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There is a Christmas/ Holiday potluck party going on at the Jesse Jones Oddfellow Campground on **Sunday, December 4th**. Gathering will begin at **12:00 noon** and dinner will start at **1:00 pm**.

Drive south on Hwy 101 over the Siuslaw bridge. Continue south about ½ mile and turn right onto South Jetty Road. The address is 04906 and there should be a sign on the left indicating the park entrance. Look for the round building where the club will gather for dinner.

The dinner sign-up sheets were passed around at the last meeting and I have them if you would like to add to them, please contact me at 541-935-2482, or sfuchsia@gmail.com. I will also print them later in this newsletter. You will need to bring your own table service (plate, napkin, silverware, and a cup) plus your own beverage. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, you should bring a wrapped GARDEN THEME gift, tagged for male or female (if applicable). You may even see our jolly webmaster, (pictured above, from a previous potluck).



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Presidents Message

By Larry Jensen

It's amazing how much traffic there is. I'm outside putting up Christmas lights and watching strings of cars heading east and west. I guess the football game could account for much of the traffic. Then I realize how lucky we are to have a lot to do that we enjoy doing at home.

The rhodies and dogwood trees are getting pruned so I can get to the trees that I put lights on. While putting up the lights I'm always getting distracted pruning, deadheading and cleaning the rhodies and just admiring the foliage on many of the plants. I see buds on plants for the first time and wonder if some of the crosses will be worth while.

We had our Thanksgiving get together on Friday and I ate way too much. Later we had a wild game of Apples to Apples with the grandkids. It is amazing how many laughs we get!

We hope to see all of you at the Oddfellows next Sunday . LJ



Sylvia Smith



Rhodie of many colors



Bill Johnson, our photographer

There were people who signed up at the last meeting to bring specific food items. If you see an area that is lacking in an item you would like to bring, please feel free to bring it .

Main dish, Turkey, Ham, etc- Turkey/gravy, Mike and Kathy Bones; Ham- Petersons

Side Dishes: Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Bread/rolls, etc- Potatoes au Gratin- Nancy Fullmer; Sweet potato Casserole- The Wilsons; 2 dozen dinner rolls, The Samuelsons; Mashed Potatoes, Gene Cockeram

Other side dishes: Sweet Potatoes, hot vegetables, etc- Green bean casserole, Jan Shepherd; Baked beans-Wanda Hackett; Green bean casserole-Wilsons; Sandi Jensen- hot corn.

Salads: Carrot salad- Jan Shepherd; Raspberry Salad- Petersons; Coleslaw- Baxters; Sylvia Smith - ; Connie Rosenbalm- fruit salad; Sandi Jensen- vegetable tray.

Desserts: Carol Vetter; Pat Talbot; Jenny Velinty; Apple Pie, and Lemon squares- Sandi Hennig

Appetizers: Dips, pickles, etc; Sandi Jensen- pickles & olives; Sandi Hennig clam dip with crackers; Bill Hennig- smoked fish & crackers.



If you see someone without a smile... Give them one of yours!



UPCOMING Chapter Events

Christmas Party- Sunday December 4th at noon at the Oddfellows campground .

Board Meeting- On Tuesday January 10th ,there will be a board meeting at Jim and Sylvia Smiths home in Mapelton at 6:30 pm.

Meeting topic: Patrick Osborn from Thompsons Nursery in Waldport will talk to us about Phytothera.

Chapter Meeting-On Tuesday January 17th at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, Florence, at 7 pm. Refreshments at 6.30 pm.

This month's dinner will be at the Driftwood. Don't miss out! Dinner is at 5:00 before our meeting on January 17th . Call or email Rosemary by January 13th at 541-997-6167 or tonyrosemary@charter.net if you plan to attend dinner .

Gallagher Park Work Party- Wednesday, January 18th from 10:00 until 12:00 noon. The park is at the corner of Spruce and Hwy. 126. Gene Cockeram, City Park Commissioner. flowerman@q.com . Remember helping Gene at the park gets you 6 free tickets for the raffle!

Cookie Team - Judy Johnson, Deb Drefchinski, Jenny Velinty, and room for more! Call Jenny Velinty at 541-997-7573 or email her at jenvel@oregonfast.net .

Help your club! An easy, fun, little time commitment job. What could be better? Be the dinner Coordinator every other month. Contact Rosemary Rebello for more details. 541-997-6167

Siuslaw Chapter ARS Mission Statement

The mission of the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is to promote the genus Rhododendron by:

- ✓ **Creating enthusiam 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 oppourtunities 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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The garden gnome



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