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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS:

Meeting topic: Our meeting will be on September 17th and the speaker will be Dr. Richard Flavell.

Board Meeting: Board Meeting at the home of Mike and Kathy Bones at 90379 Hwy.101 September 10th 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 Ixtapa, 1015 Hwy 101 in Florence at 5 on Sept. 17th. Contact Janet Von Tousaint at 925-285-3945 or email her at jfvonto@yahoo.com to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Cookie team: Sandi Hennig, Janet Von Tousaint, 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. 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

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These Obituary pages are probably the most difficult for me to do, but I know everyone wants to know, and I can only imagine how difficult it is for the loved ones to write.



Tom Dickson passed away on June 18th, 2024 in Eugene at Sacred Heart Medical Center River Bend .

Tom was born in Los Angeles CA on December 11, 1941 to Mae & Woody Dickson. He lived in Monterey Park attending Montebello High School. Sports were always part of his life. He continued playing baseball & basketball while attending Whittier College. He was a Political Science/ Physical Education major. He completed his Master's degree at Redlands College. He taught English & then Physical Education at East Whittier Middle School his entire teaching career.



Tom & Phyllis were married at the beginning of their senior year of college. They continued to live in Whittier with their three children...Debbie, Dana, & Doug. Tom coached after school sports & coached Little League baseball, Whittier girl's softball, & AYSO soccer for his children.

Tom , also, was honored to be part of the Board of Directors of the Credit Union of Southern California for a lengthy time. lots of fun times & great experiences.



Driving up the coast from California, camping along the way, we found Florence. We stopped at a realtors office , connected, & received updates on the opportunities in Florence. We bought our house in the Enchanted Valley area of Florence. Both of us retired from teaching, & have enjoyed our choice ever since our move. Tom connected with the STEP & Rhododendron group , receiving a bronze medal from the rhody society for all his help. He was also helpful in the community by driving the Friends of Florence cancer bus to Eugene, & Phyllis found her special interest in painting, volunteering at the hospital, & her P.E.O. women's group.

Thank you for all your support at this difficult, changing, time in my life.

Love, Phyllis 



This part is only word of mouth for me since I have never been able to find either an obituary or a death notice, nor have I ever been able to talk to Kathleen Sand. However, I have been told that our member Jerry Sand passed away in

June. He was a native of Washington State and was a landscape Architect. He and Kathleen worked with Jim Gerdemann as well as purchased and maintained the Gerdemann Preserve in Yachats for 8 years before they passed the care on to Andreea Ghetie. They had settled in Florence and often had coffee on the waterfront. He will be missed! SJ



John Roscoe Perkins, 78, passed away on July 24, 2024, in Springfield, Oregon. John was born on June 22, 1946 to Roscoe and Helena (Scott) Perkins in Springfield. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School in 1964.

For the next three years, John was in the U.S. Army as a member of the Medical Corps in Pleiku, Vietnam and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Upon returning, John began his studies at the University of Oregon graduating with a degree in Forest Ecology. John wed his wife Ruth (Senkovich) Perkins in 1978 and they welcomed their daughter Molly the next year.

John worked until retirement as a building contractor and finish carpenter. His attention to detail and work ethic was greatly valued by his many clients. He took pride in the two homes he and his family occupied, spending endless hours improving and remodeling them with his professional touch. Outside of work he was a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts of America serving as Lodge Advisor to Tsiquan Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. He also greatly enjoyed University of Oregon sports, sipping craft beers, fishing, and admiring flowers and plants.

John is survived by his wife, Ruth Perkins, his children, Molly Perkins and Josh Green, and Josh's wife Corrie Green. He was preceded in death by his parents.



No Helen Baxter is fine, but I ran in to her at Winco a few weeks ago and learned that her son had passed away. He was born 70 years ago to Galen and Helen Baxter, and they named him Roger Galen Baxter. When he was about two, they moved to Florence where Galen started a Rhododendron nursery, and they joined the ARS.

Roger spent all of his school years in the Siuslaw school district, and learned to love rhodies during this time. Helen said he had a beautiful yard in Eugene full of beautiful plants.

He lost his long battle with cancer on July 4th 2024, and leaves behind his wife Linda, his mom, Helen, his son Colby, and 2 grandchildren.



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



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Thank you for renewing your membership to the American Rhododendron Society



September and October are a couple of my favorite months. The weather is finally cooling off a bit with a shower now and then. Around home we have all the good produce. Tomatoes, zucchini, apples, grapes and so on. It's a tasty time of the year as well.



In April through May our native dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*) shows off great flowers. By September, the seeds of the dogwoods have formed, bringing the birds to harvest them. We have flocks of robins, grey and Stellar Jays and many other small birds, but the show is the Pileated Woodpeckers! Their calls as they fly through the woods sounds like recordings I've heard of jungle birds. They are about the size of a crow, and when they land on the flimsy dogwood branches, they hang upside down while they eat. The flickers also



show up for the dogwood feast.



This is the time of year to plant. I have figured out where I can squeeze in a few more fine plants. About 25 or so. If you aren't going to plant more rhodies, you might want to

check the mulch around existing plants. The bark decomposes and the roots can become exposed. If this has happened to your plants, a little new mulch may be in order.

LJ



Helen Baxter asked me to extend this invitation to everyone. It sounds like a lovely time. I hope we can go!

Summer Picnic at Mark and Valerie Blooms/Bloom River Nursery Sept 22nd

Hey everybody,

I hope ya'll have been having a fantastic summer! I am so excited to get back to Rhodie stuff, beginning with our Summer picnic! If you missed the last one, here's your 2nd chance to come hang with fellow plant nerds, eat great food and tour Mark and Valerie's amazing gardens!

-**Sunday September 22nd Noon-2:30ish** 39744 Deerhorn Road, in Springfield, Oregon

-Please bring a dish to share, your own table service (plates, cutlery, napkins, etc) and your own beverages.

-Family and Friends welcome, the more, the merrier! -If you need a ride please email

eugenechapter.ars@gmail.com

and we'd be more than happy to get someone to pick you up and take you home



One activity planned for the potluck is to hold a quick election for President, Vice-President and two Directors for the Board of Directors ... this typically happens in March, but it got overlooked last spring in the midst of our great speakers and extra outings, so we need to take care of it at our next gathering!

Directions below:

From Eugene, take Hwy 126 East (I-105 east) all the way to the end to where it ends at Main Street/Hwy 126. At that intersection, turn left and head east on Hwy 126 as if you are going up the McKenzie River Valley. Continue past Cedar Flat and then turn right on Deerhorn Road before Hendricks Bridge. Just before mile post 2, the Blooms' driveway is on the right in an open, sunny spot. There will be a sign and an open gate. Once inside the gate, there will be additional signs directing you up the driveway (past the nursery) to the house and gardens and parking areas.

Hope to see everyone there!

Best,

Esther- ARS events coordinator



The surest way to make yourself happy, is to make someone else happy



Since dues are due, I have included the form for you to fill out to renew your membership for the 2025 year. By putting the renewal form into the newsletter, it saves time and money for our chapter since we only get one quarter of the dues to help us operate for the year. For those of you who will be filling out an associate renewal, I will attach that form along with the newsletter, and you can send the 10\$ associate fee to [The American Rhododendron Society P.O. Box 1701 ;Florence, OR 97439](#)

If your dues have not been received by December 1st , your journal might be delayed.



The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



Scientists have announced that they've found a cure for apathy.

However, they claim no one has shown the slightest bit of interest in it.



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Our daughter got married in August and it was a lovely day



Here are some more of my bloomers



We got to spend a wonderful day with our great grandkids!

