

# Rhododendron News

Newsletter of the Portland Chapter – Volume LIII, No. 5 – May, 2009

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June
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## Meeting Info

Regular chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month (except in June, July, and August which have other events). Meetings start at 7 pm with a social half-hour preceding the main meeting. We clean up and exit no later than 9:30 pm.

**Location: All Saints Episcopal Church** - At the corner of SE 40<sup>th</sup> and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon

*Please feel free to join us at the Deli across the street for dinner before the meeting – several members routinely meet there.*

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## Mother's Day Show 2009

The Annual Mother's Day Show and Plant Sale, May 9-10 are the Chapter's premier event of the year. This year promises more with lots of plant material for sale and tough competition in the show.

Your help is needed to pull this together. Helping with the show is a great way to meet, get re-acquainted with members, and introduce the public to rhododendrons, plus maybe learn some secrets from members who win the beautiful trophies that **Ann Clack** has worked so hard to acquire. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

**Show clerks** - Friday, May 8 (6-9 pm) and Saturday, May 9 (7-10 am)  
**Show preparation** – Saturday 7-10 am  
**Information** – Saturday (2-5 pm), Sunday all day (10 am-5 pm)  
**Clean up** – Sunday (5 pm)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Linda Rungay** at 503-682-3947.

A special thanks go to the committee members who always work so hard to make the show a success.

## May Awards Banquet

On May 17, the well renowned rhododendron collector, nurseryman, and hybridizer **Harold Greer** will present a program on Greer's Gardens and some of his favorite rhododendrons at the Portland Chapter Annual Awards Banquet. **We will be celebrating with Harold because it is his BIRTHDAY!** Harold has graciously offered to sign copies of his "Guidebook to Available Rhododendrons--species and hybrids." A few extra

copies of this fabulous reference will also be available for sale.

Based on the voting results at the April meeting, the banquet will be a 'combination' potluck where folks contribute \$5 per person and bring a side dish (like salad, vegetable, or dessert). The \$5 goes towards the purchase of the main dishes which may include fish (salmon), beef, pork, and/or turkey. **Kath**

## RhodoMania!

**Kathy Van Veen**

*RhodoMania!* That says it all. That is the name of the newsletter of the *Nederlandse Rhododendron Vereniging*, the Dutch chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Four of their members will be in the Portland area for several days in early May. **Amelita Doornik** and **Rinus Manders** and companions will visit Van Veen Nursery the morning of Monday, May 4. They will then go to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden for the afternoon.

**Here is an opportunity for you!** Make new friends! They are very interested in meeting other rhododendron people and we are asking everyone who is able, to join us at our favorite Deli (across from the Chapter meeting hall) for lunch at about 11:45 am.

Later in the week they will tour **Irv** and **Jan Snyder's** magnificent garden on the Columbia. They then travel north, stopping at various attractions such as the Rhododendron Species Foundation, Meerkerk Gardens, and the gardens at the University of British Columbia before returning to Amsterdam May 16.

Let's do our best to give them a wonderful Portland Chapter experience to write about in *RhodoMania!!!*

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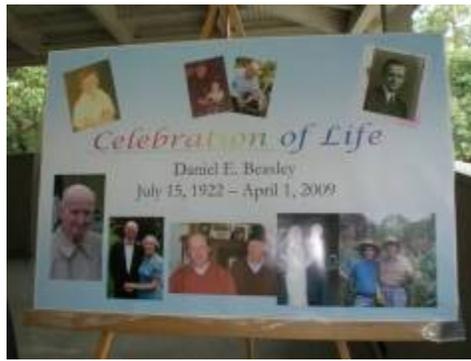
Peter Kendall

In the dark recess  
of a garden's niche, the  
white  
of the camellia

Once more the winter  
structure of the plum, a  
cloud  
of breaking blossom

April cumulus  
Curtains of rain, in and out  
of shadow and sun

NOTE: An expanded color  
version of the newsletter  
typically containing more  
photos (at the end) is posted  
on the chapter's website:  
[www.rhodies.org](http://www.rhodies.org).



*In Memory of...*

## Dan Beasley

We lost a dear friend on April 1. **Dan Beasley** had been working in the garden just the week before helping to prepare for the Early Show sale. We could always count on Dan and his wife Holly to lend a hand at nearly all CSRG and Chapter events.

It is not hard to picture Dan as the busy Cub Scout pack master or Little league baseball manager, involved in the Boy Scouts and PTA breakfasts, and taking the kids on fishing and camping trips, and other fun activities.

Dan was born in Paris, Tenn. In 1936 he and his family moved to Portland where he attended Riverdale Grade School and Lincoln High School. As a lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers, he was stationed in the Philippines during World War II. After graduating from Oregon State University in 1949, he worked at the Crown Zellerbach paper mill in West Linn and at Sandwell International (now the Harris Group) in Portland as a chemical engineer.

After his retirement in 1984, he pursued his passion for gardening by becoming a master gardener and, since 1994, volunteered at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. In 1966, he began traveling for pleasure and made many trips to the UK, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, and Hawaii.

Dan is survived by his wife, Holly; sons, Daniel Jr. and Charles; daughter, Sarah; and grandchildren, Matthew and Kara. A memorial for Dan was held at Crystal Springs on April 11. Remembrances to the Friends of Crystal Springs Garden, P.O. Box 86424, Portland, OR 97286-0424.

*In Memory of...*

## Eleanor Bulgin

by Lansing Bulgin

Early last Thursday morning, April 9, Eleanor took her leave of all earthly concerns. She is now released from troublesome confusion and memory angst. Last Fall, she was diagnosed with early stage dementia and it seemed to inexorably progress as time went by. I had to have the help of the Manor Care unit in late September. And it was evident then that such care would be for the rest of her life.

Her diabetes and high blood pressure were becoming more difficult to control. I think the turning point came March 28 when she suffered what was thought to be a mild stroke affecting her right side. She was bedfast from that time on and unresponsive as far as verbal communication was concerned. It was hard to know how much was getting through. Her care by the local hospice was in effect less than a week!

Her memorial service was held Monday, April 20, at the Manor. Thank you for your good thoughts and prayers. The mailing address is: Lansing Bulgin, 2035 Manorview Circle, Salem, OR 97304, 503-316-9021

## Early Show

For all of the bad weather we had this winter and spring the Early Show was a great success! Flowers were slow at several gardens reducing the volume of entries from past years, but even then there was a great showing of approximately 140 exhibits. Winners included:

**Best grown w/protection: Bovees Nursery**  
**Best of Show (hybrid): 'Snow Lady' Cavender**  
**Best of Show (species): 'R. calophyllum' - Bovees**  
**Best Azalea: unknown - Bovees Nursery**  
**Sweepstake Winner: Gene Cochran**

The Novice trophy went begging as there were no entries submitted.



*R. falconeri*



*R. falconeri* close up



*R. decorum* ssp. *diaprepes*  
'Gargantua' 04/13/09



*R. decorum* ssp. *diaprepes*  
blooming in early June

## Changing your address?

If you are changing your physical or electronic mail address, be sure to let **Ray Girton**, Membership Chair, know so that we can continue to get the newsletter to you!

# Smith Garden

By Herb Spady

My patience was rewarded. *R. falconeri* had several exciting trusses (one pictured left). Anticipation still exists.

*R. decorum* ssp. *diaprepes* has a terminal with three large buds. The effect should be huge. This is the clone 'Gargantua' which has very large flowers. It will not bloom until late May or early June. It may not display until the open days are over. The end of the open day period should not keep members from enjoying the garden.

Since **Tom Gressler** checks on people entering the garden when it is not open give him a call at 503-538-4769 to let him know you will be visiting. There are still many plants blooming after the closing date.

Most of the Fortunei subsections plants bloom late. They are very fragrant.

## Surfing the Board

**A** motion to reinstate the levying of a small fee on the two gardens as of July 1 to cover administrative costs provided by the Chapter for the sales and other events. Evidently this practice was discontinued a few years ago in error. Monies collected during the sales and from the gate all go to the gardens, and no support is given to the Chapter for routine administrative functions (correspondence, phone support, postage, etc.).

The board also discussed the show, activities in the gardens, publicity needs, awards banquet logistics, and several other issues that appear in this newsletter.

April in Review...

## E. White Smith & Kathy Van Veen

**T**he April meeting included a flurry of activities. **Kathy Van Veen** was first up and talked about how to groom trusses and sprays for display. She also showed an example of the exhibitor card used to describe each exhibit, and how to use the show schedule. There were several questions including how one plant can be entered into multiple classes based on parentage.

"I'm, embarrassed to talk about the sex stuff," **Kathy Van Veen** chuckled when asked to talk about parentage. When there are two clearly identifiable parents, there is often an opportunity to show a truss in more than one class based on the show schedule. The rule of thumb is only **one exhibit per class** for each exhibitor.

*"I'm, embarrassed to talk about the sex stuff..."*

**E. White Smith** gave a short program on the new Rhododendron Species Foundation (RSF) propagation house and a bit of 'show and tell' on how the RSF does its seed propagation. Very interesting process and a place that would be great to stop at if you are going up to the Everett convention.

Finally, we wrapped up the evening with a hybrid auction that featured many exciting and unusual plants. The bidding was brisk for many of the plants, as several were blooming or had unusual qualities. Many of the plants were donated by **Mike and Maria Stewart, Dick Cavender**, and a few nice plants from **Thompson's Nursery** originally destined for the CSRG sale. Proceeds from the auctions (\$345.50 at this auction) help support the chapter functions (such as newsletter mailing, meeting hall, etc.).



Photos by R. Girton showing path and wall construction at CSRG.

## CSRG Path Update

A team from **Emerald Stone Masonry** have been hard at work setting the "stepping stones" at CSRG. You may have seen these huge precision cut stones at the cool house. Some weigh a ton or more. The stones were notched and numbered to fit exactly with the one below it. There are three sets of stairs, each offset from the other, descending to the shore line path.

There still is much stone wall work to do, but the upper bench wall is essentially done. The low retaining wall at the top of the ADA compliant path is also well underway. City maintenance workers have been good about getting the water lines laid in now and working with the contractor to get the project done as soon as possible. **Ray Girton**

# CSRG Master Plan Objectives

Kath Collier

Goal -> Objectives -> Measurable results -> Potential Activities

One of the most difficult challenges in creating any type of planning document is keeping them simple, understandable, and readable. This is the fourth installment of a process description and suggestions for updating the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden (CSRG) Master Plan. The goal will be to lift this information and your comments and use this as a basis for a new plan. So far we have a goal statement of ***"The goal of the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden is to provide a tranquil sanctuary that serves as a first class educational resource and botanical garden featuring rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plants."***

We also have four (rather than seven) SMART (Sensible, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) objectives:

1. Continue the development and maintenance of a large and varied public display of rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plantings.
2. Develop and maintain a peaceful, tranquil refuge away from the hurried pace of urban living.
3. Offer educational opportunities in a natural setting that demonstrates year round beauty to horticulturists, amateur gardeners, and local schools. Examples of educational activities typically include shows that include a wide variety of plants, garden plantings that include companion plants, demonstrations, etc.
4. Develop and maintain facilities and structures that will accommodate the public and groups. This includes both pathways, restrooms, and an exhibit hall that could support educational activities, as well as other activities that would provide public benefit or support special occasions.

Typically in such a plan there would be a description of the supporting organizational structures such as the Friends organization, Portland Chapter, etc. In addition, there would be a fairly descriptive piece on the current state

of the garden, what has been done over the years, what the problems are, etc. This fairly routine information can be gleaned from the previous master plans, and the CSRG team (and others such as volunteers and/or visitors).

One of the things that the original plans included were detailed descriptions of issues, such as Site issues. Many of these descriptions are still valid today. For instance, the statement "The Garden has a limited amount of usable land." has not changed over the years. The site issues and concerns could be illustrated today by including photographs within the plan. The original master plans included several drawings which may still be useful.

Some of the original issues, such as trying to get folks to stop feeding the ducks bread and other inappropriate food and use the cracked corn, are working much better. Other issues, such as the inadequacy of the Exhibition Hall (cool house), remain concerns. The original master plans envisioned that a projected project list would be updated annually. In my mind, each entry on the list would include enough detail so that the average reader could visualize in a general way what the project might include. A detailed project plan for the project would not be included as a part of the master plan.

The original master plans also included a note that "The relative priority of the list also should be reviewed annually to ensure that financial and staff resources will be directed toward the most important projects." To help refine this statement, we might want to create some basic criteria for evaluating the 'relative priority' of a particular project.

For instance, we might reiterate that *all garden projects must contribute to the overall goal and one or more objective.* Beyond that, we need some criteria that would help us clearly identify which projects deserve a higher priority. One such criteria might be projects that *addresses current or future safety issues.* The recent lagoon path and wall is a perfect example of a project that could be classed as **Capital Investment Protection, Maintenance, and Development.** This project also (Continued on page 5)



Bob MacArthur takes a moment away from supervising the construction at CSRG to rest his knee.

## Member Benefits!

Order your books through the ARS Portland Chapter and receive 10-25 percent discount off the list price. Contact **Loni Welsh** via:

- email – [oregon1853@yahoo.com](mailto:oregon1853@yahoo.com)
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- ARS Chapter meetings

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- **Southern Oregon book dealer** - 10% discount (catalog listing available on request)
- **Rain or Shine** - 10% discount (any other books they have in their store)

## CSRG Objectives (Continued)

had a great deal of support from the City, which suggests that we include a criteria that *recognizes the support and assistance from the City or other garden partner.*

Take a few moments to think about if there are other ways that you think might help us prioritize projects. We'd love to hear from you. Comments can be made at Chapter meetings, via phone (503-663-7917), or electronically ([talk2write2@wildblue.net](mailto:talk2write2@wildblue.net)) are always welcome. *Kath*

## Crater Lake Adventures!

Irv Snyder

In mid-September last fall we visited Crater Lake. We enjoyed a glorious long weekend of hiking, good meals and even swimming in the pristine waters of the lake. The weather was beautiful and the scenery was magnificent. On the way home we stopped at Odell Lake, which is right off Highway 58, just southeast of Willamette Pass. There is a rustic lodge owned by the Forest Service which is a good place to stay. The name of the lodge is Odell Lake Lodge and Resort.

Now for the rhododendron treat. Going out of the lodge, head toward Odell Lake bearing to the left and walk along the lake. There is a trail whacked out of the brush for fishermen to walk along the lake. Very soon you are in the most glorious stand of *R. macrophyllum* rhododendrons I have ever seen. The plants are a lush, dark green, the leaves are 4- to 6-inches long, and the buds are big and firm. The plant growth is dense and the plants are 4-, 6-, or even 7-feet tall. The plants extend from the lake on up the bank about 50-feet. I do not know how far the plants extend along the lake, but we walked a good half mile amongst the *R. macrophyllum*. I would love to see this rhododendron forest in bloom.

Now if you want some diversity, walk out of the lodge again and this time head to the right and hike along the other side of the lake. This is the sunny side and much of the undergrowth is laurel. If you walk about a mile you will

come to a massive rock that overlooks the lake. This is a great place to bask in the sun and enjoy looking out across the lake. This is a favorite place for some of the local eagles to soar, and we were lucky enough to see one.

I am sure if you call the Odell Lake Lodge they will tell you if the rhododendrons are in bloom.

## President's Message

Kath Collier

Where were you on April 22, 1970? Earth Day, splashed into the headlines, with the goal of increasing awareness of environmental concerns and creating a more healthy and sustainable environment. Approximately 20 million Americans participated that first year marking the beginning of the modern environmental movement. I suspect this movement helped draw many younger folks into the world of gardening, plant appreciation and increased their awareness of the beauty around us.

That being said, I was sorting and weighing garbage with other kids in the environmental class that we had picked up from three local parks. I remember kicking myself wishing I had signed up for the plant sampling group and not the garbage run. But it was a nice day for a field trip and the garbage was not as obnoxious as it certainly could have been. The whole experience was very memorable and instrumental in guiding me towards a lifetime interest in the environment and plants.

Sometimes, all it takes is some kind of memorable experience to spark a life time interest. While I'm not so sure that picking up garbage will bring out the volunteers, we might want to think about something that might help us attract future gardeners to our garden and society. We will need their enthusiasm, strength, and energy in the future to help care for the gardens. Perhaps we can put our idea caps on and come up with a fun activity to help celebrate Earth Day in our gardens and chapter in the future. Could be a great excuse for a spring party if we skip the garbage run. Now if we only had an updated exhibit house to fend off the rains... What do you think? We'd like to hear your ideas!

*Kath*

## Northwest Hosta and Shade Gardening Society Meeting

Topic: *Flowering Woodland Plants with a Touch of Blue*

Date: May 18, 2009 7 pm

Location: The Smile Station in Sellwood, 8210 SE 13th Ave. Portland

Speaker: Truls Jensen, Wild Ginger Nursery

Free Event

Questions?

Call 503-643-2387

## HELP WANTED!

**Do you dream of being a writer?** We've got just the job for you! We need a Newsletter Editor.

**Qualifications:** Depending on your skill level, the process may take as little as 8-10 hours per month. Average computer and word processing skills will make the job easy and interesting. You will need to provide your own computer and printer; some writing and photography possible.

If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Van Veen**, 503-777-1734 (vanveennursery@hotmail.com) or **Kath Collier**, 503-663-7917 (talk2write2@wildblue.net).

## In the garden 101...

### Let's Get Planting, part II

Kath Collier

You might have seen some of the landscaping shows that included azaleas and rhododendrons in their selection of featured plants. You may have also seen them 'set the plant' by pressing the plant into the hole by stepping directly on the shallow root ball, and often stamping them into the ground. I cringe every time I see this practice and wonder if **any** shallow-rooted plant could tolerate that root crushing technique.

Let's say that you have purchased a couple of fine specimens at the Early Show and are now ready to plant them. You have looked up the particulars (such as how big it will get in the next 10 years) and carefully studied the basic planting technique in Greer's *"Guidebook to Available Rhododendrons--species and hybrids."* You have also found what seems to be the perfect place in your garden.

The ideal site would have great drainage, yet adequate moisture, good air flow, and relatively coarse soil that is slightly acidic. There are things that you can do to help improve a site that might not meet all of these conditions. Doing so at planting time is critical....one only gets one chance to plant it right... well, at least that is the theory.

Check out the size of the root ball. The hole that you dig should be significantly larger than this ball—contrary to what several of the garden shows might recommend. If your soil has a tendency to not drain as well as you would like, or is a bit on the alkaline side, you will need to mound the soil up a bit. If the soil has a tendency to be dry, you will need to dig a bit more—about 1-1/2 times the size of the root ball or a bit larger and set the plant into the hole in such a way to form a shallow bowl that can hold water longer.

Be sure to rough up the sides and bottom of the hole. Creating a nice smooth clay bowl that will retain water for weeks is not welcome by most plants. Breaking up the sides and bottom will help create places for the water to easily seep in and out.

If you see holes horizontally intersecting your planting hole—beware! These could be critter (like moles, voles, and rabbits) runs that most likely will revisit your plant. They may not necessarily be interested in your plant, but the bugs and such around your plants. As they tunnel near the plant, they create a great drain hole that could easily dry out and kill a well-established plant. New babies like the ones you just purchased don't stand a chance.

At this point you have some choices: (1) Choose a new site, (2) Crush the tunnels several feet out and take aggressive control actions, (3) Throw caution (i.e., money) to the wind and pretend they don't exist. You will be lucky if the plant makes it one season if you throw caution to the wind. You might look around for a new site and find that the new site also has critters. A more aggressive plan of attack would be to crush the tunnels, set traps, and check your plants frequently. To check plants for tunneling, poke around the soil with a stick, a hand, or gingerly poke around with your toe to see if the soil collapses. If you find them gently collapse the tunnels and water the plant. Check more frequently.

**Back to planting.** Mix some coarse bark or acidic organic materials in the existing soil, working it in well. These materials could include: evergreen needles, nut shells, coffee grounds, etc.

Unwrap or unpot the plant. You may need to squeeze the pot a bit to get the plant loose. If the plant is not too large, you may be able to press and roll it sideways to loosen the grip the roots may have on the pot. Finally a good smack on the bottom of the pot will also often dislodge a plant.

Notice the roots. Did the roots fill the pot? Overfill the pot? Were there large areas of exposed roots (critters can sometimes get into the pots and cause drying problems as well)? You may need to loosen up the root ball a bit to help improve air circulation within the roots. Some of the television shows will take their shovels make large cuts in the root ball. If the plant is very overgrown, you may need to do this. But in most cases, this just damages an already pruned root ball. (Continued on page 7)

## Hinsdale Property Tour

Gordon Wylie



Spring finally arrives at our gardens (CSRG, photo by K. Collier).

## CSRG American Cancer Society Garden Tour

On the morning of May 16 (Saturday), a tour bus full of walkers from the American Cancer Society will be touring several gardens including the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. There is a good chance that this garden event will be covered by a local television station.

On Saturday, May 23, 2009 local chapter members are invited to tour the Hinsdale Garden from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm or so. This garden is located approximately 5 miles east of Reedsport on Highway 38 near the BLM Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area, on the north side of the highway between the roadway and the Umpqua River. The garden includes a wide variety of rhododendrons and other interesting plants and is being restored by the local ARS Chapter and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Visitors should first come to the East End Ranch House (located at the eastern end of the elk meadows on the south side of the highway). There they will sign in to provide coverage for any injuries (unlikely, but an important caution provided courtesy of our agreement with the BLM), and carpool to the small parking area for the garden. The parking area is not large enough for buses but will accommodate vans or similar vehicles for folks traveling together.

The garden is not ADA accessible as yet and the main part on the island requires negotiating a sloped path inside the highway guardrail and concrete block steps to a temporary footbridge. Tide levels are favorable for crossing on the scheduled date. The eastern, off island portion of the garden is more easily reached from the parking area via a generally flat dirt and gravel path. One may also see part of the main garden and house from that vantage.

Because of protected animals in the area, visitors are asked to not bring pets. In addition, there are no restroom facilities at the garden or ranch house. Visitors should use those available nearby at the off highway parking area for elk viewing about a mile west of the garden.

The conditions noted above are straightforward and easily met. The Hinsdale Garden is a pleasant day trip from anywhere in western Oregon, and this visit provides an opportunity to enjoy all the scenery of our ongoing Spring awakening and the plants, trees, wildlife, ocean views and such... the

good life of Oregonians. We hope many will take advantage to explore and show support for a unique garden in a beautiful setting.

If you have any questions, please contact Gordon Wylie (telephone 541-895-2864 or email lgwone@gmail.com).

## Board Members Elected!

Congratulations to the chapter and the Honors committee for finding a fabulous slate of new officers. Beginning this June, the following members will be part of the board of directors until June of 2011:

**Steve Hopkins**  
**Brenda Ziegler**  
**Carol Barrett**  
**Ray Clack**  
**Donna Sell**

Thank you for your support and fabulous service!

## 101 (Continued)

Loosen the roots and spread them across the prepared soil. Work soil around and over the roots. Water the plant in (not too cold of water!). Add more soil if necessary. Check the height of the root collar. It should be at ground level (not too high, not too low). Adjust the soil if necessary.

*Add label.* Now this is a topic that is worth a few more words and tips and techniques for labeling will be addressed in the next issue of **Rhododendron News**.

In the meantime, be sure to provide extra water and potentially sun or wind protection for the next year. Check for critter damage. **And Voila!** You've got a potential award winner in your garden!

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Spring finally! (CSRG, Photo by K. Collier)