

JUNE 2025 MACROPHYLLUM

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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

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Upcoming Chapter Events

Board Meeting: Will meet at Mike and Kathy Bones house at 90379 Hwy.101 June 10th at 3:00.

Chapter Meeting: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at the east parking lot Gazebo at Whoahink Park, on June 17th, we will gather around noon and eat at 1:00pm. Please remember this is a pot luck gathering and you will need to bring your favorite dish you would like to share. You will also need to bring your own drinks, place settings, utensils, and chairs.

Meeting topic: We will be holding elections for three positions and playing the in-the-round game.

Presidents Message: Hello, Rhody Enthusiasts.



It's that time again. The flowering season is waning, and now we can reminisce about the woulda, coulda, shoulda along with the drought and rain, the cold and heat, the wind and bugs.?

This has been a momentous year for our Chapter. Two members contributed very generously, with the chief purpose to alleviate the expenses incurred attracting speakers from distant Chapters. This is already in the works.

Our April Show was extraordinary. With over 500 entries plus Bonsai and foliage exhibits, it surpassed previous Shows. Plant sales were phenomenal, too. The primary objective of our shows is to introduce to the community the beauty of our favorite genus. Secondly, we hope to produce enough income to pay for renting the FEC. Mission accomplished.

The May Show was closer to 600 entries plus the Bonsai and foliage exhibits. Our unbelievable plant sales team almost sold out the first day! Of course, none of these shows would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our members. Organizing the Hospitality Table, the Clerks, Judges, Display assembly and take-down crew, arranging for the plant sale inventory, putting the signs up around town, trophy people and, please forgive me if I've forgotten some of you. Like I said, it takes many people.

Two trips South were very enjoyable and educational. Don't forget, this Summer we will have a Bonsai class at Mike Bones' place. Date to be announced.

Now the new news. The annual picnic will be on June 17th at the Gazebo in the Eastern parking lot of Woahink Lake. We can start gathering around noon with chow around 1. I have been assured the power will be on. Remember to bring your own place settings, utensils and drinks and, of course, your favorite dessert, salad, side dish or even a main dish. Chairs, too. We will have our usual plant related in-the-round game. It is always fun and frustrating at the same time. Bring something you would enjoy yourself.

Also, it is election time. We will vote for president, vice-president, board member. Hope to see you there.

Day Farrald, pres. Day817@outlook.com, 541 579 5544.

Siuslaw Chaper ARS Nominations: The following members have been nominated for the three open positions. If you are interested in any of the positions please send Rosemary Rebello an email at rosemary.rebello@gmail.com

President:

Mike Bones
Day Farrald

Vice President:

Bill Hennig
Cheryl Prchel

Director:

Cheryl Beauvais
Sandi Jensen

Siuslaw ARS Cookbook:

Hello Siuslaw ARS Members

I would like to create a cookbook of all our favorite recipes. If you would like to send me any of your recipes, I will add them to the book. I will make sure it includes Day's famous Gumbo! You can give it to me in any format. Scribbled on a piece of paper, a note card or even a picture from a cookbook.

I think it would make it a little more interesting if you added a note about the recipe. Like what time of year you make it, or the person(s) you make it for. What memories it brings, anything you want. Ethnic food from your heritage would be a fantastic addition.

I would like to have this compiled for the ARS Christmas party, so the sooner you get me your recipes the better.

You can email it to me at: lfarrald53@hotmail.com

Or mail it to: ARS
P.O. Box 1701
Florence, OR 97439

You can even bring it to our picnic on June 17th

If you have any questions, please call me at: 541-305-1022

Thanks,
Linda Farrald

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden:

As a member of the ARS you are able to tour the beautiful Botanical garden in Federal Way, Washington for free. Please contact Linda Farrald to obtain your personalized pass for entry. Check out their website for details and hours of the [Botanical Gardens](#).

Hospitality Helpers & Cookie Team: I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to take shifts at the Rhody Show Hospitality Table. What an enthusiastic group! Your friendliness and willingness to help was so important in making the show a huge success. You sold so many raffle tickets, too!

And thank you to all those who baked and/or donated snacks throughout the weekend. Everyone likes having a little treat and your generosity is appreciated so much!

- Janet Von Toussaint
Hospitality

From the Editor: Hi everyone, I'm still working on getting the hang of the newsletter and will have additional information to pass along as time goes by. Please check your spam folder and change your email settings to accept emails from the following address: siuslawars.news@gmail.com.

- Steve Drochek



This little green fellow was caught taking a rest on a flower of this Big Dog Rhododendron at Ken & Enid Deibert's garden.



This beautiful ice sculpture on display Saturday, was created by artist Jason Sherrill, also pictured is his wife Lisa.

Pacific North West Rhododendrons (R. Macrophyllum)

Most people spend their memorial weekend camping out doors if weather permits but not I. I go where my passion take me The Pacific Ocean (Oregon Coast) It does not matter which season I'm always finding my love of being there. It can be bird migration, watching storms, volunteering for the migration of Gray whales, hunting for Fungi or looking for rhodies in bloom. I am talking about the Pacific rhododendron (Macrophyllum) pink blooming evergreen among Sitka Spruce and the Hemlock trees.

For rhododendron viewing I have two nearby places. One place is called Mike Miller Educational Center and the other is by Yaquina Head South light house. Both are in Newport near the bridge and one mile south of the historical bridge is the other trail.

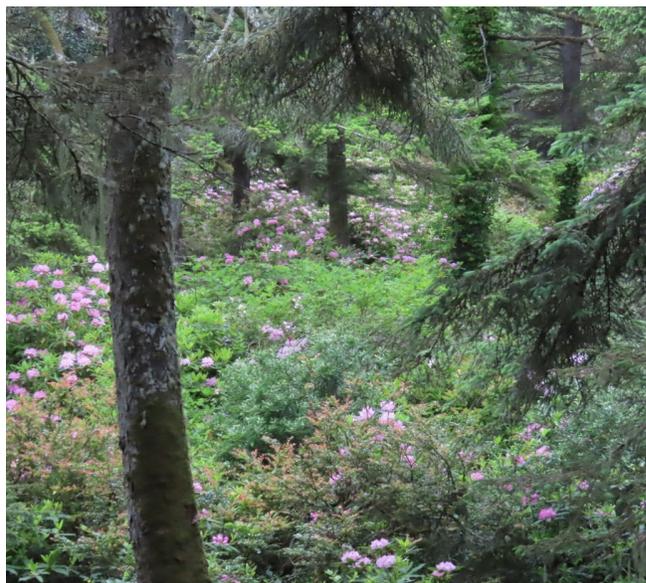
On Sunday May 25 I visited the area around the old light house trail to capture the beauty nature has to offer from the rhodies. I was not disappointed. The areas were covered with the most beautiful shades of pink flowering plants. All sorts of them, even some variation on the leaves, which I have never seen before. Truly, I feel nature is best in gardens that you never can match, but you can always learn from it .

Rhododendron Macrophyllum found its best habitat on our coast with the cool, moist fair temperatures and some ocean breeze. I think that's what makes the rhodies spread nicely everywhere. All along Highway 101 on our coast you can view the beautiful pink flowering rhodies.

I also add that these plants are growing on our coast but also are doing well in upper elevations of the Western Cascades Mountains. It seems the cool ground is magic for these plants. I have seen many acres of these rhodies in the clearcut forests at the higher elevation. It always amazes me how beautiful these plants are growing on their own without any human care. That's what I appreciate the most about Nature and it's power and resistance.

I hope the next time you see these plants you admire them and think of their well-being.

- Ali Sarlak



May 2025 Total Points

Sorted by Name		Sorted by Points	
Name	Total Pts	Name	Total Pts
Baright	2	Prchal	190
Baumer	104	Hultin	174
Blacksport	2	Bones	117
Bones	117	Baumer	104
Brayley	85	Brayley	85
Brown	2	Trautmann	80
Cochran	64	Cochran	64
Curtis	24	Sorensen	56
Dalbeck	24	Farrald	52
Dannon	9	Martin	48
Deibert	15	Ramirez	48
Deighton	16	Jensen	45
DeMerrseman	2	Hennig	41
Donna M.	3	Walker	41
Driver	15	Kroenert	40
Farrald	52	Oshel	39
GB	13	Curtis	24
Green	18	Dalbeck	24
Guettler	5	Green	18
Hacker	2	Klampe	18
Hennig	41	Deighton	16
Hennig	15	Deibert	15
Horner	5	Driver	15
Hultin	174	Hennig	15
Jamison	8	Roth	15
Jensen	45	Rollins	14
Keifer	5	GB	13
Klampe	18	Weatherwax	13
Kroenert	40	Mallet	11
Land	2	Dannon	9
Lutz	2	Jamison	8
Mack	8	Mack	8
Mallet	11	Moore	8
Martin	48	Peaslee	8
Mirvis	6	Mirvis	6
Moore	8	Rex M.	6
Naasz	3	Guettler	5
Oshel	39	Horner	5
Peaslee	8	Keifer	5
Prchal	190	Reimer	5
Ramirez	48	Tucker	5
Reimer	5	Unknown	5
Rex M.	6	Donna M.	3
Rollins	14	Naasz	3
Roth	15	Baright	2
Schultz	2	Blacksport	2
Sorensen	56	Brown	2
Trautmann	80	DeMerrseman	2
Tucker	5	Hacker	2
Unknown	5	Land	2
Walker	41	Lutz	2
Weatherwax	13	Schultz	2

May Rhododendron Show Trophy Winners

Trophy Categories

5/18/2025

List #	Category #	Category Name	Truss Name	Winner
1.	1-6	Best Deciduous Azalea	Irene Koster	Prchal
2.	7-13	Best Evergreen Azalea	Wards Ruby	Brayley
3.	14-16	Best White Elepidote	Vanilla Ice	Baumer
4.	17-21	Best Pink Elepidote	Thousand Butterflies	Baumer
5.	20a	Best of Walloper Class	Point Defiance	Sorenson
6.	22-23a	Best Rose Elepidote	Very Berry	Trautmann
7.	24,25,27, & 28	Best Red Elepidote	Eruption	Hultin
8.	26 & 31	Best Black Red or Black Purple Elepidote	Midnight Mystique	Kroenert
9.	29,30,32, & 33	Best Purple Elepidote	Rubicon	Kroenert
10.	34-37	Best Yellow Elepidote	Horizon Lakeside	Sorenson
11.	38-43	Best Tri-color Elepidote	Flaming Star	Kroenert
12.	44-50	Best Lepidote	Arctic Tern	Baumer
13.	470-550	Best Species Azalea	Kiusianum	Farrald
14.	561	Best Yak Species	Yak	Bones
15.	562	Best Macrophyllum		Bones
16.	560-680	Best Elepidote Species	Ponticum	Hennig
17.	740 & 80	Best Maddenia & Edgworthii Species & Hybrid	Felicity Fair	Sorenson
18.	700,710,720,730,750,760,770, & 790	Best Lepidote Species	Sargentianum	Prchal
19.	810,820,830,840	Best New American Hybrid Seedling	Killer Diller x Avery	Trautmann
20.	850	Best Elepidote Spray	Purple Unknown	Sorenson
21.	910-940	Best in the Foliage Display		
22.		Best in Show	Midnight Mystique	Kroenert
23.		Royal Trophy		
24.		Sweepstakes		

May Meeting



May Show



May Show Beauties



Other Westcoast Chapter Meetings and Websites

EUGENE CHAPTER: Meetings October-May, 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:30pm, The Springs at Greer Gardens 282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene OR. In the Chapel Room

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

Website: rhodies.org

WILLAMETTE 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

Website: Arswillamette.org

NOYO CHAPTER:

Website: www.rhodondrons-mendocino.org

EUREKA CHAPTER:

Website: eurekarhody.org

MT. ARROWSMITH RHODODENDRON SOCIETY:

Website: marsrhodos.ca

All other chapter web sites can be found on: rhododendron.org