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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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What's Happening

Chapter Meetings: The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at the Presbyterian Community Church, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence, on the third Tuesday of every month from September through May (except as noted) at 6:30pm for refreshments, 7:00pm for the meeting.

Board Meeting: The next board board meeting will be held at Mike & Kathy Bones' house at 90379 Hwy.101 June 9th at 6:00pm.

Pre-Meeting Dinner: There will be no pre-meeting dinner in June. We will be having our pot luck luncheon at East Woahink Lake's day use picnic area!

Next Meeting topic: Our meeting on June 16th will be at East Woahink Lake's day use picnic area. We will be meeting at noon and eating at 1:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, your own plates, utensils, beverages, chairs and a gift for the in-the-round-game. This meeting will also be your chance to vote for a new board member to represent our organization.

Cookie Team: A great big thank you to everyone who contributed goodies for the Rhody weekend show and our meeting on May 19th. Please sign up or call Janet to bring cookies for our future meetings.

~ Janet Von Toussaint 925-285-3945

Our Sunshine Lady: Sandi Hennig is our Sunshine Lady and she will send a card or note to anyone needing a little cheering up. Please call her at 541-997-2489 or email flendish42@gmail.com with the name of anyone needing a card. Also, if you hear of anyone in our group who has passed away, please let either Sandi or a board member know by phone or email. You will find the board members names and contact information in our newsletter. Thank you!



Upcoming Rhody Events:

June 2 - Follow up meeting for both shows at 6:00pm at Bone's residence.

June 16 – Picnic. Vote for one Board Member, get involved.

President's Message: It's been a busy month for everyone in the chapter. Congrats to Day and his crew for putting together another great flower show! Thanks, Bill, for heading up the plant sale. It is a great team with everyone working together that makes the Siuslaw Chapter what it is. I was impressed with the number of non-members who entered trusses in the show! Congratulations to everyone who not only won a trophy or ribbon, but also to everyone who entered a truss. Thank you!

Garland did an outstanding job on the float for the 119th annual Rhododendron Festival grand parade. A job well done. Thank you Garland!

We need members to step up to help take some lead positions at the show. Nothing that we do is hard work, just fun with a little planning!

Be sure to come to the potluck picnic to cast your ballot. We have three enthusiastic individuals running for the position of board member. Any of the three candidates would be an asset to the board. Our chapter is lucky to have this many people wanting to help out!

Most of our rhododendrons are through blooming here up north. We are about three weeks earlier than everyone in town, so enjoy your flowers to the end. There are a few really late bloomers in the middle of August that would win a trophy if they bloomed during our show times! Remember to dead head and water well.

~ Mike Bones, President

Candidates for consideration for a position on the Board of Directors:

Dan Green: I volunteered for consideration to join the board of directors. Jenny will tell you that I volunteer too much! But I love this Chapter and the learning experiences and camaraderie. I've lived in Missouri, Kansas, California, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Vermont, Hawaii, Singapore, and France. We came to Florence as our residence of choice. I have enjoyed plants from years of living in many different climates and cultures. I have 30 years of experience in commercially raising and selling dahlias, as well as developing a commercial 250 tree cherry, plum and apple orchard in Cornelius, OR. As far as contribution to the Chapter and board of directors, I feel that I can bring a fresh outsider's viewpoint to our Chapter's goals and questions as a newcomer to the realm of raising and nurturing rhododendrons.

Garland Alston: Hello "Siuslaw Chapter" of the A.R.S. My Name is Garland Alston. I'm running for board member for the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. I believe this Chapter has real potential to grow, stay active, and become more visible in our community. I may not have decades of experience with rhododendrons and azaleas, but I bring commitment, fresh energy, organization, creative ideas, and a strong willingness to do the work. I have the highest respect for all the knowledge, history, and experience already within this Chapter, and I want to help support it with stronger outreach, better communication, new ideas, improved events, and more visibility. My goal is simple: to help build a Chapter that honors its roots while creating momentum for the future. The type of group that feels active, welcoming, organized, and proud of what it represents. I thank everyone for the chance to throw myself in the mix and a chance for stepping up.

John C Mautino: I am honored to be considered for a position on the board. When I first joined, I knew very little about rhododendrons, though I was familiar with azaleas. Since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about these plants and much more. The members at our meetings have been incredibly welcoming, and I truly appreciate the support of those who encouraged me to run. If elected, I will do my best to serve the Chapter well and justify the trust you have placed in me.

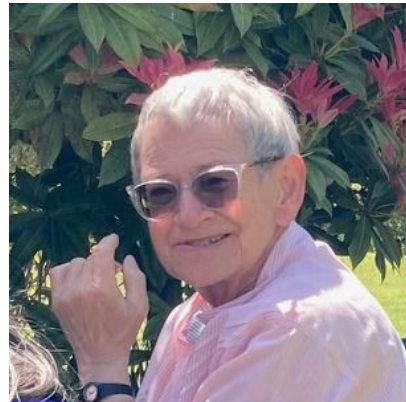
Celebration of Life, May 3 2026:

Elizabeth Katherine Hultin

August 14, 1946 - February 22, 2026

Liz was born Elizabeth Katherine Teeters to parents Alice and Oliver Teeters in Raymond, WA, on August 14, 1946.

Liz moved to Estacada, OR, to a small farm with her mom, dad and sister Margaret. She grew up helping her parents with farm flowers. She picked strawberries and other fruit during the summers to buy school clothes and supplies.



Liz attended Portland State College (now Portland State University), Seattle University, Montana State University, and Oregon State University. She earned a Master of Education degree and became a teacher.

Liz had a son from a previous marriage. She raised him to be a good, honest and intelligent person. He now has a wonderful wife and three daughters. They live in Renton, WA.

I entered the picture when Liz came to the Bandon School District to teach Library Science. We were married on June 17, 1988.

Together, we purchased an electrical contracting company in Bandon, where Liz ran the office and did a wonderful job, even without prior experience in that kind of work. During this time, we also had cranberry bogs, where she helped with weed control and harvest.

Liz made sure we took vacations - traveling to Mexico, the Bahamas, Hawaii, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Australia and many places throughout the United States.

There was never a rhododendron Liz did not like. She had hundreds of them at the bog house and the North Bank house. She belonged to the Coos Bay and Siuslaw Chapters, entering and winning many ribbons at their shows.

In late November 2025, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She chose not to undergo treatment and called Coos County Hospice, who were very helpful. She spent her last days in our living room, looking out at the yard she loved so much.

She passed away on February 22 at home, with her son and me by her side.

In conclusion, Liz was a loving wife, a helpful person, and a hard worker. She took good care of me throughout 37 wonderful years of marriage. She will be missed by me and by many friends and family members.

Thank you,

Tom, her loving husband of 37 years

Members of the Siuslaw Rhododendron Chapter traveled to Bandon to honor Liz and pay respects to Tom. We were treated to a breathtaking display of their rhododendrons and other plants in bloom in their vast gardens overlooking the Coquille River. I could feel Liz's presence amid the beauty. We enjoyed refreshments with family and friends. Liz would approve of such a special gathering in the place she loved most.

~ Janet Von Toussaint





May Meeting Presentation:



Thank you Linda and Bruce!

From the Editor: I received a lot of pictures from the show and parade. I will be updating the website and uploading the pictures there in the very near future.

~ Steve

Below are the results from the May show

May 2026 Flower Show

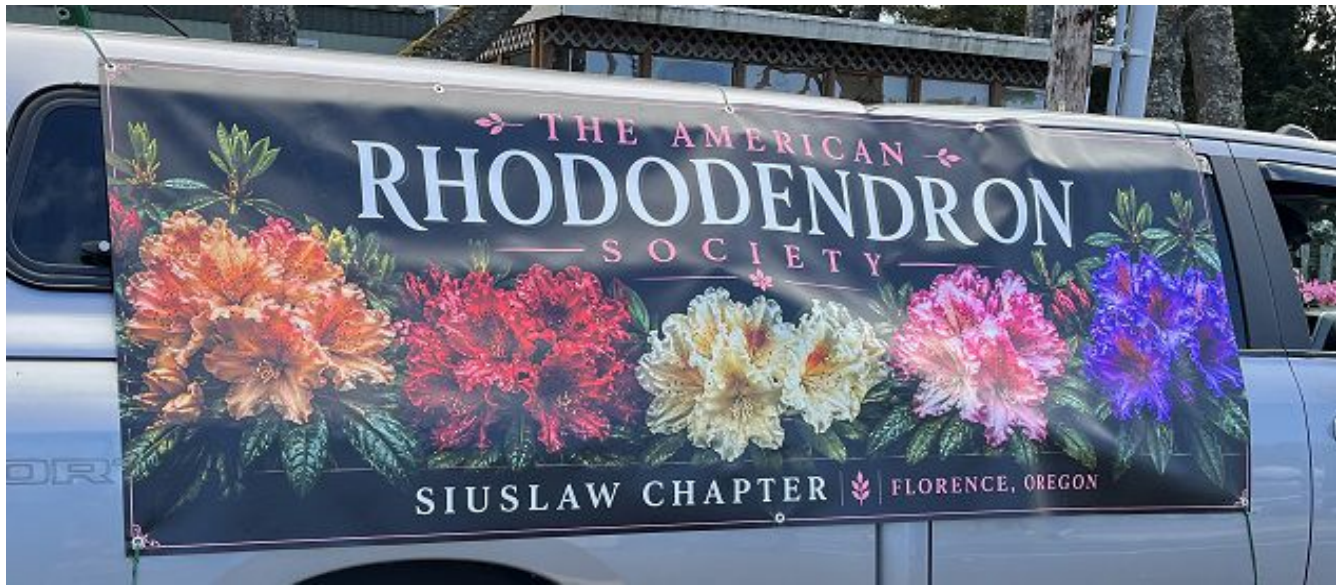
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Name	Points	Name	Total
???	3	Prchal	154
Adleson	5	Trautmann	145
Baumer	60	Bones	135
Bean's Park	6	Olson	114
Beaty	25	Brale	111
Bingham	15	Jensen	109
Bones	135	Dalebout	84
Borsay	14	Baumer	60
Brale	111	Farrald	60
Brown	7	Cochran	48
Bulger	12	Walker	47
Cochran	48	Collier	43
Collier	43	Curtis	42
Crosse, D.	3	Vogel	39
Curtis	42	Klampe	34
Dalbach	5	Goss, Cleo	30
Dalbeck	26	Oshel	30
Dalebout	84	Drochek	29
Davis	12	Sorenson	27
Deibert	20	Dalbeck	26
Driver	3	Beaty	25
Drochek	29	Gilreath	25
Farrald	60	Kelly, L	24
Fenton, Susan	5	Price	24
Garcia	11	Mitchell	22
Gilreath	25	Deibert	20
Giovinco, C	2	Mayes	20
Goss, Cleo	30	Mautino	18
Guettler	10	Hultin	17
Hadzic, S.	3	Moore	16
Hayes	3	Bingham	15
Hultin	17	Weatherwax	15
Jensen	109	Borsay	14
Keifer	8	Lowe, B.	13
Kelly, L	24	Bulger	12
Klampe	34	Davis	12
Kroenert	12	Kroenert	12
Lowe, B.	13	Garcia	11
LV	6	Guettler	10
Madden, Barbie	2	Roth	10
Mautino	18	Keifer	8
Mayes	20	Brown	7
Mitchell	22	Bean's Park	6
Moore	16	LV	6
Nocito, A.	3	VN	6
Olson	114	Woodard	6
Oshel	30	Adleson	5
Prchal	154	Dalbach	5
Price	24	Fenton, Susan	5
Rebello	5	Rebello	5
Roth	10	???	3
Sorenson	27	Crosse, D.	3
Trautmann	145	Driver	3
Tucker	3	Hadzic, S.	3
VN	6	Hayes	3
Vogel	39	Nocito, A.	3
Walker	47	Tucker	3
Weatherwax	15	Deighton	3
Woodard	6	Giovinco, C	2
Deighton	3	Madden, Barbie	2
Total Points	1789	Total Pts	1789

Trophy Categories

5/16/2026

Category #	Category Name	Truss Name	Winner
1-6	Best Deciduous Azalea	seedling of Washington State Centennial	Olson
7-13	Best Evergreen Azalea & Azaleaendron	Pink Rosebud	Dalebout
14-16	Best White Elepidote	Senator Jackson	Brown
17-21	Best Pink Elepidote	Cranberry Swirl	Olson
20a	Best of Walloper Class	Pink Walloper	Olson
22-23a	Best Rose Elepidote	Winsome	Cochran
24,25,27, & 28	Best Red Elepidote	True Blood	Trautmann
29,30,32, & 33	Best Purple Elepidote	Tamarindos	Kelly, L
34-37	Best Yellow Elepidote	Kathy Foley	Trautmann
38-41	Best Orange	Dali's Dream	Trautmann
42 & 43	Best Tri-Color Elepidote	Nitroholc & Cayenne	Trautmann
44-50	Best Lepidote	Arctic Tern	Baumer
470-550	Best Species Azalea	occidentale	Jensen
562	best macrophyllum	macrophyllum	Klampe
560-680	Best Elepidote Species	kendrickii	Prchal
740 & 80	Best Maddenia & Edgworthii Species & Hybrid	Coastal Spice	Prchal
700,710,720,730,750,760,770, & 790	Best Lepidote Species	trichostomum v. 'Rae Berry'	Bones
810,820,830,840	Best New American Hybrid Seedling	seedling	Olson
850	Best Elepidote Spray	Rhododendron Spray	Dalebout
	Best in Show	Tamarindos	Kelly, L
	Sweepstakes		Prchal
	Best Foliage	Pres. Roosevelt	Davis, C
	Best Bonsai		Bones

Rhody Festival Parade Float:



Some Smiling Faces at the Rhody Festival Show:

