



# Macrophyllum

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## Board Meeting Mini-Minutes: August 13

The board meets the second Tuesday of every month. The treasurer's report was checking - \$2409.05 and savings - \$1492.05. Sandi Huffman, treasurer, handed out the new budget for 2002-2003 for discussion. Anyone wishing to see the new budget may contact Sandi and she'll have a copy available for you.

A discussion on how to encourage more members to take part in the work parties at Gallagher Park was held. Making it a special occasion instead of a monthly thing or having potlucks with it were suggested.

The board is still working on the programs for this year and have some very interesting topics to present. More on this later.

It was suggested and agreed upon to issue membership cards to all chapter members. This will be easier to carry with you when shopping the local nurseries and receiving your discount than trying to remember to wear your name badge. You will receive your card after your next dues payment.

The Western Regional Conference is FAST approaching!! See a board member if your interested in going or check your journal for information/registration.

Mark your calendars for the 2003 conference we are co-hosting with our district chapter counter parts in Seaside! More information about this will be coming as plans progress.

A cutting party will be held at Gene & Doris Cockeram's on August 27 at 3:00 with a pizza dinner at 5:00 at Abby's. Needed equipment will be provided.

The study group sessions at Bones' will start October 21 at 7:00 PM and be the 3rd Monday of every month. The topic is grading or rating rhodies in the Western Oregon Central Coast area with an emphasis on plants that do well around here!

See you all at the September 15 picnic!!

*Kathy Bones, Secretary*

## CALENDAR

### Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 15, Honeyman State Park Yurt at West Woahink recreation area. Meet at noon/eat at 1 PM sharp. Bring two dishes, your table service and beverage. Bring a plant and play the game. See page 4 for a map.

### Western Regional Convention

September 20-22, at Bellingham, WA

**Gallagher Park Work Parties**  
(Last) Saturday, September 28  
10 AM

### October General Meeting

(3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday, October 15  
7:15 PM at NACO West Campground, So. Jetty Rd.  
See the map on page 4.

### October Study Group

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

## 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>

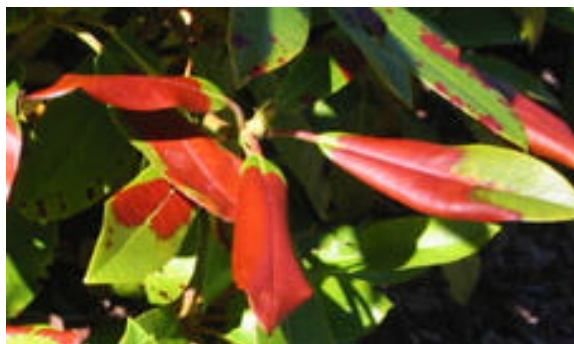
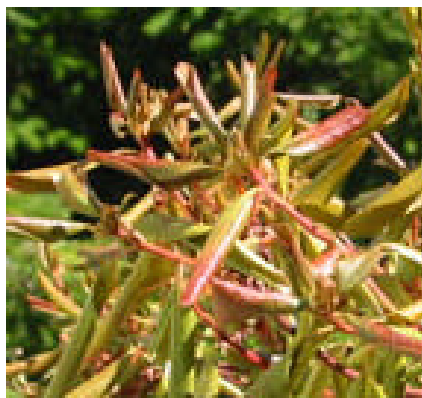
### From the VP

After a hot dry summer, our chapter activities are about to begin. The board of directors has approved the budget and planned the programs for the coming year. We think you will be pleased with the presentations and activities we have in store for you.

Rhododendrons are not intended to be subject to 104 degree temperatures and most of us who had plants that were not being protected by overhead watering or shade have plants that were damaged by the sun and record breaking heat that hit us on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The temperature at our place was probably typical of what our area experienced, although some lucky members along the immediate coast had lower temperatures and some, like Don and Jeannie Shields, had even higher temperatures at their place. At noon my thermometer read 84 degrees. By 4:00 p.m. it was 104 degrees. At that temperature, even plants that are being watered at the root level by drip irrigation can't draw in water fast enough to keep from being burned if they are in the direct sunshine. I'm not certain yet how many plants we've lost but several look very sad. Of one thing I am certain - our next years shows will be affected by the damage that occurred on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Keeping our plants watered is still the main activity for us in September, although later this month you can start taking your fall cuttings, especially cuttings of the yellow flowered varieties.

*Everett Hall, Vice President*



**Examples of sun damage from last month's excessive heat**

**Dear Dr. Rhody,**

I moved to the Oregon Coast to get away from the hot days of Southern California. I landscaped my garden with those beautiful plants called Rhododendrons that grow so nicely up here in the Florence area. I didn't know much about them, so I went to the Siuslaw Public Library to check out the Rhododendron section; I didn't know about the Rhododendron Website. I have even joined the local Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS, which seems to be a great place to get information. Meanwhile, what do I do about my rhododendrons that didn't like that 104 to 106 hot day? It just wasn't supposed to have happened.

*"Fried"*

**Dear Fried,**

You are right about the coast weather, it is not usually like that up here. The Siuslaw Library is a good source of information. Did you know that our Chapter pays for the Library to be a member of the Rhododendron Society and that we donate Rhododendron books to them. We feel that a Good Library should have good reading available to its patrons.

What to do about your burned leaves on your plants? The main thing is to be giving them plenty of water. Had you been home during that hot day, you could have turned on an overhead sprinkler to help cool the air and left it on all during the day. If it is the bottom leaves that show the burn, don't fret, they will fall off this autumn anyway. If it is the top leaves, or the new growth from this past growing season, leave them alone, as it is just a cosmetic problem. You don't like the brown look? Then you can cut off some of the worse looking leaves. I would not cut the plant's limbs off as that might force new growth to start developing and it would freeze back this winter before it has a chance to harden off. You can also put a little Rhododendron Fertilizer around the plants and water them, it will make them feel better.

Be sure to come to our Rhody meeting and bring a friend who might like to join!

*Dr. Rhody*



### Welcome

The Chapter wishes to extend a special welcome to:

Don & Carolyn Smart  
Carnation, WA

Ralph & Jane Stevens  
Florence, OR

### Siuslaw Chapter Sweatshirts & T-shirts

Left, Sandi & Bruce Huffman and Helen Baxter demonstrate one way that you can use a Siuslaw Chapter shirt, as captured by Paul Wilson at the Christmas party. Members interested in obtaining either Siuslaw Chapter sweatshirts (\$16.50) or T-shirts (\$8.50) should contact Dave Shepherd by phone (997-2283) or email ([drshepherd@oregonfast.net](mailto:drshepherd@oregonfast.net)).

### June Picnic Mini-Minutes: June 9

- Mike thanked the over 60 people that came and provided the excellent pot luck food!
- Jim Smith will Chairmen the Bi-Laws revision committee and have the suggested changes by the Christmas Party.
- We are the third largest Rhododendron Chapter in the Pacific Northwest.
- Anyone having problems viewing the newsletter on their computer should contact Charles King or Paul Wilson.
- Mike thanked Diane Ginn for her faithfulness and hard work these past 6 years as our treasurer. He then thanked all past officers and all who worked on any project for the last 2 years.
- Gene Cockeram talked about the work in progress on locating superb macrophyllum. Jim Smith asked anyone willing to donate root stock (ie. Anna Rose Whitney) for Gene's project to tell them.
- Everyone was reminded about the work party every last Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at Gallagher Park. We can work at any other time also. The work parties will continue until the fall. Any refuse is to be left in the existing piles located near the old Police Station.
- Mike thanked Jeannie Shields for her wonderful ideas for the improvement of our club and her hard work on the excellent job of publicity. He thanked Show Chairman, Jim Smith, for his outstanding work producing the flower show. Jim gave a review of the May show and talked about future shows.
- The nominating committee comprised of Paul Wilson, chairman, Marianne Horney and Mary West announced the new board slate as follows: President - Mike Bones, Vice President - Everett Hall, Secretary - Kathy Bones, Treasurer - Sandi Huffman, Member at Large - Jeannie Shields. Member at Large Eileen McKenney will be voted on next year and Dave Shepherd the year after that. A motion to accept the nomination of Mike Bones as president was made by Dave Shepherd, seconded by Dan Bones and passed. Helen Baxter made a motion to accept the rest of the slate as suggested. The motion was seconded by Jim Rassmann and then passed.
- Newly elected president, Mike, closed the meeting and started the plant game.

*Kathy Bones, Secretary*

### Don't forget to sign up for cookies!

At the picnic, Jenny Velinty will have a sign up sheet for those who can provide cookies at the upcoming meetings. We need three individuals for each event.

### Board Meeting Mini-Minutes: July 9

The newly elected board consisting of President - Mike Bones, Vice President - Everett Hall, Secretary - Kathy Bones, Treasurer - Sandi Huffman, Past President - Jim Smith, Members at Large - Jeannie Shields, Dave Shepherd, and Eileen McKenney along with the Park Commissioner - Gene Cockeram is in the process of arranging interesting programs for the upcoming year. Meeting ideas like "Growing Rhododendrons on the Oregon Coast", an auction, picnics, a Christmas party and educational speakers were discussed. The next year will be one nobody will want to miss!

The treasurers books were audited and found to balance. The auditing committee made one recommendation that the checking account which is held at Oregon Pacific Bank and the savings account which is held at Siuslaw Valley Bank be put in the same bank. Jim Smith made a motion to move all accounts to OPBC. It was seconded and passed.

It was suggested we begin to think about what we need to do for the convention in Seaside in 2003. We are co-producing it with the Eugene Chapter with help from all chapters in the district. A core committee will be created consisting of at least 1 person from each club in the district.

A thank you letter from the Library for the award they were presented at the show was read. The board will have the letter read for all members at the next general meeting.

The creation of a memorial fund for people to contribute to was discussed. This would consist of gifts or memorials given to the Siuslaw Chapter and not to National. The fund would not be for ordinary club things, but for things like beautifying Florence, donating plants to the new strip in front of Thriftway, things for Gallagher Park, special activities for the 100 year celebration of the rhody festival, or donating plants for the Habitat for Humanity in landscaping the home they build. We could put a maximum on how much we could carry in the account with anything over that being given to National. These and more ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Jeannie Shields is writing a letter to the City Planning Commission suggesting the requirement of using some rhodies and azaleas in the landscaping of new or remodeled businesses. This would promote Florence more as the "City of Rhododendrons".

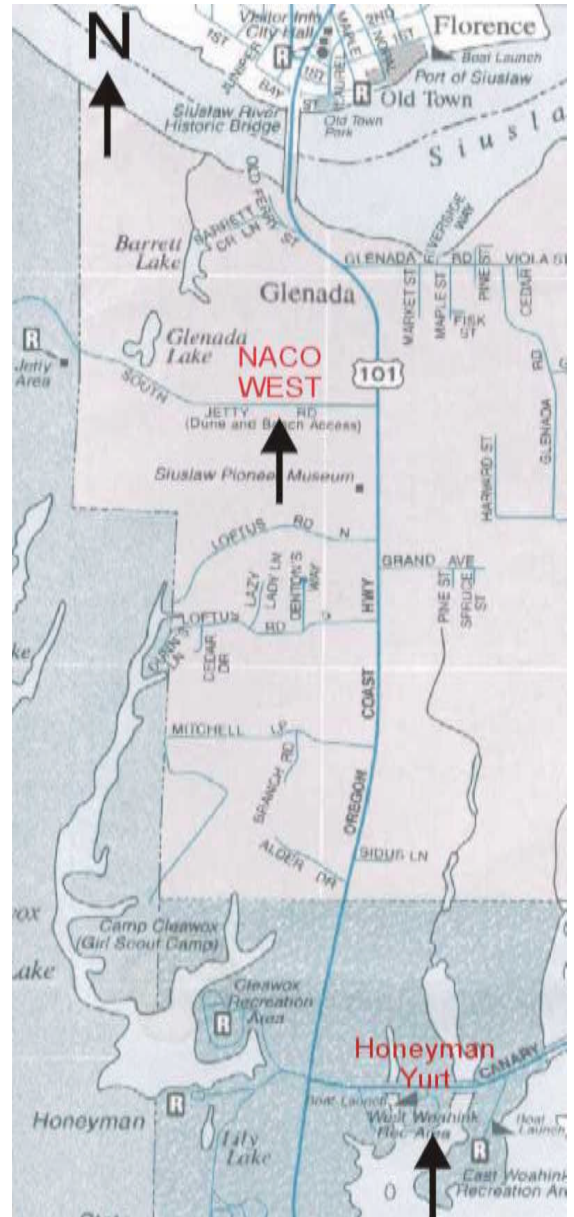
It was announced that the Rotary Club is having a work party Saturday, July 13, to clean up the triangle at Highway 101 and 126. We are encouraged to participate.

The budget for the upcoming year was reviewed, discussed, and revised. Sandi will have it ready for board approval by the next board meeting.

The board is excited about the new year and opportunities for rhody education that will be available to all members!

*Kathy Bones, Secretary*

### Where we meet



### President Appeals for Help With the "Books"!

We need a "Book Chair" who would be responsible for the books that can be purchased by the members. Publishers would provide the books, and related information; the books would be made available for sale at the monthly Chapter meetings. Occasionally, it might be appropriate to provide a review of books of particular interest for the newsletter. Please contact me if you could help us in this area.

*Mike Bones  
997-3082*