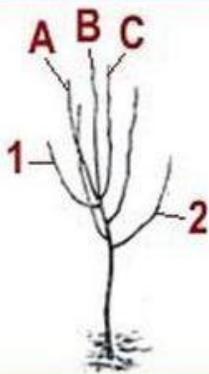


One year later



Six to eight years later

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Rhododendron
arborescens ssp. *cinnamomeum*
specimen
Kobayashi, Rhodod.

A Walk in Hendricks Park

This collage is from several walks in Hendricks park from last year, beginning in January through February and into June. There might even be some from the previous year, but it is so wonderful to see the blooms change with the seasons, and there are a couple pictures of Emily and a volunteer or two weeding. There is one picture of a painting class being held in the mist. We love to see how the park has evolved in the years that we have visited it. Some of the older plantings have perished, but there are new plants being planted along with wonderful signage to let us know what is there. We have been pleased that there is seldom any vandalism, or if there has been, Emily and crew have dealt with it quickly so it isn't readily apparent. They have begun a nice memorial area for Harold Greer hybrids, and it is looking good this spring, although it is a young planting still. The deer, squirrels, as well as the human families love to frolic on the grass, and we often meet joggers and walkers on the wide paths. Our plan is to organize a tour there this spring, and just so you know, if you have difficulty walking, the upper path is not at all strenuous, or you can choose to walk more of the park. Hopefully, we can do this along with a tour of Log Cabin Nursery in Springfield. Sandi J



Hello, Rhody Fanatics.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed way too much turkey. Now come the resolutions which won't be kept, but really sounded great at the time and still have potential for next year. The one that should be kept is working in your garden. If you're like me, you are waiting for those garden gnomes to sneak in and do the work.

We have a great line-up of speakers for the Spring. Fun, humor, and even information are always part of the programs.

Our presenter for January is fellow Chapter member Chris Trautman who will share his expertise in hybridizing.

He will take us through all the steps of developing a new hybrid; physically pollinating a flower, harvesting the seed, sowing, growing, choosing the best progeny and then, after scrutinizing all the properties, registering the new hybrid with the ARS. Most of our members have very little experience with the entire process. This will be a very educational program.

Please plan on attending and enjoying cookies and refreshments and wonderful company prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Mike passing on the donation to the school for the kids art.



Larry picked this Cunninghams White way before Christmas, and the silly thing is STILL blooming. Any other time of year, we wouldn't give it a second look!



Our 'Yuletide' sasanqua Camillia

Here are a couple of the azalea cuttings from the midsummer azalea cutting party, complete with aphids! (Guess I need to spray!)



Ken and Enid Diebert's dog Sassy checking out the Christmas wreath on the winter solstice.



Our Grandkids were able to take their kids to Disneyland for a short family vacation at the beginning of the month. Silas was fascinated with Minnie Mouse.