



# Macrophyllum

October 2002

Newsletter of the  
**Siuslaw Chapter**  
**American Rhododendron Society**  
**Post Office Box 1701**  
**Florence, OR 97439-0111**

## Board Meeting Mini-Minutes: September 10

The macrophyllum committee is collecting seeds and gathering cuttings for grafting from some super plants that have been found. Members will be given dried seeds at Christmas to try their hand at growing them. All will be explained at the October regular meeting on Propagation. Jeannie Shields has written an article for the Siuslaw News and the World News about our search for superior native plants. Watch for them!

The cutting party at Gene & Doris Cockeram's was lots of fun and attended by more than ever before, including participants from Coos Bay, Eugene and the Garden Club.

A flyer advertising the 2003 convention in Seaside has been created and will be included in the packets for people attending the 2002 convention in Washington. Be thinking of things you can help with to put on the 2003 convention as we are co-hosting the event. More will follow about this in the months to come.

Dinner before the regular meeting will start in October at ICM. November and April will be at the Chinese Buffet, January and May at the Firehouse and February at the Bliss. We will try Lovejoy's in March.

A phone tree is being created to handle any urgent messages that need to be sent.

An informal session on e-mail problems and answers was discussed. Watch for a date and time for this to happen.

The budget will be available to all members at the annual meeting in June, at any other time, see Sandi Huffman.

*Kathy Bones, Secretary*

## Annual Dues

This is the time of the year to renew your membership in the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. The schedule for membership fees and their distribution between the national ARS office and the local chapter is shown below. We urge you to renew now by sending your check to: Sandi Huffman, Treasurer, Siuslaw Chapter ARS, P.O. Box 1701, Florence, OR 97439-0111. You may call Sandi at 541 997-3082, or mailto:[sandi@cardinal.services.com](mailto:sandi@cardinal.services.com) if you have any questions.

Category	ARS Office	Chapter Credit	Total Dues
Individual	\$22.00	\$6.00	\$28.00
Family	\$27.00	\$6.00	\$33.00
Commercial	\$54.00	\$6.00	\$60.00
Sustaining	\$44.00	\$6.00	\$50.00
Sponsoring	\$94.00	\$6.00	\$100.00
Associate*		\$6.00	\$6.00

\* One must first be an individual, family, etc. category before one can become an associate of another chapter.

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

**October Board Meeting**  
 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday, October 8  
 7 PM at Eileen McKenney's

**October General Meeting**  
 (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday, October 15  
 7:15 PM at NACO West  
 Campground, So. Jetty Rd.

**Program:** Propagation  
 Seeds, grafts & cuttings

**Pre-Meeting Dinner:**  
 ICM Restaurant at 5 PM  
**Important!** Contact Eileen  
 at 997-2222, or  
 mailto:[emgc@oregonfast.net](mailto:emgc@oregonfast.net)  
 for reservations

**Cookies:**  
 Ethel Shonman  
 Jenny Velinty  
 Marianne Horney

**October Study Group**  
 (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday, October 21  
 7:00 PM at Mike Bones  
 90379 Oregon Coast Hwy

**Gallagher Park Work Parties**  
 (Last) Saturday, October 26  
 10 AM

**Dear Dr. Rhody,**

I have a rhododendron in my yard that has developed two different color flowers. It used to be light pink but this year it also has large dark pink flowers. What happened? How can this happen?

*Confused*

**Dear Confused,**

Relax, you're not losing your mind or your eyesight. What you have described is a fairly common occurrence. The plant that was planted in your yard was a grafted plant. A small branch was grafted onto a rootstock to form a new plant. Grafting is done when a plant is difficult to root from cuttings or when you wish to create a new plant from hard woody stock.

The dark pink flower is a common rootstock from Anna Rose Whitney. If you wish to get rid of the dark pink flower trim off the branches with dark pink flowers, as close to the ground as possible, then your plant will look like it used to. If you choose to let the root stock grow it will probably outgrow the original plant. Many of us have had plants with two colored flowers in our yards.

*Dr. Rhody*



**Grafted Rhododendron that carries both the light pink trusses of the plant that had been grafted to rootstock, as well as the darker rose trusses that have emerged from growth of the rootstock. (The darker trusses in the upper left are from another plant)**

### The Cookie Sheet

#### 2002

Event	KPC*		
September Picnic	All members		
October 15 General Meeting	Marianne Horney	Ethyl Shonman	Jenny Velinty
November 19 General Meeting	Helen Baxter	Doris Cockeram	Cheryl Prchal
Christmas Party	All members		

#### 2003

Event	KPC*		
January 21 General Meeting	Bones's	Huffmans	Jean McPhillips
February 18 General Meeting	Diane Gilmour	Gail Petty	
March 18 General Meeting	Ann Drake	Betty King	Jan Shepherd
April 15 General Meeting	Diane Ginn	Sandi Jensen	Sylvia Smith
May 15 General Meeting	Betty McCall	Helen Swanson	Nadine White
June Picnic	All members		

\*Kind Purveyors of Carbohydrates

#### Photos Needed

Members are encouraged to share their photos of rhododendrons, gardens and people that would be of interest to the Chapter. These might range in content from beautiful trusses or plants, examples of plant disease, or graphic material that might teach us how to do things in the garden more efficiently.

We have the ability to work with digital images in most formats, negatives, slides, drawings, or, as a last resort, photographic prints. Just call Paul Wilson (902-9780) or Charles King (902-0469) for more information.

**From the VP**

The ARS regional conference in Bellingham was very enjoyable. The weather couldn't have been better- clear sunny skies, warm days and cool nights. The meals were good, our rooms were nice, and our hosts were friendly and glad that we were there.

The sessions that we attended were good and there was a big plant sale. The excursion up to Mount Baker was beautiful; the mountain just sparkled for us. Don't forget that next year our chapter, and the other chapters in district four, will be hosting the regional meeting in Seaside the first weekend in October.

Our President, Mike Bones, has been appointed Chairman of the ARS membership committee. This is a big responsibility and I'm confident he will do a great job. Our own chapter, under his leadership, has grown steadily with new members joining almost every month. Of course, joining the ARS is not like joining a club or a lodge. It's more than that. It's a place where we share our hobby with friends and where we learn more about our favorite plants. But most of all, it's where we have fun. Our before-meeting dinners are fun, our meetings are fun, our auctions are fun, our shows are fun, our field trips are fun, our picnics are fun, our Christmas party is fun. Even our Gallagher park work sessions are fun. And a gift membership in the ARS is a wonderful way in which we can involve a friend or family member with whom we want to share our good times.

So one way we can support Mike in his new responsibility is by helping our own chapter increase it's members. I intend to bring in two new memberships this year. How about you?

The Macrophyllum committee has been busy taking cuttings of some of the superior clones that were found this past season, even though we know that Macrophyllum does not root easily from cuttings. We have also gathered some seed from these selected plants. The seed is drying now and will be distributed to those chapter members who want to raise some seedlings later this year.

Our hope is to place at least one of each of these identified superior clones in Galagher park or other parks where they can safely be protected. Remember, this is just our first year into this project and we have already found some amazing plants of *R.macrophyllum*. They are the best and biggest trusses and colors I've ever seen in our native rhododendron. And we've only just begun. This is turning out to be a very exciting and worthwhile project for our chapter.

*Everett Hall, Vice President*



**Mike Bones  
Chairman  
Membership Committee  
American Rhododendron Society**

*(Below, right & left) Examples of exceptional R. macrophyllum identified by the chapter*





Cecelia Reed admires the trusses at the Rhody Show this spring



Olympia, Washington  
May 1 - 4, 2003

Interesting information on rhododendrons is to be found at these net sites!

American Rhododendron Society:

<http://www.rhododendron.org>

Rhododendron & Azalea News:

<http://members.aol.com/RandANews/news.html>

Archived Issues of Rhododendron & Azalea News:

<http://www.lib.virginia.edu/science/guides/s-rhodo.htm>

Eugene Chapter, ARS:

<http://www.ars-eugene.org>

Rhododendron Species Foundation:

<http://www.rhodygarden.org/index.html>

Oregon State University:

<http://www.osu.orst.edu/dept/hort/dpd/index.htm>



### Welcome

The Chapter wishes to extend a special welcome to:

Brian Longmuir  
Florence, OR 97439



(Right & left)  
Additional examples  
of exceptional *R.  
macrophyllum*  
identified by the  
chapter

