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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Our meeting will be on October 15th and the speaker will be Simone Boggia, Deputy Head Gardener at the botanical garden at the Villa Carlotta, Lake Como, Italy. Read more about the garden elsewhere in the newsletter.

Board Meeting: Board Meeting at the home of Mike and Kathy Bones at 90379 Hwy.101 October 8th 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 ICM at 5 on October 15th . Call or email Sandi Hennig at 541-997-2489 or flendish42@gmail.com to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Cookie team: Enid Diebert, and Linda Cochran



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. 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

EUREKA CHAPTER: eurekarhody.org

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All other web sites can be found on rhododendron.org under chapters web sites.

Our Speaker, Simone Boggia, is one of our members, and a Deputy Head Gardner at this Botanical Garden in Como Italy! I went on the website for Villa Carlotta, Lake Como, Italy and stole these pictures as well as the following text. If you want to see more, enter Villa Carlotta, Lake Como, Italy in your search engine, and go to Gardens. It looks beautiful and I can't wait for his presentation. SJ

The botanical garden covers an area of about 8 ha (20 acres) and consists of several different sections. Immediately around the villa, towards the lake, the Italian garden with cut hedges and pergolas with orange and camellia trees. The rhododendron and 150 varieties of azalea spread up the slope. The property is also home to cedars, palms, redwoods, plane trees and other exotic plants. there is also a bamboo garden, covering 3000 m² which is home to over 25 different bamboo species. A greenhouse which had been used in the past to house citrus fruits during winter has been converted into a museum of old farm tools.

THE GARDEN BLAZE

Villa Carlotta's spring undoubtedly offers an unequalled setting with the blooms of azaleas and rhododendrons that make it famous all over the world, nevertheless the other seasons of the year are a source of true wonder for the alternation of colors and scents.

On sunny days it looks that the green of the trees and meadows and the colors of the flowers are almost 'solid', vivid to the point of leaving their mark in the memory.

We are looking forward to telling you our garden stories.

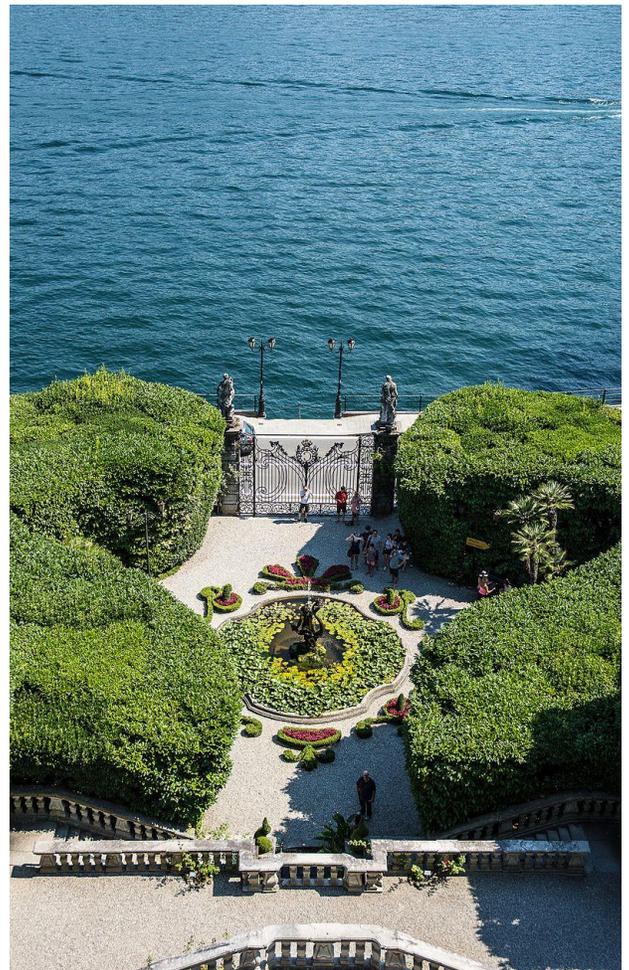


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My apologies to everyone for my poor memory... I forgot to take my camera to the meeting in September, so I have no pictures to show you! However it was a wonderful presentation from our member, Dr. Richard Flavell about his rhodies in Flavell Garden West. He shared his pictures and obvious love of the many species he has and how wonderful it is to grow them in what he calls rhydy paradise, aka Florence/coastal weather. I hope to be able to visit his garden at the next open garden he has.

I am going to attach the membership renewal sheets to the email containing the newsletter this month rather than putting them into the newsletter. It should make it easier to print if you decide to mail it in, or better yet, bring it and your dues to the next meeting and join us for another great presentation. SJ

Hello, Rhody fanatics,

What a great start to our Fall meetings. Richard Flavell gave a wonderful presentation about the gardens here in Florence and his aspirations regarding hardy big leaf Rhodies. He has graciously extended an open invitation to visit the garden.



October promises to be entertaining and informative as well. Last month I mentioned having members around the world. Simone Boggia will visit us from Italy! He is the chief caretaker of the Botanical Gardens of Villa Carlotta on Lake Como. Please search Google for an in-depth tour of the Garden.

We will also have another work party on October 16th at Gallagher Park from 1 to 3. Please bring gloves, shears and any other garden related tools you think we might need. Our last clean-up was a great success as can be seen at the corner of 126 and Spruce. We now must try to freshen up the more interior parts of the Park.

Please don't forget about membership dues. Linda, our treasurer, is anxiously waiting to hear from you. If you wait until December, you won't receive the January edition of the fantastic Journal. And, if you have any friends or acquaintances who might be interested in Rhododendrons, invite them to attend one of our meetings. It might just be the catalyst to get them to join.

If you have any questions regarding Rhodies or gardening, don't hesitate to contact me at:

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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



The next time someone tells you that nothing is impossible, ask them to dribble a football!



Life happens... Beer Helps



THE EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS

HINSDALE GARDEN MEETING

August 26, 2024



It is twenty one years since the Bureau of Land Management and ARS District 4 embarked on a joint restoration project of the Hinsdale Garden. A few years later, after some of those improvements, the Reedsport Friends group also became actively involved in supporting the garden. As a result of the many improvements and enhancements made over the years, it has become a valued asset within the local community. During the garden's primary flowering each Spring, Open Days

sponsored and hosted by the Friends, it draws many visitors from the State of Oregon and beyond.

A total of about a dozen folks representing the Bureau of Land Management, Reedsport Friends of Hinsdale Garden and District 4 of the American Rhododendron Society met in the garden in late August of 2024 for a general discussion of its care, maintenance and potential future improvements. The following outlines some of the items considered.

It was noted that short staff shortages continue at the BLM. Some labor for routine garden care has also come from the BLM Intern program. BLM also has some funding available for hiring extra help such as Youth Corps, although such groups are not always consistent in contracting from time to time. BLM Botanist Jennie Sperling's long time work in the garden may continue one more year as she is considering delaying retirement. John Harper, BLM, requested details of a contact person he could use in each of the chapters. Volunteer help from the Friends and ARS is also in short supply. ARS membership in particular has not recovered from the losses originating with meeting restrictions of Covid imposed several years ago. [Not mentioned at the meeting, but it should be noted that Oregon chapter websites provide names and contact information for each chapter.]

BLM Engineering staff expects the replacement of the footbridge between the main garden and the east garden/parking area to be installed in the next few weeks. This good news means access between those portions for both visitors and maintenance will be greatly improved. One thing in the latter category, for example, is what has become a long-time temporary connection for the automated irrigation system.

Concerns continue for the health of some plants from fungal disease and dieback in some plants. These problems need to be further explored with on-site examination by experienced rhododendron growers from the ARS.

An overall guide to garden care, including both routine seasonal care and longer term needs, should be put in writing now. This would be a working document to assist 'new' garden workers, and might also be added to from time to time.

There was also some discussion about adding public parking in the garden's immediate area. The east end lot, originally acquired by BLM for this purpose, might be made available with a few improvements. There was also some discussion of expanded parking on the opposite side of the highway, although that includes an issue of foot traffic across the highway. This needs to be coordinated with the Oregon State Highway Commission, and changes/ improvements to the Elk Viewing Area on the opposite side of the highway.

Other items of considered included registering the garden in the National Register of Historic Places, more interpretative information on site and further checking into some erosion of Spruce Reach Island. Willows have been planted in an effort to slow and control the erosion. Other measures might help, and consultation with an expert might help. ARS Endowment Grant Applications (now \$5000 rather than the \$2500 limit of two previous grants utilized in the garden) were mentioned as a possibility for funding a special study of this problem. Indeed, ARS and other grant programs should always be kept in mind for boosting special projects for Hinsdale Garden.



I found these old pictures of the Hinsdale Garden and the old house was still there. I couldn't find any that I took that showed the whole garden. I guess I was in to close-ups that day. SJ

Welcome to our newest members, Reuben Judd, Deborah Moyer, Evan Pringle, Ali & Gloria Sarlak, Nancy Wright, Scotty Fairchild, David Dalbeck, Theresa Farina & Dennis Herrick, Elenor Sullivan, Eddie Rochholz and Elena McKee-Dabbs. Welcome to you all, even if I'm a little late in greeting you!



Nancy Wright told me to tell everyone in the Rhody group that she was very happy to have gotten to know you all, but that she was going to Connecticut to live with her family. She was a great addition to our group, and she will be missed!



Tomorrow we are going to pick again. This is our previous picking. We will try to bring some to the meeting for everyone.



The newlyweds, Steve and Janet in Hawaii !



Happy Couple and beautiful bride. What a great setting for a wedding/ honeymoon! Congratulations!



While we're on the subject of weddings, I understand that our members from Langlois got married close to the day of our picnic. I missed seeing them but understand why they didn't join us! Congratulations!



Bennett and Dace Gregory!



**Success is not the key to happiness,
Happiness is the key to success.**



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Ken Deibert sent me a few pictures from their trip to Deadwood creek where Enid is taking yoga classes. It is an off the grid place and there is a bridge that they constructed in 1990 plus they found a new (to them) apple called a Pink Lady.



Our now 2 year old, Sunshine, aka Sunny helping her dad build a flowerbed.



Addy and Silas



My Giant Starfish Cactus



My Nasturtiums are just barely starting, but they are beautiful, and love the cooler weather.