

# NOVEMBER 2024 MACROPHYLLUM

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- Facebook Page :Siuslaw Chapter - Florence  
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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

**Meeting topic:** Our meeting will be on November 19th and the subject will be rhodies 101.

**Board Meeting:** Board Meeting at the home of Mike and Kathy Bones at 90379 Hwy.101 November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

**Chapter Meeting:** The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet 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 Chen's . Contact Janet Von Tousaint at 925-285-3945 or email her at [jfvonto@yahoo.com](mailto:jfvonto@yahoo.com) to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

**Cookie team:**



## 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. Social gathering at 6:30 , the program begins at 7 pm.  
Website : [rhodies.org](http://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. [Arswillamette.org](http://Arswillamette.org)

September Program Speaker: Mike Bones Topic: 101: Rodies for Beginners September 11, 2024 Dinner: 5:00pm  
Program: 7:00pm La Margarita Restaurant and Grill

**NOYO CHAPTER:** [WWW.noyochapterars.org](http://WWW.noyochapterars.org)

**EUREKA CHAPTER:** [eurekarhody.org](http://eurekarhody.org)

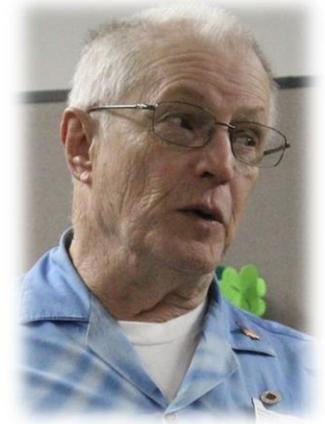
**MT. ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY:** [marsrhodos.ca](http://marsrhodos.ca)

All other web sites can be found on [rhododendron.org](http://rhododendron.org) under chapters web sites.



Hello, Rhody enthusiasts.

Now is that time of year when we have finished all our garden projects and can sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor and anticipate that beautiful display in the Spring. Right! Personally, with every scan of the garden I find more things that I shoulda, woulda, coulda done, but ran out of time. Just as soon as the rain stops my attention will again return to the garden. That is if no more excuses can be drummed up to procrastinate (from the Latin; *pro*-for, *cras*-tomorrow) a little longer.



I would like to thank Mike Bones for his involvement in getting Simon over from Italy. He is a wonderful young man and great asset to our chapter. Thank you, Simon, for sharing your experiences at the garden and traveling so far visit us. We thoroughly enjoyed having you here.

Our November meeting will delve into the world of Rhododendron culture. From basic: roots go down, green part goes up, to more advanced topics: fertilizing, disease, growth habits, and many more complex matters. Always interesting and entertaining.

Our Chapter treasurer, Linda Farrald, would like to remind you of the importance of getting your dues in soon. If you wait until after December 1<sup>st</sup>, you will not receive the January Journal. At present there are 35 members who have not submitted their dues. Please mail it in promptly or bring it to the November meeting.

Last month a group of hard-working volunteers from the Rhododendron Chapter and the Florence Garden Club gathered at Gallagher's Park and tackled more weeds and planted bulbs and did a general clean-up. We then fertilized the entire Park. Something that has not been done in several years. There is more work to be done, so, be ready to lend a hand in the Spring.

Now on to some serious business. The President of the American Rhododendron Society has sent all Chapter presidents a letter urging responses from the general membership. Please read the enclosed letter and send me your response. I will then pass the info on to the National President. Consensus will dictate the future of our Journal and dues. So, it is important you send your choice to me ASAP. Text me at 541-579-5544 or email me at [day817@outlook.com](mailto:day817@outlook.com).

Thanks for being such an enthusiastic member of the Siuslaw Chapter.  
Day Farrald, pres. Siuslaw Chapter, ARS.



### **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**

## A Message from the ARS Board of Directors to our Members

For many years the ARS has been spending more money than it receives from membership dues. This is not sustainable. The cost of editing, printing and especially increased postage rates for JARS combined with a reduction in the number of members has created a situation where the ARS Board of Directors must act to balance the budget. We believe that we need to do this to ensure that the ARS continues to be an important advocate for the genus *Rhododendron* and is available for future generations.

We have considered many options including increasing membership fees, reducing the number of JARS issues per year and/or moving to an enhanced digital-only JARS. The last membership fee increase for the ARS was in 2011, while other costs have been steadily increasing over these past 14 years. We would like your feedback.

1. Are you adamant that you only want the printed JARS?
2. Are you open to an enhanced \* digital JARS?
3. Or a combination of print and digital?
  - Maintaining the four printed JARS per year would require a dues increase of \$10 effective September 1, 2025.
  - An enhanced fully digital JARS \*\* would not require a fee increase.
  - A combination of print and digital would require a membership fee increase of \$5 effective September 1, 2025.

\*Enhanced digital JARS would include:

- the ability to translate from English to Danish, Swedish, etc
- the option to increase font size for easy reading.

\*\*As well, we could offer an annual or semi-annual print version of all the articles in JARS at just the cost of printing and mailing. Cost to be determined but it would be available to ARS members only. Other societies do this and it has been found to be very successful

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Dear Dr. Rhody,

I just bought a *Rhododendron*. Is there a special way to plant it, and where should I plant it?

First Timer

Dear First Timer,

Your purchase is well timed, particularly on the Oregon 'Coast. This is a perfect time to plant *Rhododendrons*. *Rhododendrons* prefer a location that has well drained soil and high broken shade.

When you are ready, dig a hole twice as large as the root ball. Mix the soil with equal amounts of bark. Fill the hole approximately one half full with the mixture. If the root ball is dry, it should be soaked before planting. If the root ball contains clay, it is best to wash as much of the clay away as possible before planting.

Container grown plants may be root bound. The root balls should be cut and the roots loosened before planting. Score the roots and then set the plant in the prepared hole. The root ball should be at least 1 ½ inches higher than the surrounding soil. Use the rest of the mix to fill in around the plant. Mound the soil around the side of the plant. Leave the top of the root ball uncovered so water will penetrate easily. Pack the soil gently around the root ball and water lightly and thoroughly.

After planting, mulch with bark, wood chips, pine needles or any other organic material to conserve moisture, keep the soil cool and restrict the growth of weeds.

Good planting,

Dr. Rhody

*THIS IS FROM OUR NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES, AND IS STILL VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEW RHODY OWNER TODAY.*



This collage was put together from a tour that we took in 2016 with our daughter, Jacki. Perhaps it is time for us to revisit the Gerdemann preserve in the spring. We have many gardens in the Florence area we can visit as well as we have been invited to visit the garden of our members Bennett and Dace Gregory of Langlois to the south. They have been constructing their garden for several years.

Our Treasurer, Linda has been working very hard to contact everyone to give you all an opportunity to renew your memberships for the coming year. Please send your renewal in as soon as possible so you can continue getting the JARS quarterly newsletter. It is full of lots of good information. Or you can renew at our next meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

I have been trying to get my fuchsias cut back and stored as well as doing cuttings. There never seems to be enough time or energy to do it all!

In looking for some articles to include in the newsletter, I ran across the article about root weevils. It is well put together and has a wealth of information, however, it is a bit large to include in our newsletter, so I'm adding it as an attachment to the email so you can open and read or download it if you would like. The part about the chemical controls might be a bit dated since some of them may no longer be available, but all in all, I believe the information is sound and very usefull.



This is my red maple on our driveway. Beautiful fall color .



Be sure to plant some daffodils for early spring color!  
They give us something to look forward to during the winter!



Be sure to notice your rhodies during the non blooming season. The buds are beautiful as well as the leaves.



Like this beauty. There are beautiful things during every season. Sometimes harder to find during the winter.

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We had our annual Great Pumpkin Massacre a couple weeks ago.



Larry cooks chili and pulled pork all day, and we carve pumpkins and enjoy the kids. They got to go outside for a few minutes and we got some photo opps.



Don't forget that the week after Thanksgiving is our annual Christmas Party at the Oddfellows campground Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting so we can all sign up to bring our favorite foods to share. We will also have a gift exchange. We will discuss all of this at the November meeting, and I will send out the food sheet and all of the other particulars in a Holiday issue of the newsletter. I hope to see everyone there!