

**May 2026**

## **MACROPHYLLUM**

Siuslaw Chapter  
American Rhododendron Society  
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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**

**Board Meeting:** The next board board meeting will be held at Mike & Kathy Bones' house at 90379 Hwy.101 May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**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.

**Pre-Meeting Dinner:** Our pre-meeting dinner will be May 19<sup>st</sup> at the International C-food Market (ICM) (1498 Bay St, Florence) at 5:00pm. Please contact Janet Von Toussaint 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!

**Next Meeting topic:** Our meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation by Bruce and Linda Cochran on their bikeride trip through Holland. We will also have a wrap-up discussion regarding the shows.

**Cookie Team:** A great big thank you to everyone who contributed goodies for the early show! The following people have graciously volunteered to bring cookies to the Rhody show on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>: Sandi Hennig, Jody Driver, Enid Deibert and Janet Von Toussaint. We are still looking for volunteers to bring snacks on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> to the show.

Joni Kenner and Lois Bravo have volunteered to bring cookies to the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks so much!

~ Janet Von Toussaint    Please call 925-285-3945 if your schedule has changed

**Our Sunshine Lady:** Sandi Hennig has asked me to let you know that she is ready, willing and able to send out cards and notes to anyone needing a little cheering up. Please call her at 541-997-2489 or email her at [flendish42@gmail.com](mailto: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 someone on our board know via phone or email. You will find the board members names and contact information in our newsletter.



~ Thank You, Sandi Jensen

### **Upcoming Rhody Events:**

May Rhododendron Parade Float - Garland Alston

May 15 & 16, Rhododendron Festival and Flower Show - Day Farrald

May 19, follow-up on shows, and Bruce & Linda Cochran's trip to Holland

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

**Presidents Message:** This year's rhododendron blooming season is here, with so many bright colors, not only in member's gardens, but throughout the town. Yes, Florence is a beautiful place to live, not only for the abundance of colorful rhododendrons, but also for our small town's beaches, great weather year around and you, our members of the Siuslaw Chapter.

Day Farrald headed up the early show for the chapter, and all of his hard-working volunteers created another fantastic flower show and plant sale. It's amazing how everyone comes together without written instructions and puts together the whole show. Thanks Everyone! The flower bud and bonsai display added lots of interest from the attendees. In the future our bonsai, flower bud and the foliage display ballots will be counted on Saturday night, with the winners acknowledged and their trophies on display Sunday with the rest of the Show's winners. Our big flower show and plant sale during the 119th Annual Rhododendron Festival is one of the highlights for the whole town!

If we have time at our meeting on May 19th, we will discuss ways we can make our shows even better. If we don't have time, we will be having a post flower show/plant sale meeting.

Cheryl Prchal is stepping down as our Vice President. Thank you Cheryl for the years of dedicated work that you have given the Siuslaw Chapter. We will have a new VP before the Flower Show. Thanks to those who have shown interest in this position. It's going to be a hard decision.

Our plant Auction was exciting due to all of the plants and other items that you donated and bought back. We took in just over \$2000.

We hope to see you helping to set up the flower show, working the show, buying plants, helping Garland Alston with the Parade float or at the next meeting on May 19th.

~ Mike Bones, President

**Celebration of Life:** Throughout our lives we encounter people who impact us in ways we never realize. We may see them, converse with them and even appreciate their influence on one of our special interests. Liz Hultin was one of those people.

Our annual Rhododendron Shows would not have been the same had it not been for Liz. She was responsible for at least 25% of the entries in each Show. We didn't see much of her at the regular meetings; she lived in Bandon, c rather long drive to Florence. However, she and Tom (her Show work horse) would make certain they got up early enough to arrive in time to enter more than 100 trusses for each Show.

Now it is time for us to show our appreciation for all the enthusiasm and effort she put forth to help make our shows among the best in the country. On Sunday, May 3rd, between noon and 5, we will travel to her home in Bandon to visit with Tom and her beautiful garden and express our sincere gratitude for everything she has done for our Chapter.

No convoy is planned for the trip down, we will travel at our leisure, but please let me, Day Farrald at 541-579-5544, know if you intend to make the journey. Tom would like to have an idea as to how many friends are coming.

The address is:  
84419 N Bank Ln  
Bandon, OR 97411  
~ Day Farrald



**Rhody Float Volunteers Needed:** Put on your thinking caps and use your imagination to help with the design and assembly of the Rhody float for the Rhody Festival Parade. Garland Alston will be heading this project up and if you could lend a hand please contact him at (701) 609-0207 or send him an email at GA@therhodybrodee.com.

**April 2026 Trophy Winners:**

List #	Category #	Category Name	Truss Name	Winner
1.	1-13	Best Hybrid Azalea	Ward's Ruby	<u>Braley</u>
2.	14-16	Best White	Laramie	<u>Trautmann</u>
3.	17-20 & 21	Best Pink	<u>Red Walloper</u>	Walker
4.	22-23a	Best Rose	Kathy Bones	Bones, M.
5.	25a-25b	<u>Taurus Grace Seabrook</u>	<u>Grace Seabrook</u>	Garcia
6.	24-28	Best Red	Rubicon	<u>Trautmann</u>
7.	29-33	Best Purple	Ink Spot	<u>Sorensen</u>
8.	34-37	Best Yellow	<u>Macabe X Larami</u>	<u>Trautmann</u>
9.	38-41	Best Orange		<u>Nordin</u>
10.	42-43	<u>Best Tri-color</u>	Mango Salsa	<u>Trautmann</u>
11.	44-55	<u>Leidote &amp; Pogonanthum</u>	<u>Razorbill</u>	Jensen
12.	80--740	<u>Maddenii or Edgeworthi</u>	<u>Maddenii</u>	Bones, M.
13.	470-550	Best Species Azalea	<u>Cunescens</u>	<u>Braley</u>
14.	560-680	Best <u>Elepidote</u> Species	<u>R. Uvarifilium</u>	<u>Trautmann</u>
15.	700-790	Best <u>Eleidote</u> Species	<u>Dodineri</u>	Jensen
16.	810-840	Best New American Hybrid	<u>Killer Diller x Aver</u>	<u>Trautmann</u>
17.	850	Best <u>Elepidote</u> Spray	<u>Tia Goldlust</u>	<u>VonToussaint</u>
18.	44-50, 700-790	Best <u>Elepidote</u>	<u>Maddenii</u>	Bones, M.
19.	14-43	Best <u>Eleopidote</u> Hybrid	Rubicon	<u>Trautmann</u>
20.		Best in Show	Rubicon	<u>Trautmann</u>
21.		Best Bud		
22.				
23.				
24.		Best Azalea	<u>Canescens</u>	<u>Braley</u>

**April 2026 Rhody Show Pictures:**





**April Meeting Pictures:**

