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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

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 September 8th at 6:00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Pre-Meeting Dinner: Our pre-meeting dinner will be September 15th at Abby's Legendary Pizza, 1374 US-101, Florence at 5:00pm. Please contact Janet Von Toussaint 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!

Next Meeting topic: Our meeting on September 15th will be "Rhody 101" presented by several of our members. Bring your problems and questions pertaining to Rhododendrons.

Cookie Team: The following people have graciously volunteered to bring cookies to the September 15th meeting: Lalena Goldberg, Jenny Green, Garland Alston and Janet Von Toussaint. We are always looking for volunteers to bring snacks to our meetings. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located near the cookie counter.

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

President's Message: It seems that another summer has quickly passed, and we are ready for a great year ahead for the Siuslaw Chapter. Thank you for making our Chapter what it is today—one that is out front and on the move. We are a leader and looked up to by other chapters.

Please block off the evenings on the third Tuesday of each month on your calendars for education on Rhododendrons, socialization with other chapter members, and entertainment. Our upcoming schedule includes:

- September 15: "Rhododendron 101" with fellow chapter members sharing how to grow award-winning plants.
- October 20: Dr. Richard Flavell will present an educational program on large-leaf Rhododendrons.
- November 17: We will learn about how to propagate rhododendrons and azaleas from the owners of Oregon Rhododendrons.
- December 6 (First Sunday): Our annual potluck Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. This is always a fun event with excellent food.

Additionally, some of us gather for a dinner before the regular meetings. If you would like to attend, please RSVP in advance. It is a wonderful way to meet other members. The fun continues during the half-hour social time before our chapter meeting, and then our guest speaker. We are usually finished by 8:30 PM.

Our meetings are not just for members of the Chapter, so please feel free to bring a friend or family member. Ask questions and get involved. Remember, the chapter doesn't make you; you make the Chapter.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can always reach me at rhodies@charter.net.
Thank you to everyone who helps make our chapter so fantastic.

~ Mike Bones, President

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Membership Renewal: It's that time of year again to renew your membership and pay the dues. You may fill out this form online or print it and enter your information by hand. Your Member ID# is already on file, so you do not need to look it up. Please bring your completed form and dues to our September meeting. We are unable to accept cards at the meeting; payment can be made by check or cash.

~ Linda Farrald