



Rhododendron News

Newsletter of the Portland Chapter – Volume LIII, No. 10 – November, 2009

FALL CALENDAR

November

19 – Regular chapter meeting, SPECIES AUCTION
24 – Board Meeting
TBS - CSRG Show Judging & Classification Committee mtg

December

17-Chapter Christmas Party
No Board meeting

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 by 9:30 pm.

Location: All Saints Episcopal Church - At the corner of SE 40th and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon

Please feel free to join us at the Woodstock Wine & Deli (across the street) for dinner or beverage before the meeting – several members routinely meet there.

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November Program

Portland Japanese Garden!

This month we have the privilege of having **Ed McVicker** of the Japanese Garden and **Bill (Robbie) Robinson**, last living founding member of the American Rhododendron Society. They will be speaking on the history of the Portland Japanese Garden. Ed has the over 8,000 slides that Robbie took during the creation of the garden. No, they will not be showing all of them, but they will share with us their knowledge of how the Japanese Garden came to be.

Also remember that we have a **Species Auction** which will follow Ed and Robbie's program. So bring your wallets. The holidays are coming. You can get your shopping done early!

October's Meeting in Review

Trick or Treat

The first Trick or Treat theme meeting was a scary success. Thanks to the large number of members who came in their creative costumes. I was truly surprised at the number who came dressed up. The only thing that out did the costumes was the quantity of quality fine treats we had (all sugar free?). Everyone deserved a prize for their efforts.

The evening's guest speaker was **Zac Perry** of Reed College talking about Reed canyon, the 28-acre watershed in the middle of the Reed campus. He covered such topics as the growing population of wildlife and native plants. We learned that the watershed includes the headwaters of

Crystal Springs Creek, a tributary of the Johnson Creek Watershed, and Reed Lake. He included details about restoration efforts for the canyon and also its rich history. We were amazed to find out the existence of the watershed as well as the tremendous undertaking to care for it. Zac was excited to let us know of the new project they are working on where the creek passes under 28th avenue. He was appreciative of the work we do at Crystal Springs Garden. As a neighbor, he would like to have some students from Reed College volunteer at Crystal Spring Gardens. We can all be grateful for the work he does teaching the next generation about Portland's rich resources.

Thanks to all for a fun and enlightening evening.

Surfing the Board-October Meeting

1. The city has sent drawings of changes to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens bathroom to increase the number of toilets. They are checking to see if plumbing can handle the changes and give us costing.

2. **Karen Cavender** is our Sunshine Ambassador. She will keep us informed of members well being. Thank you!

3. Rent issue with church settled.

4. **Bob MacArthur** informed the board of the need of a new Cushman at the garden before next year. Approval for gathering pricing was given so final decision could be given a next meeting.

5. Decision began on if we need a game plan for hosting the 2011 National Convention.

President's Message

There's no place like home...

Kath Collier

I clicked my ruby slippers together three times and whispering *'there's no place like home, there's no place like home....'* Life, however, is not like the movies and when I opened my eyes, we were still stuck in Cheyenne, Wyoming in the middle of the worst snow storm they had had in 20-30 years. Daytime temperatures hovered around 22° if you didn't count the wind chill created by the nearly constant 40 mile per hour winds and blowing snow, or the thick layer of ice just under the snow.

Sure, it almost always snows a little bit on Halloween in Cheyenne. Sure, parents were going to bundle up their kids and take them Trick-or-Treating around the neighborhood, at least for a little while. The one good thing about it is that one would not need to worry about seeing any belly buttons or flimsy costumes on this night. Any skin exposed to air was bound to freeze rather quickly. I suppose that parents wouldn't need to worry about kids eating the candy before they could sort through it to make sure it was safe. Why? *Because all of the candy would be frozen solid for days.*

Dave and I took a little extra time before the Eastern Regional Conference to do some sightseeing, hiking, and fishing. We did the tourist stuff... you know, photographing buffalo (from the far side of the car) in Yellowstone National Park, hiking among ancient Indian pictographs at a State park (and wondering if modern day graffiti will be looked on in the same manner in the far future), visiting



Pumpkin display at Longwood Gardens (www.longwoodgardens.org)



A Katsura Tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* *Cercidiphyllaceae*) at the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate (Winterthur.org) estate in full fall color. (Collier photo)

fabulous gardens (and not finding any weeds), and ogling the fantastic fall leaf color. I was amazed at the miles of corn, pay-as-you-go turnpikes, and at lower gas prices. For the most part, the weather was fabulous... except on our way home when we hit the snowstorm.

After last winter, I've lost all interest in frolicking in the snow. I'd rather pack myself up and go visit somewhere where the weather is warm and the wind doesn't blow off your frozen lips. But you know, there are people that like some of those places. For some reason, their lips don't seem to freeze, the wind improves the look of their hair, and they consider gardening to be a novel, and only occasional, past time.

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The convention was great, and you will hear more about it in the journal later. Its what won't be in the journal that will be interesting... like the other guests at the hotel. Rhododendron folks for the most part come fairly conservatively well-dressed to these meetings. You could basically spot us in the hotel even without a name tag.

Over the weekend, a second convention moved into the hotel. It appeared to be a celebration of Vietnam Veterans dressed in late 60's-early 70's garb. Most wore riding leathers, sported very long hair, beards, and a number of tattoos. No love beads, flowers in their hair, or sissy stuff here. But a more rowdy, independent look needed for riding long distances and more
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HAIKU

by Peter Kendall

*A certain briskness
the brightness of moon and
star
Geese—heard but unseen*

*In its are against
the looming storm, the
rainbow
exceeding itself*

*Everything aligned—
the moon, evening star,
cadence
of the first cricket*

*An afternoon sky
swept with spinning
samaras
The front has arrived*

*That nip in the air
The blush of the vine maple
Waxwings on the wing*

December Table Hosts

Barb MacArthur is looking for people interested in hosting one of the holiday tables for our December potluck meeting. If you would like to be a host, please contact Barb at 360-256-2522.

Outback Adventure

Rhododendrons in Australia

Golden Jubilee Conference
October 17-20, 2010

in the Dandeong Ranges
one of Victoria's top
tourist attractions

To learn more about the world class national rhododendron garden (featuring a 15,000 plant collection), the international and local speakers, and other attractions see www.vicrhodo.org.au

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!

CSRG Master Plan - Defining "World Class"

Kath Collier

Goal -> Definitions and Clarifications

This is the ninth article related to building a updated master plan for the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden (CSRG). In the past, extensive planning documents were created and there was the goal of creating updates on a cyclic basis. These plans described many projects and budgetary issues in great detail, along with agreements, and definitions. Not only did the plan tell the history of the garden but also painted a picture of what the garden might be like in the future.

During the recent Eastern Regional Conference in Pennsylvania, Dave and I had a chance to visit several gardens and historical venues that have often been described as 'world class.' As we toured, I tried to look at common elements that would support the description 'world class' and consider how those elements might be applied to the CSRG master plan. This discussion is important because the master plan has repeatedly included a reference for making CSRG a 'world class' botanical garden. Our challenge is to figure out what that means to us, how that might impact what we do, and how we might achieve the desired results.



Frank Lloyd Wright's world famous "Falling Water" house design.

Wikipedia defines 'world class' as being "of a standard that ranks among the best in the world" and "of the highest order or importance." Vague but flexible.

Some of the elements that Dave and I noticed both in the venues we visited and in other 'world class' attractions we have visited included:

- Directional and interpretative signage, a variety of handouts and other instructional materials (some free, some not).
- An up to date resources inventory
- Tour guides, regularly scheduled tours, and a variety of programs year round to bring back folks on a regular basis.
- A gift shop that carried memorabilia related to the site and other related materials, a restaurant or two, and several restrooms.
- A fairly stiff entry fee with a variety of discounts (seniors, children, seasonal, etc.). Many that we visited in October charged \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors. A bit steep but it probably covers the costs of the professional garden and management staff. All had volunteer staff.
- Walk ways that were accessible or had alternative accessible routes.
- Security, lighting
- Many had short video programs that served as a historical or site orientation to new visitors.

I'm not so sure I like all of these items. But they may lead to other more acceptable alternatives. For instance, we might want to make sure that there is a kitchen in the new Exhibit Hall so that coffee or food can be served for special events rather than putting in a full restaurant. We might want to keep the prices down, continue some free garden days, and look for opportunities for folks to visit regularly. The trick, as I mentioned, is identifying common elements found in other 'world class' venues and decide *if* and *how* we might want to apply them.

As you think of some of the places that you have visited, you might come up with some of the same list and perhaps more. I would be interested in hearing from you on the characteristics that you

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Crystal Springs Has New Garden Co-chair

Carol Barrett

Member Book Benefits!

Order your books through the ARS Portland Chapter and receive 10-25 percent discount off the list price.

Contact **Loni Welsh** via:

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- ARS Chapter meetings

The following publishers and book sellers offer discounts to us:

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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)

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.

Donna Giguere was asked and has accepted the Co-chair position at Crystal Springs Garden to work with **Bob MacArthur**, rhododendron specialist. Donna replaces the able **Bev Watkins** who took over for **Betty Sheedy** as Volunteer Coordinator and



then added the Co-chair duties with **Bob MacArthur**, upon the passing of the revered Chairman **Ted Van Veen**. Bev will continue to do the major membership mailing for Friends of Crystal Springs.

Donna lives in the SE neighborhood and has visited the Garden for "30 years." She was a regular Wednesday volunteer in the 90's. Donna produced the comprehensive "A Guide to the Trees of Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden." The publication contains Crystal Springs Mission Statement, a brief history, and tree lists sorted by botanical name, common name, and bed location.

Donna is a certified member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, and is Eco-Certified by the City of Portland. She is an independent landscape designer specializing in residential design.

Her design philosophy has been discussed in *The Oregonian Home and Garden Section*. In an August article of the *Portland Tribune*, *Lake Oswego Review* and *Gresham Outlook*, Barbara Ashmun compliments her on the versatility of her designs "each garden had its own character and atmosphere."

CSRG and those who love and care for it are most fortunate to have **Donna Giguere's** talent and experience. Donna considers it an honor to be able to assist with a "world-class garden."

President's Message (Continued)

authentic than any of those old biker movies. I considered seeing if I could trade my rhododendron embroidered vest for one of those leather jobs but I figured no one would go for it.

But there was another side to this crowd, a pride in serving our country and a love for bikes. All of the bikes, mostly classic Harley's, were carefully parked near the front door were sparkling clean and lovingly maintained. They were doing the same things we were... visiting with old friends, dressing up, laughing, and having a good time. They were just able to carry on well beyond our bedtime.

There was a fleeting thought of doing a little membership recruiting. Some of them had visited the plant sale and checked out the displays. Carrying a plant on a bike was probably not a great idea. Upon closer examination, I just don't think these guys were into gardening as I didn't see any flowers, and not one rhododendron, tattooed on anybody... *There's no place like home...*

WESTERN REGIONAL ARS MEETING

Sudden Oak Death

Irv Snyder

The Tacoma Chapter of the ARS did a fine job of organizing the Western Regional Meeting which took place on September 18-19, 2009 in Federal Way, Washington. The meeting was organized by **Bill Miller** and his wife **Julie** with lots of help from **E. White Smith**. Julie is E. White's daughter so this was kept in the family.

There was an excellent presentation on Sudden Oak Death (SOD) by **Dr. Marianne Elliot** who is with the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Service in Puyallup. So far, SOD has been identified in 70 different species of plants, and it will show up in even more in the future. The most susceptible tree is the red oak. The biggest outbreak is in northern California, but there have also

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Smith Garden Work Party

Wally Reed - Willamette
Chapter President

Contrary to the weather reports, the October 17 Smith Garden Work Party was dry and very warm until about 11 a.m. Then the weather report came true and the small number of workers, mainly from the Willamette Chapter, got soaked.

We retired to the garage meeting area and enjoyed a fine lunch provided by the Mapes. The rains did not let up so the party dissolved toward noon. Much brush and logs from the tree thinning were moved, and a subsequent Monday morning effort removed the maple tree rounds.

Tom Gressler is to be greatly thanked for his efforts between work parties and all who helped on the 17th are greatly appreciated.

In memory of...

Gretchen Clark

In early November, a notice that **Gretchen Clarke**, the wife of the late **J. Harold Clarke** (Chapter President 1956-59 and owner of Clarke's Nursery in Long Beach) had died. Gretchen was also the sister of **Sig Berthelsdorf**, current chapter member.

She would have been 100 years old in April. Sig is 98 and her other surviving sister is 100. Some genes!!! She outlived three husbands.

SOD (Continued)

been some problems in southern Oregon. California is not approaching the problem very aggressively in the forests. SOD outbreaks in the Oregon forests have been handled expeditiously by cutting down the affected trees and burning them.

SOD likes wet areas, and Dr. Elliott recommends you water rhododendrons around the base of the plant, rather than using overhead sprays. SOD looks very much like sun damage on the rhododendron leaves. However, since SOD likes wet areas, the affected leaves will show damage along the center rib and at the tip of the leaf. Sun damage will show up as random blotches on the leaves. There is no treatment for SOD. The only thing you can do is burn the affected plants.

The best way to prevent SOD from finding your garden attractive is good housekeeping. Keep leaves from accumulating under your plants and scrupulously avoid standing water in your nursery or garden. In fact, Dr. Elliott recommends if you go to a nursery where there is standing water around the plants or on the walkways, you should not purchase plants from this nursery.

It is interesting that SOD can be present in flowing streams. There was one affected nursery in the Northwest adjacent to a stream. To eliminate the SOD, the plants were burned. The area where the nursery was located is now free of SOD, but the adjacent stream still shows SOD infection.

The SOD does not travel downstream, but somehow the water next to the previously infected nursery remains contaminated with *P. ramorum*. It is uncertain what is happening, but there is speculation that possibly the roots of an alder tree that extend down into the stream are infected with SOD.

Dr. Elliott has done work to try to determine which rhododendrons are most susceptible to SOD. It appears that rhododendrons with heavy indumentum are more resistant to SOD. Apparently the indumentum hairs retard or prevent the SOD from invading the leaves. Linked to the online newsletter you will find an interesting table that lists the risk of SOD, or *P. ramorum*, from infecting various rhododendrons.

If you have further questions, Dr. Elliott would welcome an E-mail. You can contact her at:

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In memory of...

Dr. Frank Mossman

Dr. Frank Mossman died on November 2, 2009. He was suffering from aortic stenosis and was taken to the hospital on October 30. There are several friends of 'Frank' who are writing tributes to him online and assembling information for the ARS Journal. There are wonderful stories that need to be told about this interesting and feisty rhododendron collector, grower, and hybridizer.

All of the tributes seem to agree that Frank was generous with his time and plants and had a way of expressing himself in a unique manner. **Harold Greer** noted in his tribute that Frank "always expressed his opinions and I remember he said what he thought. In one Western Regional Rhododendron Conference, he was on a panel discussion. I wrote resumes of all of the speakers, except for the numerous panel members which I mentioned in a list. Frank 'clearly' told me he should have been described as a speaker, 'no ifs ands or buts'. He might have been right, but there was no space in the brochure to describe all of the panel members! We sparred over that for a long time, but still remained good friends."

E. White Smith was friends with Frank for "at least 35 years" and noted that **Bob Dunning**, Lake Wilderness Arboretum, will be getting more of Frank's plants for the Arboretum. E. White also noted that Frank was a good record keeper and Bob will probably obtain his records as well. The *R. occidentale* Garden at Lake Wilderness is a fine memorial to both Frank and his plant hunting partner, **Britt Smith**.

Dick Cavender noted that Frank was active "right up to the last." One source, Dick mentioned, indicated that Frank was 91 and another 93.

There will be no memorial service for Frank. We will miss him sorely and offer our sympathy to Frank's son, Mark, and his sister. Frank's wife Doris passed away some years ago.

Book Review

Peter Kendall

Geological Underpinnings to the Mother Lode of Rhododendrons

One hundred twenty million years ago the Indian micro-continent began its move from about the middle of the Indian Ocean and the latitude of Madagascar. It moved essentially north, up the 98th meridian, at up to 10-15 centimeters per year.

Eventually, about 50 to 60 million years ago, it struck the Asian subcontinent, pushing up the Himalayas and the Tibetan plateau. Great corrugations and elevations ensued. Massive amounts of precipitation in the form of monsoons raked, and have continued to rake, this area for untold centuries. As a result, great rivers such as the Yangtze, Mekong, Salween, Tsangpo, and Tsari arose high in the mountains and, excepting the Yangtze, plunged to sea level in the space of under 1,000 miles. The Yangtze more than made up for its long journey to the sea in its first 1,000 miles of explosive convulsion.

As this area escaped the ice ages of 2 million to 12,000 years ago, a tremendous uninterrupted evolution occurred (from the virtual dawn of the angiosperms) resulting in the mind staggering diversity we witness today.

Peter Kendall

Seeds of Adventure—In Search of Plants

Peter Cox and Peter Hutchison, Garden Art Press (Antique Collectors' Club, Ltd.), 2008, pp. 215

Seeds of Adventure—in Search of Plants, is a marvelous account, in both photograph and text, of the undertakings of two indefatigable plant lovers over a span of 40 years, beginning in 1962 and concluding in 2002. All told, 16 discrete expeditions were mounted. Exchanging authorship of individual chapters, each of the authors conveys an alluring portrait of the lands visited and the peoples and bounty of plants experienced. While Peter Cox has a pronounced love for rhododendrons and Peter Hutchison a corresponding love for gentians and primulas, each is drawn to a wide range of plant material.

The two Peters reside close to one another in Perth, Scotland. Peter Cox comes from a renowned family of explorers beginning with his father Euan and culminating most recently with his son, Kenneth. His father Euan accompanied Reginald Farrer (father of the modern rock garden) on an expedition to China in 1919. Two books, later written by Euan—*Plant Hunting in China* and *Farrer's Last Journey*, provide a record of that experience. It was Euan who started the family garden at Glendoick in the 1920's. Growing up, Peter had the good fortune to be surrounded by books on and by the famous plant explorers and to actually meet and become friends with some of them. Met briefly were Joseph Rock and Frank Kingdon Ward, while Frank Ludlow, and especially George and Betty Sheriff, became friends over an extended period.

Peter Cox began his horticultural schooling in 1950 and immediately became impassioned in his immersion. Father and son inaugurated the nursery in 1954. Peter Cox met Peter Hutchison in 1960.

Peter Hutchison had had exposure to plants, principally under his mother's tutelage, within the family's walled Victorian garden; but it was his trip to Libya, Africa in the late 1950's that serendipitously cemented his love for plants.

Plans for Peter's first trip materialized in 1962 when they set out for northeastern Turkey on the shores of the Black Sea. Their next trip, in 1965, was to northeast India (NEFA or Arunachal Pradesh). They revisited this particular area in 2002. Another exploration was undertaken to Nepal in 1985, and yet another to nearby and relatively pristine, Bhutan in 1988.

The remaining complement of expeditions was launched to China beginning in 1981. These continued through the late 1980's and throughout the 1990's. Two of the Chinese trips were made to Tibet (overtaken in 1954); this was the real roof of the world. These two forays occurred in the footsteps of Frank Kingdon Ward and Frank Ludlow and George Sheriff, both of whom touched this sacred ground back in the 1930's and 1940's. This was Ward's 'promised land,' a fairyland of rhododendrons and other enticing attractions.

Of the seeds and plants repatriated to Scotland, two locales became the ground into which these items were repositied. One was Glendoick, the Cox family nursery, on the shores of the North Sea. Subject to periodic bouts of cold and wind, this was a test of their hardiness. The other local was Baravalla, in Argyll, on Scotland's west coast. This 30-acre site of natural woodland exposed its denizens to the moderating influence of their Gulf Stream which became a balm to more tender species. Greatly ameliorating this site was a loamy, acidic soil and niches for a wide range of plants.

In the garden 101...

Fall Clean Up

by Kath Collier

By now many of the trees have lost a great deal of their leaves. My garden is covered! The push is on now to get the dead leaves raked and piled, ground up, and tucked in between layers of compost. This bit of garden hygiene is not just something to make the garden look better, and paths less slippery. It is

needed to protect the plants from damage that can occur from insects hiding in the duff... you know like root weevil larvae... and other things that can be really bad in the garden. It is

also useful in maintaining soil pH, as the leaves of some plants like Big Leaf Maples can create a nearly impenetrable and highly acidic blanket.

Take care to not collect diseased plant materials with the healthy stuff. Some of this material may need to be thrown away or burned. Diseased stuff just doesn't belong in the compost pile.

To make the grinding process simpler, I like to pile the dry leaves in the back yard or along the driveway where the wind won't catch them as much. The grass is preferable and significantly less messy. Once I have a good pile I bring out the riding lawn mower and slowly drive across the leaves filing the three large collection baskets in the back. Because of the volume of material it is essential to check the baskets frequently.

Once they are even close to full, I pull along the compost bins and begin the process of re-layering the piles and lacing them with the crushed leaves. Typically, I will layer about an inch of crushed leaves over about 3 inches of compost, followed with a layer of coffee grounds and other 'green' items. Repeat until you can no longer lift your pitch fork. Some years I will layer in sawdust and horse manure into the mix. It is critical to get the piles good and steamy over the winter.

If your timing is bad and you only have wet leaves.... well that is the pits because they are very hard to crush, and can form a hard water proof layer in the compost... essentially not break down for a year or two. In this case, keep the leaf layer very thin and not solid, beef up the materials that will help the pile heat up (like various manures), and plan on turning the piles more often during their cooking period. It is almost better to wait for dry leaves than to go for this wet method...



This is also a good time to look for damaged shrubs and trees, down fruit or other places for insects to hide, and bee nests. If you find a yellowjacket nest in the ground (which is fairly common), place a clear

bowl over the hole for several days. The yellowjackets only create one entry, will not dig another, and will starve themselves.

The sun is shining, leaves are dry and rustling my name... time to break out the rake and get cleaning!

HELP WANTED!

Do you dream of being a writer? We've got just the job for you! Time is running out and we need a replacement!

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 access to a 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)

Photo: Center: Fall Color near the Children's Garden at Wintertur Estate, Pennsylvania.

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CSRG Master Plan (Continued)

have observed when visiting 'world class' venues and ideas that we might incorporate into the master plan to help us reach this goal. Other feedback that would be particularly useful would focus on these questions:

--Based on your knowledge and experience, what does 'world class' mean to you?

--What might the impacts be if those characteristics were applied at CSRG?

--What do you envision a 'world class' garden looking like?

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