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UPCOMING Chapter Events

Meeting Topic- It's **AUCTION** time again! Bring your checkbook to buy plants!

Also on tap is the **Rhodies 101b** presentation.

Chapter Meeting – the November meeting is on the 20th at 7PM at the Presbyterian Church on Hwy 101. Dinner this month will be at ICM at 5:00 pm. Contact Eileen McKinney for reservations (541) 997-2222 or egmc@charter.net.

Gallagher Park Work Party – winter season...we'll see you next spring to start work again!

Membership Renewal- Please renew this month if you haven't done so yet. Thanks!

Cookie Team- Jerry Nordin, Linda Swarz, Linda Deitz, Marianne Horney

Board Meeting- November 13th at Mike & Kathy Bones' residence. 7:00 pm.

December Meeting- don't forget that the December meeting is a potluck holiday dinner night at OddFellows Campground. Signup sheets (for bringing your favorite dish) will be passed around at the November meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT By: Mike Bones

We had a great turnout for the pre-meeting dinner at Aztlan in October, followed by Rhodies 101. Our next pre-meeting dinner will be at ICM, 5pm, followed by the second half of Rhodies 101 and an auction. This is how our chapter raises money to help run the chapter. We all bring in plants then buy them back..

December will be our **Christmas Pot Luck**. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting for needed food items. We will also be having a Christmas Gift exchange that should be of a garden theme this year. There are some great garden shopping deals at the garden centers right now.

Try to eliminate slugs and snails this time of year; a little slug bait can go a long way. I use the pellets so that I can broadcast them about the yard.

You can still take cuttings of Rhododendrons and azaleas.



Hybrid – Starbright Champagne

Predominant Flower Color is yellow. The bloom time is EM (early midseason) and the height (in 10 years) is 3ft. The leaves are 6" long, dull green and the plant has a dense habit. Registration reference is ARS 961.

From the October meeting discussion.

Coming in 2008 -- Plant Sales/Shows in the Pacific Northwest

March 3 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Peace Arch Chapter Plant Show and Sale**

Elgin Hall
14250 Crescent Rd., Surrey, BC
Contact: Richard Bryson, email: rsbryson@shaw.ca

March 31 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Eugene Chapter Early Show**

Oregon Electric Station
27 E 5th Ave, Eugene, OR
Contact: Leonard Frogen, email: carfro@earthlink.net

April 1 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Portland Chapter Early Rhododendron Show and Plant Sale**

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
S.E. 28th and Woodstock, Portland, OR
Contact: Kathy Van Veen, email: inquiries@vanveennursery.com

April 14 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Fraser South Chapter Annual Plant Sale and Truss Show**

Langley United Church
5673 200th St., Langley BC
Plants for sale include: choice species, specialty rhododendrons & azaleas, specimen trees and companion plants. These plants have been grown locally by our members! Members will be on-hand to help you choose the right plant for your garden conditions.
Contact: Mary Berg, email: warren_berg@telus.net

April 14 - 15 noon to 6 p.m., Apr 14, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Apr 15 **Siuslaw Chapter Early Show**
Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, OR
Contact: James Smith, email: roadside6@msn.com

April 19 - 22 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Apr 19, Apr 22, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Apr 20-21, 10 a.m. to 7p.m., Apr 22, entries accepted Apr 18 afternoon and Apr 19 morning **Tacoma Chapter Spring Show**

The Puyallup Fair, 110 9th Ave. S.W., Puyallup, WA
admission: adults \$8, youth (6-18 yrs) \$6, 5 yrs and under free, parking free; open show, all entries are accepted gratefully. Routinely have entries from Seattle and Portland area.
Contact: Bill Brackman, email: myrnaandbill@aol.com

April 20 - 22 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Willamette Chapter Truss Show & Friends of Bush Gardens Plant Sale**

Bush House, Bush's Pasture Park
High and Bush St. S.E., Salem, OR
Contact: Wallace Reed, email: wallacereed@comcast.net

Info from the ARS website: www.rhododendron.org

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Kathy Bones

The Siuslaw Chapter Board met on Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The Board meetings are always on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Bones'. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jim has written out the duties and needs for the Show Chairman and the approximate time schedule things need to happen. This will make being Show Chairman much easier! Basically, the Chairman just needs to make sure the committee heads are functioning and delegate the rest of the work. Jim has made the job friendly!

Your Board is looking into purchasing a power point projector that will move us into the 21st Century!

A bookmark is being created that will have all the dates, times and places of the 2007/2008 meetings of the Rhododendron Society. You can keep this on your calendar, in your Rhody Journal or just on your desk so you don't miss any of the fun and educational activities going on!

If you're down in Old Town, go to our Museum and check out the "Surf Board". What's that, you say? It's the Sweepstakes award given at the May Rhody Show for the last 25 years. It's all filled up with the prizewinner's name and the Museum agreed to display it.

Bill & Judy Johnson have taken over the position of Historian for our Chapter. Welcome, Bill and Judy! Thank you to Yvonne Moore the retiring Historian!

The Western Regional in Newport was a huge success with the Foliage Display sponsored by the Siuslaw Chapter being one of the high lights! We were greatly thanked for taking part in the convention.

It's time to start thinking about Christmas gifts and what you need! We don't as of yet have a Book Chairman so if you would like a specific book, talk to a board member and they will help you get it. The store items make a nice gift as well! Sign up for the Christmas Pot Luck! If you miss the paper at the meeting, call Mike & Kathy Bones to see what's open to bring.

Kathy Bones

2007 ROY Awards
Plants Suitable For the Northwest Region
American Rhododendron Society



Lepidote Rhododendron: 'Blaney's Blue'
R. augustinii 'Tower Court' x *R.* 'Blue Diamond'

Flower inside light purple, outside strong violet, unmarked, funnel-shaped, wavy-edged lobes, 1-1/2" across. Lax truss holds 3 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves elliptic, acute apex, rounded base, 1" long, flat margins, glossy, dark yellowish green, changing to a bronze tone in winter. Grows to a height of 5 ft. in 10 yrs. Plant and bud hardy to at least -5°F (-21°C). Hybridized by Blaney.

Photo by: Stuart Imrie

Deciduous Azalea: 'Cecile'
Parentage unknown

Flower salmon pink with yellow blotch on upper lobe, tubular funnel-shaped, 3" to 5" across. Ball-shaped, dense truss contains 8-11 flowers. Blooms midseason to late midseason. Leaves elliptic with acute apex and cuneate base, deciduous. Upright, open habit. Grows to a height of 6 ft. in 10 years. Hardy to -5°F (-21°C). Initially raised by Lionel de Rothschild.

Photo by: Jim Whilhite



Editor's Note: I only had room to show two of the four choices for our region. To view the others, please visit the ARS website at www.rhododendro.org/roy07nw.htm

It's coming....10/10/10. Be a part of the best regional conference ever! Florence, Oregon.

She Needs Your Help...

Hello:

My name is Lydia Putnicki and I am a first year masters degree student at the University of Washington in Seattle. The project that I am setting up is to examine and identify powdery mildews that are found on named rhododendrons, based upon anatomical characteristics and through DNA sequencing. There are no particular named rhodies that I am looking for.

The reason that I would like to have the rhodies named is because we were interested in seeing if there are any relationships between species of powdery mildew and specific hybrids or species. I would like to collect 4-5 leaves off of each rhodie from different positions on the shrub. Leaves off of the same plants *from different locations* would be great...they just need to be labeled appropriately.

I would like to ask for your help in the collection of samples. If anyone is interested in participating in my project, I would be very grateful. Please feel free to contact me through email or phone with any thoughts or questions.

My phone number is: 206-321-9216

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Labeled samples can be placed in a bag or envelope, with a short description of the plant site, and mailed to:

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Thanks for your Help!

Thank You for your generous support!

Fred Lighter gave a donation last month to the chapter, over and above his regular membership.

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.

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