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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Mike Bones- 'My Favorite Rhododendrons, and Why'

Board Meeting: March 12th 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, March 19th 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 Abby's 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: Sandi Hennig, Judy Caputo, and Sandi Jensen



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. Social gathering at 6:30 , the program begins at 7 pm. Website : rhodies.org

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.

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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.



It was a great meeting and so nice to see everyone again. Thanks for the program Dr. Keith White! It was really special!

Every once in a while, Mother Nature shows the weather guessers who's in charge. Pruning is being taken care of, where people have fallen short, myself included. The ice storm we had when we were without power for 10 days, wasn't too bad for us considering what it could have been like without our woodstove and a borrowed generator.

On to more important things. Our April show is looming on the horizon. April 20th and 21st for the show with setup on the 18th, and the evening of the 19th for members to bring in their trusses.

April 16th is the date of the auction which is one of our main fund raising events along with our 2 plant sales in conjunction with the flower shows.

In the garden, r. ririei has been trying to



bloom for the past month.

Now there are at least a

hundred trusses. It looks really nice dressed in the snow. (Which I pretty much missed 'cause I didn't go out early enough)



It's home show weekend and of course it's snowing. We have drawings for a free rhodie every hour so we can talk to a lot of people about our favorite shrub.

Larry Jensen



Welcome to our newest members: Eric and Jared Niederhiser , Lorrie Bolivar , John and Susan Winding, and Jody and Ross Kroenert.

I've met some of you at meetings and elsewhere, but hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting!



Never burn your bridges... You'd be surprised how many times you have to cross the same river



I'm not sure if life is passing me by or trying to run me over



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



When we were at the home show, we were asked about the notches in the leaves, and the grubs that do the damage.

I realized that I had been very remiss in not informing everyone about the root weevils and their life cycle.

The most common of the many species of weevil is the black vine weevil which is common here in the pacific northwest.



These guys feed on the leaves of many plants, but for those of us who grow rhodies, the damage is most evident on our favorite plants, the rhododendron. The adults overwinter below ground and emerge in the spring when the temperatures warm. They have no ability to fly, but can certainly crawl up the plants (and even trees and buildings) The adults feed for about 4 weeks before they begin to lay eggs on the soil or bark at the base of the plants. They are nocturnal, so finding them during the day can be difficult. One adult female (they are all females) can lay as many as 200 eggs during their 90 to 100 day lifetime. The grubs are c shaped and legless. They grow slowly over the summer and molt many times. During this time they feed on the small roots of plants but seldom will kill a plant unless the plant is in a container. (I have lost many fuchsias in containers to these pests) The change from larvae to adult is pupation. After they develop little white legs, they are called pupae and are about the same size as the adults, but are inactive and do not feed.



There are many ways which people attempt to control these pests. My favorite is to go out at night with a flashlight and catch and squish them (it's so satisfying). You can also place burlap or rolled up corrugated cardboard at the base of a plant where the adults will hide during the day, and you can go out and collect them at dusk and destroy the weevils. There is a biological control, it is non chemical and is non-toxic to plants, humans, pets, or beneficial insects. Beneficial nematodes are a biological control that is fairly new, and I know almost nothing about them, but I'm sure if you were interested, you could find a wealth of information on the internet. However, for a severe infestation, chemicals might need to be applied. The chemicals that are available now are few, but be sure to read and follow all directions, and never spray on flowers. Check the labels and look for the vine weevil name so you know if that particular chemical will work for the adult weevil which is usually the only stage that can be killed by chemicals.

Sandi Jensen



Day Farrald and Susan Walker went to the storage unit and spent the day organizing all of the club things that have been stored there. Most of the time, following the shows, things are just shoved into whatever storage container that is close, in our rush to be done with the show and go to the restaurant that has been chosen to relax at. Consequently, things aren't always easy to find when it comes time to set up for the next show. Thank You Day and Susan for putting things in order for the next shows!

The home show was a fun time, and hopefully we will get to see some new faces at our meetings as a result of our presence there. I took a couple pictures and Ken Deibert sent me some as well.



I think that these pictures give us hope for Spring! I can't tell you what they are exactly. Pink, peach, and purple! Then there's orange, pink and white!



Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.

What an introduction to March! Every morning was like running the gauntlet with new twists. But, it appears there was minimal damage, if any, to our plants. (That is unless you live on the East side of Badger Mtn.)

Keith White gave a great presentation on his trips to Sikkim. It brought out the wanderlust in many a botanist. I already have my bag packed.

Our March meeting will feature Mike Bones sharing his thoughts about his favorite Rhododendrons and why they are his choice. With over 50 years' experience one would think it an impossible task to choose. This presentation should be entertaining and educational.

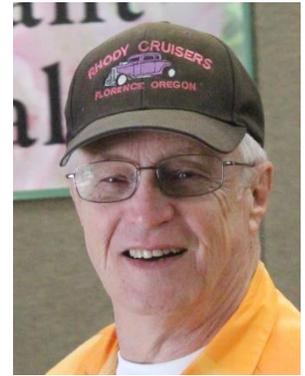
Also, we will have name tags for all who ordered one. Come check out if we correctly spelled your name or if we spelled it the way we think it should be.

The Home and Garden Show was an enormous success. Hundreds of Show-goers visited our Siuslaw Chapter booth where fourteen lucky participants won a very nice Rhody. Steve Drochek did a superb job organizing the volunteers to answer a myriad of Rhododendron questions and inviting them to attend one of our meetings with hope of getting a few to join. BTW, we are at one hundred members.

Arrangements have been made with Richard Flavell to visit his garden on April 7th. Along with the Flavell Garden, we will have the opportunity to see the Prchal Palace grounds and the Chris Trautmann Mowbray Gardens wonderland. Now that we have a date for the garden visits, a confirmed date will be set up for a trip to Eugene and Hendricks Park. We will also trek down to Hinsdale Gardens in Reedsport and see some fantastic old Rhododendrons.

Don't forget about our April and May Rhododendron Shows. Soon you'll be asked to lend a hand in one of the best Rhododendron shows in the country. We always need volunteers so, when approached, please says 'yes'.

Any Questions please contact me,
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We have the Rhody auction coming up in April, so be sure to plan ahead and find starts of plants from your home or yard to share with everyone. Potting them up now should ensure that they will be ready to take to the auction. Anything garden related indoor or outdoor will work! Plus, be prepared to buy some plants that you might not otherwise be able to find! All in all, it's a fun time, and helps fund our local rhododendron society so we can put on our two world class shows!



Here are a few pictures from last years auction!



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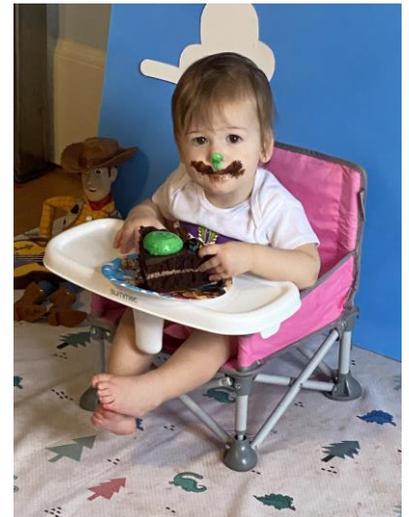
Ken and Enid said this was Sassy's first taste of snow.



Sylvia Smith just had to create something out of the slushy snow!



Silas' slice of his first birthday cake



I think he liked it!



Larry's lap dog after some zoomies in the snow.



Addison and her Grandma Jacki

