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**THIS COULD BE THE VERY LAST MACROPHYLLUM!!
EDITOR NEEDED DESPARATELY!!**

Can you send e-mails? Can you write letters? Can you put the two together?
If so, you have the skills needed to be the newsletter editor.

With all the tutoring you need, you can be the next editor!!!

PLEASE, consider helping out so we can keep this fun and informative newsletter going.
Contact any board member to volunteer or ask questions.

UPCOMING Chapter Events

July 11, 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting at Bones Nursery: 2006/2007 Agenda and budgeting.
Please submit ideas for programs to any board member.

July 18, 7:00 PM Trough-making class at Presbyterian Church

July 19, Tour of the Oregon Coast Nursery. Call Tony & Rosemary Rebello for information and lunch reservations.

July 20, 10-12 AM Work party at Gallagher Park

July 25, 4:00 PM Trough making class at Roadside Rhododendron Nursery (Jim and Sylvia Smith's) with a potluck following.

August 13, Picnic/potluck/plant game. Meet at 1:00 PM: dine at 2:00 PM. Honeyman Park Yurt

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Mike Bones

This being my first Presidential report, I want to thank you for your support to the new Board. We have a big year ahead of us with many projects planned. The largest is the 100th anniversary of the Rhododendron Festival. Besides the flower show, we are planning many smaller events, too. Please join the rest of the Chapter by pitching in and helping as needed. We want you to be an active part of the Siuslaw Chapter ARS.

One of our much needed jobs right now is a Newsletter Editor. I am sorry but I really don't know how to do it. Maybe two or three people could go together and do it. Think about it.

My last rhododendron is starting to bloom. It is a seedling of Carl Crooks, who lived in Alvaldor on the north side of Fern Ridge Reservoir. He moved to Florence along with many of his seedlings, which were planted a foot apart, in rows. After his death, the property exchanged hands a few times. I went in (with permission) and dug a few plants. It was during the winter so I had no idea as to what I was getting. These rhodies are the large tree type rhododendrons that now line my south property. They look great as a tree and leave lots of room underneath for other plants.

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The Siuslaw Chapter will be meeting every month this year. We have too many topics to cover to get them done in 8 meetings. The July meeting will be a slide presentation of making Hypertufa Troughs. The use of stone troughs as a plant container began in England in the 1920's. Small plants arranged artfully in a trough make an attractive addition to the garden. Join us on July 18th, 7 PM at the Presbyterian Church to see how to make Hypertrufa Troughs and then come to the hands on trough making party, at Roadside Rhododendron Nursery (Jim and Sylvia Smith's) in Mapleton at 4 pm on July 25th. Be sure to wear grubby clothes and garden gloves.

The cutting/work party with the combined efforts with the Mapleton and Florence Garden Clubs along with the Siuslaw Chapter ARS was a great success. Over 50 people turned out.

Don't just be a member, be a part of the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

FROM THE BACK ROW

by
Everett Hall

In my new position on the Board of Directors as Past President I will not, naturally, be doing the President's report. However, I am going to do a new column called, I think appropriately, "From the Back Row." Sometimes things look different from the back row than they do while standing in front of the group and I will try to comment on some of those things as well as anything else that pops into my fertile mind. If any of you have a topic you want me to talk about, just let me know. As long as it's rhododendron related I will try to tackle it.

Another of my responsibilities as Past President is to remain on the Presidential Committee. This committee is composed of the President, the Vice-President and the Past President. This committee has four responsibilities: To review the activities of the Chapter and provide recommendations about current and future activities to the Board of Directors (for example, they serve as a "Think Tank" identifying future goals for the Chapter). To handle routine administrative functions thereby reducing the workload of the Board such as suggesting pre-meeting dinner locations. To revise and develop Chapter policies and committee guidelines for consideration of the Board and to trouble shoot Chapter problems and provide recommendations to the Board (for example the newsletter editor vacancy). It was this committee (although it wasn't formalized then) that set the new direction for the Chapter that has helped cause the Chapter to flourish. As a result we have taken the Chapter back to the basics (and so Rhododendron 101 was born), and we only bring presentations to our Chapter that are Rhododendron focused. This Committee always reports back to the Board. Your Board of Directors runs your Chapter and all the committees, except two, report to them. The "Awards" and "Nominations" committees report directly to the members of the Chapter.

When we do get a newsletter editor I will sharpen my pencil and try to provide you with an interesting and fun column. Hopefully, that will be soon. The Chapter needs a newsletter- it is the glue that helps hold the Chapter together. Have a great summer.

Welcome new members: Gary and Linda Swarz

A FOND FAREWELL TO PHIL AND LINDA LANNING

We wish you well as you move to Indiana.

The Chapter and the Board want to thank you for the tremendous job you did as a Board member, a member of the meeting set-up team, and especially as Newsletter Editor.

You both will be greatly missed!! Thank you!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By
Kathy Bones

The June board meeting was held with lots of Chapter business being completed! We thank Sandy Hennig for volunteering to be the store assistant! There are still opportunities to volunteer in other areas, too. We really need a Newsletter Editor! Cheryl Prchal has volunteered to put out an informational note and knows how to train an editor so is willing to help anyone interested. Our Chapter needs a show chair trainee, too! This person will work with Jim Smith this coming year to learn the ropes. Jim isn't going anywhere so will be available to help at the 2008 show even though he's not chairing it.

As Dr. Rhody, Jim Smith was very excited about the questions he received last month for the newsletter! See how easy it is to make Jim happy? Keep those questions coming!

Go see how Gallagher Park is improving!! The work parties are really making a difference in the Park and we all appreciate what's being done there! Gene reported that Dave Miller, Head of the City Parks, is looking into digging ditches for water lines in Gallagher.

Bob Horney was welcomed onto the board to fill Phil Lanning's vacancy for the last year of Phil's term. Phil and Linda will be greatly missed when they move!

The board is already looking to July and the first meeting of the new board. That meeting will cover the budget for 06-07 and the meetings for the new year. The summer is taken care of with a meeting on July 18 at 7:00 PM at the regular meeting place about making troughs. July 25 will be a follow up to this class with a "hands on" experience of actually making troughs at Jim and Sylvia Smith's in Mapleton at 4:00 PM with a potluck dinner afterward.

An audit committee was formed to look over the treasurer's books before a new treasurer takes over. I have it on good authority that the books are in excellent condition and Cheryl Prchal has done an outstanding job as our retiring treasurer!

Jim Smith reported we have reserved 4 rooms at the Florence Events Center next spring for the May show. The 100th Anniversary of the Rhododendron Festival is getting more exciting as the plans are being made and carried out! Our show this past May was a huge success! Jim said there were 1,116 entries! This is the most we have ever had at this show!

There were 52 people in attendance at the annual picnic on June 11. We had great food and terrific fellowship! Cheryl gave a general financial report. If you would like to have a more detailed report of our finances, see Cheryl. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to the outgoing Newsletter Editor, Linda Lanning, Board Member at Large, Phil Lanning, Board Member at Large, Ziggy Ziegelmaier and Treasurer, Cheryl Prchal. A big "Thank You" to all of you for your work!!

Jeff Grant read the nominees for the board. They were President – Mike Bones, Vice President – Jeannie Shields, Secretary – Kathy Bones, Treasurer – Rosemary Rebello, Member at Large – Tony Rebello. Pete Peterson made a motion to close the nominations. Phil Lanning seconded it. It passed. The new board was introduced and pictures were taken.

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PLANT OF THE MONTH

By
Everett Hall

The Plant of the Month is a new hybrid developed by our own Dr. Rhody -Jim Smith. It is a cross of 'Wine Fuchsia' and 'Kilimanjaro' Jim first entered a truss of it in our 2005 show and it easily won the 'Best new American hybrid' award; the 'Best red rhododendron' award and 'The best truss in the show' award. The black / red truss is easily ten inches tall and at least that wide. It has long lance shaped deep green leaves that form a perfect collar for the truss.

Jim expects to register this plant in the next year or two and is currently propagating it. First chance for young plants will be given to our Chapter members.

I have always enjoyed the deep red flowering rhododendrons and this is the best one I've ever seen .The line starts behind me.



Gallagher Park could use a few more hands on Thursdays after each meeting. Come out about 10 AM until noon. Bring some gloves. Come out and see what we are doing to make a real show place of Florence! The park is at the corner of Spruce and Hwy 126.
Gene Cockeram-City of Florence Park & Recreation Committee

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.