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UPCOMING Chapter Events

Meeting Topic- Dwarf Rhododendrons with Mike Stewart

Chapter Meeting – the January meeting is on the 16th at 7PM at the Presbyterian Church on Hwy 101. **Dinner this month will be at the ICM at 5:00 pm.** Contact Eileen McKinney for reservations (541) 997-2222 or egmc@charter.net.

Words Of The Month- Don't forget that if you won a door prize at the November chapter meeting, get your definition for the word you received done and ready for this month's meeting. You can use pictures, drawings or whatever helps you get the point across! See "Words of the Month" article on page 2 of this issue for words and names.

Cookie Team- Jackie Marble, Sandi Hennig, Nancy Fullmer, Jenny Velinty

Gallagher Park Work Party –Winter season; no work party this month.

Early Rhody Show- Mark your calendar for April 14 & 15, 2007. Member help will be needed for set up and take down as well as many other duties our president will discuss as spring unfolds!

Order Chapter Jackets- see form on last page of the newsletter!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By: Mike Bones

Happy New Year from your President.

The Siuslaw Chapter has had a very full year during 2006; we are looking forward to a better and fuller year in 2007. We will be asking for lots of help this year. If you have the talents and can spare a little time while being with friends, please jump in with both feet. We as a chapter do not want to get stale; we need new ideas so please ask questions and have ideas. Everyone is a GREAT asset to our chapter. YOU are what make it that way, being on the Board, being on a committee, giving ideas, helping out during set up and take down during our shows, bringing in your trusses or doing so for a friend, talking up our chapter to your neighbors, bringing a guest to the meeting, attending the meetings, plant sales, work parties, tours, purchasing books or Chapter clothing. Being a member from afar, getting our newsletter and reading it. It's a honor being asked by other chapters if they can use information from our web site.(siuslawars.org) and newsletter.

We have two flower shows within the next five months, tours, work parties, lots of planning for our part of the 100th anniversary of Florence's Rhododendron Festival. Siuslaw Chapter is hosting the first ever District 4 flower show. It is all going to take extra foot work for all.

Out in the garden, the daffodils are starting to sprout, birds are scurrying around eating insects and scuffing up weed seeds to eat. I try to throw out a little cracked corn to help them scratch up the ground. Christmas Cheer bloomed two months ago and was hit by the cold spell that we had. Lees Scarlet is in full bloom and adds so much to the winter greens and browns of the garden during this time of the year. Thank you for your support...



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Photo: American Rhododendron Society Website

WORDS OF THE MONTH

In November we began defining leaf shapes. We learned:

A **LINEAR** leaf is very narrow and elongated.

An **OBLONG** leaf has more or less parallel edges tapering at both ends.

A leaf that is **OVATE** is egg shaped and broadest at the base.

A leaf that is **OBLANCEOLATE** is graduating from the base to the broadest at the apex (the tip or end).

An **ELLIPTIC** leaf is oval in shape, rounded on the ends.

"ORBICULARE" describes a leaf that is circular in shape.

LANCELATE leaves are tapered at the end, like a lance.

At our January meeting we will learn about leaves that are:

"Campanulate"	Bill Hennig
"Openly campanulate"	Pat Miller
"Ventricose campanulate"	Eileen McKenney
"Funnel shaped"	Debbie Peterson
"Openly funnel shaped"	Marianne Horney

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Kathy Bones

Instead of a board meeting in December, we had an All-Chapter Christmas party! Good food, great gifts and fun was had by all! Regular board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month starting again in January, 2007. Happy New Year to everyone!

Seed Parent x Pollen Parent:	ciliicalyx x unknown
Predominate Flower Color:	White
Flower / Truss Description:	Flower broadly funnel-shaped, wavy lobes, 4" across, very fragrant, white, flushed pink to rose outside, with a bright yellow throat. Semi-erect flowers held in lax trusses of 3-6.
Bloom Time:	Early Midseason
Height (ft.) in 10 Yrs:	4
Cold Hardiness Temperature:	15°F (-9°C)
Foliage Description / Plant Habit:	Leaves elliptic-lanceolate, 3" long, dark green with deeply impressed veins. Stems, leaves and buds densely covered with light brown hairs. Leaf undersides scaly, glaucous light green. Bark reddish-brown fissured gray.
Elepidote (E) or Lepidote (L):	L
Hybridizer:	Bowman
Reference:	ARS 633

Dear Dr. Rhody,

I planted some seed that I purchased from the Seed Exchange. The seeds grew nicely and I transplanted them into 4 inch containers last summer. The seeds seemed to be doing very well. My question is how often should I water them during the winter months? They are in a greenhouse that is enclosed during the cold weather.

The answer to this question is not an absolute definite period of days between watering. You need to check the moisture content and when they start to feel dry water them thoroughly. It is necessary to provide moisture for the health of the plant, but over watering can also cause damage and disease to occur. Basically if they are dry water them. I usually water my seedlings about every 2-3 weeks during the winter months.

Good luck,
Dr. Rhody

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

If you are one of the few who have not renewed their membership to the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society for 2007, it's not too late. Pop a check in the mail to Siuslaw Chapter ARS, P O Box 1701, Florence OR 97439 or bring it to the January meeting. If you're not sure if you renewed, just give me a call...902-7637.

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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:

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- 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.

Order Form
Siuslaw Chapter ARS Jacket

Two types of jackets are available.

Baseball type jackets are hunter polyester with a navy blue nylon liner.*

Parka type jackets are Toughlan nylon (polyurethane-coated) with a black fleece liner.**

Both jackets have Siuslaw Chapter American Rhododendron Society embroidered on the front.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID.

Quantity	Size*	M/W	Tall**	Price	Optional First Name \$3.00	Total
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_____	6X	_____	_____	\$49.00	_____	_____

*Baseball type jacket not available in tall sizes. See Sandi for info on tall sized jackets.

**Parka type jacket not available in women's tall sizes or size 5X and 6X women's.

Total Order _____

Please make checks payable to "Siuslaw Chapter ARS." Thank you.

Give order to Sandi Hennig or mail order to: Siuslaw Chapter ARS, PO Box 1701, Florence OR 97439

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