



# Macrophyllum

## Summer 2008 Supplement

Newsletter of the  
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### Summer Chapter Events

**Newport Garden Faire-** “Gardening on the Edge” is a faire held in Newport this June 28/29 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday with garden tours on Sunday. Our Siuslaw Chapter will have a booth at this faire. There is a \$3.00 entry fee for faire attendees but booth volunteers **do not** have to pay if they are working in our chapter booth that day. If you decide to volunteer at the Siuslaw Chapter booth, you may also attend the lectures throughout the day. Contact Mike or Kathy Bones to work in the booth. (541) 997-3082. Mike’s e-mail is: [rhodies@charter.net](mailto:rhodies@charter.net) and Kathy’s e-mail is: [kathybones@charter.net](mailto:kathybones@charter.net)

**August Picnic** - Our chapter picnic will be held on **August 10<sup>th</sup> at Honeyman State Park yurt** and will be the same time of day and set up as the June picnic. See our June chapter newsletter issue for the vital information about attending the picnics.

**Gallagher Park Work Party** – See Mike Bones’ article on page three for this July date!

**Sister Chapter Events** – Southwestern Chapter's picnic is June 29 at Tom & Liz Holton's. Call Bob & Marjene MacIntyre for directions.  
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Eugene Chapter's picnic is also June 29. Call Helen Baxter for directions (541-461-6082).

**Fall Conference** – 28<sup>th</sup> ARS Western Regional Conference to be held in Hilo Hawaii on September 23 – 28, 2008 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. For more information and registration visit the website: [www.hawaiiivireyaars.org](http://www.hawaiiivireyaars.org)

**Siuslaw ARS website-** Paul Wilson has been working hard to update and improve our chapter website. I hope everyone will take a moment each month to access it from their personal computer and check the local club calendar and other information about the chapter. Use the link at the top of this page under “website:” (in each month’s newsletter issue) to quickly view the website.

The Willamette Chapter ARS sends me a link to their newsletter and the latest issue is outstanding. There are many beautiful photos of their trip to Edinburgh, Scotland (and the Royal Botanical Garden of Edinburgh) that you won’t want to miss. Use this link to connect to their newsletter directly and enjoy the vicarious trip through their camera’s lens. Merilee/Editor

<http://www.arswillamette.org/current.htm>

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT By: Mike Bones

Here is the new slate of officers for the 2008-09 chapter year. After some hard disicion making, the board appointed Judy Johnson to fill the vacancy left when Linda Swarz was elected as VP. We had five good/willing and able candidates to choose from. The nominating committee went out of thier way to find them for us. Congratulations to Judy and special thanks to the nominating committee.

2008-09 Slate of Officers and New Board members:

President	Mike Bones	
Past President	Jim Smith	
Vice President	Linda Swarz	(she will also be Show Chair)
Secretary	Kathy Bones	
Treasurer	Nancy Fullmer	
09 Director	Sandi Hennig	
10 Director	Judy Johnson	
11 Director	Ann Blizard	(she will also be Membership Chair)

## SECRETARY'S REPORT By: Kathy Bones

### Siuslaw Chapter ARS Annual Meeting Picnic June 8, 2008

*(condensed by newsletter editor)*

Over 60 people attended the annual meeting/picnic. Mike Bones called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming and providing a great lunch. We'll do this again August 10, same place, same time. Guests were introduced (Connie & Doreen). The meeting was turned over to Jim Smith, Past President, in charge of bylaws changes. Voted on were the Treasurer duties. By-laws originally read: "The treasurer shall be responsible for membership, collecting all dues, handling the funds of the chapter and shall make a financial report at the annual meeting." When passed the new by-laws read: "The treasurer shall be responsible for: handling the funds of the chapter; submitting a financial report at each board meeting and during the Annual Business Meeting; and with the assistance of the board developing an annual budget." Jim made a **MOTION** to approve the bylaws as submitted to reflect this change. Sandi Hennig seconded it. **PASSED**.

Mike recognized the outgoing board and thanked them for their faithful service to our chapter. He announced that with *Member at Large* Bob Horney's resignation, effective May 30, the board had appointed Sandi Hennig to fill the last year of that position. The slate for the new board was presented; President, Mike Bones; Vice President, Linda Swarz; Secretary, Kathy Bones; Treasurer, Nancy Fullmer. The slate was then opened to the membership present for further nominations. Bob MacIntyre made a **MOTION** to accept the slate of officers as presented. Shirley Wilson seconded it. **PASSED**. Jim Smith will continue on as Past President.

The members nominated for *Member at Large* were introduced. Those nominations were Ann Blizard, Debbie Drefchinski and Judy Johnson. This position is a 3-year term. Ballots were handed out and the nominating committee of Don Chehak, Jo Ann Wilson and Jim Smith retired to tabulate the votes. Don Chehak announced the results of the voting and Ann Blizard was elected the new Member At Large. He thanked everyone for voting.

Congratulations were given to Jeff & Wendy Grant for having the largest *Macrophyllum* in America. A great article was in the Eugene newspaper. Since Gene Cockeram retired as Show Chairman, it was announced that Linda Swarz is the new Show Chairman. Ann Blizard has agreed to take over as the new Membership Chairman. Jim & Sylvia Smith were given 2 beautifully framed rhody pictures as a thank you for their faithful 11 years of being show chairman for our chapter. They made our flower show the best in the world!! Jim thanked everyone and added that the show is really a success because of everyone's hard work! Mike then gave Jim the first Rhody Book ever written as a thank you, too. Jenny Velinty, the cookie lady, has her next year's list almost complete and will be contacting people to fill her list and get substitutes.

Sandi Hennig was looking for an *Assistant Storekeeper*. Connie Rosenbaum volunteered to be the assistant. If you need to get into the storage unit, contact Gene Cockeram. Copies of the treasurer's report will be available at the board meetings. All board meetings are opened to the membership and are held at Bones' on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

## Summer Gallagher Park Cleanup

Please pass this along to other members you see this month...

We will be having a work party at Gallagher Rhododendron Park on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> or if you have any time between now and then, please go for it. There will be lots of trimming and many dead limbs in the plants that need to be cut out. There are some dead plants that need cutting off flush with the ground or below the surface and many of the huckleberries along the front need to be cut back.

Some of the larger rhodies along the walks need to be cut back along with many of the larger plants along Spruce Street. They need to be limbed up. If you have a long powered pole saw, there are many taller limbs on the trees that need to be cut back/off.

The city has promised a load of chips to be dumped behind the maintenance shop and the trails need to be back-filled along the edges so that people do not trip. The salal needs to be mowed down along with plant pinching and pruning, dead-heading and hauling the limbs off to the slash pile.

I spent 3 hours, recently, trimming back most of the azaleas for the Garden Club. They had a crew come in and clean up after me... wow, the front really looks **great**. Now it is our turn to get the inside of the park looking great too.

Meet us at 10 am to noon on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. I hope to be there at 9 in the morning.

Thanks, Mike Bones

### 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 and azaleas in home, business, and public landscapes.
- Advocating the conservation and preservation of superior plants of our native Rhododendrons and their habitat along the Oregon Coast.
- Advancing and supporting the mission of the American Rhododendron Society.

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