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UPCOMING Chapter Events

Meeting Topic- An Electronic garden tour of the Ziegelmaier and Johnson gardens

Chapter Meeting – the November meeting is on the 18th at 7PM at the Presbyterian Church on Hwy 101. Dinner this month will be at two restaurants to accommodate our usually large group; Hickory BBQ & Rosa's Mexican, both at 5:00 pm. Hickory's dinners start at \$11.75 including a soft drink, tea or coffee. Rosa's dinners start at \$9.95 an entrée, plus \$1.50 for a salad with entrée. Contact Rosemary Rebello ([before 12 noon on November 4](mailto:rhodyfan@mac.com)) for reservations (541) 997-6167 or tonyroesemary@charter.net

Gallagher Park Work Party – **NEW DAY IS CHOSEN FOR WORK PARTY**. Wednesday November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Wednesday (directly after our monthly Tuesday meetings) will be the new official work party day. The park is at the corner of Spruce and Hwy 126. Gene Cockeram- City of Florence Park & Recreation Committee. flowerman@q.com

Membership Renewal- Renewals close in a few days. See article on page 3 about renewal.

Cookie Team-Jean Gottschalk, Freda Ziegelmaier, Shirley Freeman, Carol Phillips

June Picnic- Correction to date of picnic... the correct date is **June 14... mark your calendar!**

Show Organizational Meeting- December 2nd... see article this page.

Christmas Potluck Gathering- December 7 is our annual potluck holiday party. There will be sign-up sheets for food at the November chapter meeting. More information will be in the December newsletter, due out on November 30.

New Early Rhody Show To Feature Bonsai Event

The chapter Board is proud to announce the addition of a new judging event in the annual EARLY flower show only. There will now be a new category identified as "Bonsai Rhododendrons & Azaleas."

So, all of you who are Bonsai fans, growers, or know someone who is.... The six month notification period is open and you will be able to participate in the event in 2009.



Rhody Show Organizational Meeting

Please join the crowd when the chapter begins the organization process for the 2009 flower shows. We need your help, ideas, creativity, skills, laughter!

When: December 2nd

Where: The Bones residence

9379 Hwy 101 (North of town)

[997-3082](mailto:rhodyfan@mac.com) (Please RSVP before Dec 1st)

Time: 6 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner will be served with garlic bread and green salad.



Nuttallii- photo taken by Kenneth Cox

NUTALLII

November Plant of the Month “N” ... a lovely species rhododendron.

There is something ethereal about a stark white bloom against a dark green leaf... I think Kenneth Cox caught the spirit of this species in his vivid photo on the ARS website.

Some stats on this plant are that it is a large shrub or small tree, sometimes epiphytic. Its geographical origin is India (Arunachal Pradesh), Bhutan, China (NW Yunnan, SE Tibet).

The height in ten years is five (5) feet and its cold hardiness is 15°F (-9°C). The leaves are elliptic, up to 10” long, and the lower surface has conspicuous networks of veins. Bloom time is early midseason. And YES, this is a fragrant plant! The flower/truss description is funnel-campanulate, very large, white with yellow blotch, and truss holds 2-10 flowers.

Choose your favorite plant of a month; visit the ARS website at www.rhododendro.org and click on the “plant data” pop-down menu.

PHOTO DISPLAY AT THE RHODY FLOWER SHOWS

Do you remember the old days when we all had print film cameras and when we got the film developed we got double prints? Well, we’re hoping you might have some of those prints tucked away and would be willing to part with them. We’d like to use them for display purposes at the Rhody flower shows... perhaps in a collage or as spots of color around the room.

Also, we would like to know if you’d be interested in printing some of your photos in a larger format (like 8X10s or larger... and matting them for a photo display) or possibly be interested in printing and matting them for a photography sale. In either case, if you were to let us use your enlarged photos for display or a sale, we would be happy to return the unsold and display photos to you after the show.

If you want to donate snapshots for display, please bring them to a chapter meeting and give them to Linda Swarz. If you are interested in doing the larger format photos, please call Linda at 997-5771 or e-mail her at gswarz@msn.com

Get It, Got It, Great!

Upon demand, your newsletter will now feature a spot for any member of the Rhody Club to give, swap, sell or buy (or need) a GARDEN item of your choice. That can include plants, garden tools, garden crafts, seeds, fertilizer, etc.

All items must to be of a garden nature and we’re not looking for “for profit” business ventures. This is going to be a friendly chapter advertisement spot.

So, all you have to do is e-mail your newsletter editor, Merilee Mulvey, (or call 997-8025) gmmulvey@oregonfast.net with the following information:

Use the handy Ad Form (separate document with this issue) to apply for an ad. You can also send an image of the item. Don’t forget to tell me if it’s give, buy, sell, need or swap because I may just accidentally give away something you really wanted to sell! Your ad will run for one issue.

ROAD TRIP!!

What a great *chapter TOUR* this would be... HENDRICKS PARK

Editor's Note: Haven't I told you how much great information our national ARS website has to offer? Look at this fabulous park right in our own Lane County, and city of Eugene.

Excerpt from website: **Location: Summit & Skyline Dr.** Hendricks Park is Eugene's oldest city park. Its 78 acres include a mature forest, a world-renowned rhododendron garden, and now a new native plant garden. Laced with trails, the park is a haven for hikers, birders, and others who enjoy retreating to the tranquility of nature. Without leaving the city, visitors can walk among Douglas fir trees two hundred years old, ferns, and wildflowers, such as trilliums and irises, and over six thousand varieties of rhododendrons and other ornamental plants. With the implementation of the Hendricks Park Forest Management Plan in 2000, park staff has worked in partnership with the Friends of Hendricks Park and other community volunteers to help achieve a healthy, resilient, and sustainable forest. The forest management plan will ensure that Hendricks Park's pristine natural setting, truly a community treasure, will be preserved for generations to come. **The Francis M. Wilkins Shelter** The shelter is available for group use from April 1 through October 30 for a fee. **For rental information call 682-4800.** Pets, sports, games, and organized group events such as weddings are not allowed in the rhododendron garden.

Link to the county park website: type in your web-browser "city of Eugene" and then pick the option "parks and open space." On the left side are menu options; click "parks and maps," then click on "South Eugene parks" and then click on "Hendricks Park." Another great website for information when you travel to Eugene!

New Tours Waiting For You!

Where would you like to go on a tour this chapter year? Is there a bulb nursery, home garden, Botanical Park, nature area, or other spot that has a special interest for you? Well, now is your chance to speak out and tell our two chapter Tour Hosts what you would like to see.

I would like to introduce Judy Johnson and Debbie Drefchinski. These are two **wild and crazy gals** who are ready to plan the next chapter tour! The ladies are thinking about offering up to four tours a year with the same general operation as has been done in the past.

Judy and Debbie really want to hear from you, so contact them by e-mailing billnjudy4@charter.net or phone Judy at 997-4203.



Two Wild and Crazy Gals !!
Left- Debbie and Right- Judy

CLOSE OF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal of membership is coming to a close for this year. The last 40 member renewal notices have just been mailed out to those members who still need to renew. If you are one of the few left, the deadline to renew your membership is NOVEMBER 5. Your payment must be postmarked and in the mail to the Siuslaw Rhody Chapter address (PO Box 1701, Florence OR 97439) by that date.

Non-renewal by the deadline will mean that your contact information will be dropped from our membership list, newsletter circulation list, and the ARS National's circulation for the quarterly periodical they mail to members.

Thank you for your renewal. If there is any further information you need about this message, please contact our new membership chairperson, Sandi Hennig at 997-2489 or flendish@q.com

SECRETARY'S REPORT By: Kathy Bones

Your Chapter board welcomes anyone to attend the regular board meetings whenever you would like! They are always on the second Tuesday of the Month and usually held at Mike & Kathy Bones' home. Call any board member to make sure of the location and time.

Gallagher Park work parties are now being done on the Wednesday directly following the Tuesday's regular general meetings. Hopefully this is a more convenient time for many people to join the fun had at the park.

There is a telephone tree being formulated for people without e-mail so they will be informed of any last minute happenings that are unable to be communicated by the Newsletter. Freda Ziegelmaier, Merilee Mulvey and Sandi Hennig are working on this list.

Judy Johnson and Debbie Drefchinski will be providing us with 4 different tours this year. They want your suggestions on where you would like to visit. The board will be assisting them with the decisions on what to see. The board thanks Charles King for his years of faithful service as our nametag maker! Merilee Mulvey volunteered to take this over.

Chairs will be arranged at the Church now right before the meetings so come prepared to help move them to the correct position!

Show arrangements have already begun!! The first organizational meeting will be Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at Mike & Kathy Bones' home. You will get a spaghetti dinner served to you before you hear what you can do to help with our show. RSVP to Kathy at 997-3082 before December 1.

The board thanks Ziggy & Freda Ziegelmaier for being so good at hospitality and manning the hospitality table at our meetings! They are going to take a break from this area. Starting in November, Sandi Hennig will be at the hospitality table with a greeter. Watch for your chance to be that greeter!

The early flower show will now have a new category. Rhody & Azalea Bonsai plants will now be judged at this show.

The newsletter will now have a new column for garden related items See the announcement in this newsletter. Newsletter editor, Merilee, will be the contact for playing your ad.

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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:

- 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.