



# Macrophyllum

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Newsletter of the  
**Siuslaw Chapter**  
**American Rhododendron Society**  
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## Secretary's Report

The chapter's board has been busy in the month of July with two meetings, one for the 2004- 05 budget and the other for the 2004 - 05 program. The budget will be available to any member who would like to see it when Cheryl Prchal, our treasurer, has completed the changes the board requested. See any board member for a copy. The program for the coming year is full of interesting and enjoyable events. The various speakers, activities and parties are being planned and will be announced when confirmed.

It has been announced the Executive Director of the ARS, Dee Daneri, has retired after years of service to the organization. Laura Grant from Canada is the new Executive Director.

The macrophyllum committee has gained Bob MacIntyre and Marianne Horney. Gene Cockeram and Everett Hall are delighted to have more hunters!

A new regular meeting location was discussed and then researched. **The Presbyterian Church of Siuslaw will be our new place starting September 21, 2004.** This is located on the east side of Highway 101, where the double lane returns to a single lane. The social time will start at 6:45 PM and the program at 7:15. We will need volunteers to set up tables and chairs at 6:30 and take them down again at the conclusion of the program. A sign up sheet will be passed around for this so be thinking of a month you will be able to help.

A motion was made "that all money taken in or for our chapter from any source be made payable to Siuslaw Chapter ARS and go through the Chapter Treasurer". Save receipts for reimbursement purposes.

Phil Lanning will be heading up a committee to create a float and participate in the Rhododendron Parade in May. Anyone who would like to help, see Phil. He will be recruiting as the festival approaches next year.

Gallagher Park is an on going project our Chapter has agreed to be a part of. A new list for the coming year will be circulated for your opportunity to sign up to work there. Learn from each other while having fun in the Park. The first Thursday of every month is set-aside for the work party, which starts at 10:00 AM and ends with going to lunch at noon.

Be looking for more information about "Plant a Rhody Month" in October!

Dinners before our regular meetings will once again be by reservations made with Eileen McKenney. This is a fun fellowship time that all enjoy.

Kathy Bones, Secretary

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## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

#### Chapter Meeting

*What:* Picnic

*When:* Saturday, Aug 28  
Meet at noon, eat at 1 PM

*Where:* Honeyman Yurt at West Woahink in Honeyman State Park. **See page 3 for a map.**

*Bring:* Two dishes, your table service and beverage.

*Action:* Bring a plant and play our plant game.

### SEPTEMBER

#### Chapter Meeting

*When:* Tuesday, September 21, 7PM.

*Where:* Presbyterian Church, 3996 Hwy 101, Florence, OR

## President's Report

We ended our last season with our June picnic and now we will begin our new season with another picnic. On August 28<sup>th</sup> we will begin to gather about noon and plan to eat about 1:00p.m. After our meal we play our fun plant game. As usual we will be in the yurt in Honeyman State Park, which is about two blocks east of Highway 101. Bring your own table service, a hot dish and a side dish {salad, dessert, appetizer, etc.} and a beverage if you want to drink something other than coffee or water. Also bring a plant for everyone who wants to play our plant game. This will be our last Saturday picnic as next year we are returning to having our picnics on Sunday.

The Board also has identified the Chapter activities for our coming season and it promises to be a busy year indeed. Our Chapter takes the word "active" very seriously. If any of you want a copy of our activity schedule [subject to change as circumstances change] you can get one from our Secretary, Kathy Bones.

For those of you who want to learn how to take and root evergreen azalea cuttings, our annual cutting party will be at the home of Gene and Doris Cocker on August 10, 1:00 p.m. This is a fun 'hands-on' activity that has always been popular in our Chapter.

On Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have our monthly work party at Gallagher Park starting at about 9:30 a.m. The park needs a lot of attention and maintaining it is an obligation our Chapter assumed many years ago. There are already some beautiful plants in the park and with a little work we can make it into an outstanding rhododendron garden. Besides it's always fun to work together and then go to lunch together at the pizza parlor.

Our regular Chapter meetings will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> [and there will be more about this meeting in our next newsletter but I want you all to be aware we have changed our meeting location. The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw has graciously agreed to allow us to meet in their beautiful facility. I think you will all really enjoy it. The address of the church is 3996 Highway 101 N It's on the east side of Highway 101 about a block or so south of the Bi-mart area. We will enter the building through a door on the north side of the building- easy to find.

We are having another very dry summer, so be sure to keep watering your plants before they dry out-and keep hoping for rain. Mike and I are considering having a 'Rain' party when the rains finally return. Want to join us? It's sure to be a soaking event.

Everett Hall, President

Dear Dr. Rhody:

Hi Rhody lovers. I hope you had a great summer. A few comments concerning your gardens:

Do not forget August and September are usually very dry months. It never hurts to give your favorite plants an extra drink. If you have not fertilized yet, do so soon. This is the time of the year for plant growth and bud set.

If some of you have been bitten by the hybridizing bug you need to begin to check your seed pods. I actually found some very mature seed pods on my plants already. It seems everything is happening early this year.

If you have decided to try to propagate your favorite plants by cuttings, I would recommend you check the new growth immediately. I am afraid I missed the best time to do many of the varieties I wanted to propagate.

Start getting your new planting areas ready. It will soon be the time to plant some new treasures.

Dr. Rhody



### Gallagher Park

The work parties for Gallagher Park will again be the first Thursday of each month, with our first work session scheduled for 9:30AM, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. We would like for anybody and everybody to show up if possible, there is lots of weeding to be done, pruning and just general maintenance to be done, so if at all possible show up for something. Thanks to all in advance.

Gene

### Rhododendron Events

**September 21-26, 2004:** ARS Western Regional Conference, Hilo, HI

**November 2-4, 2004:** New Zealand Rhododendron Association 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Gore, Southland, New Zealand. For information contact Kathy Falconer, <mailto:falconer.dj@clear.net.nz>

### Shirts For Sale

Sweat shirts with Florence Logo: \$14.00, XL. T-Shirts--L and XL \$7.00, 2X,\$9.00, 3X \$10.00  
Call Dave Shepherd 997-2283.  
They will also be available at the meeting.

### Picnic Details

A potluck picnic held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. These picnics are great fun - lots of delicious things to eat with wonderful friends. We will gather beginning at 12 noon, eat about 1:00 p.m. and have our plant game after that. We will also have a short business meeting. As usual we will be in the yurt in Honeymoon Park on the East Side of Highway 101. There will be an A.R.S. sign by the driveway on the South side of the road about two blocks east of highway 101. Bring your own table service, a hot dish and a side dish [salad, dessert, appetizer, etc] and a beverage if you want to drink something other than water or coffee, which will be provided by the chapter. If you want to join in the fun of our plant game then bring a plant.

**Congratulations** to Charles and Betty King who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24th.



Pictures from Gene Cockeram's garden tour held earlier this year.

In the heat of the summer these pictures remind us of the beauty of rhodies in bloom.