

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

## Calendar

- Oct. 8-10—ARS Western Regional Conference, Florence, OR, Oct. 8-10 (BOD)
- Oct. 21—Chapter Meeting and Species Auction: Speaker Dennis Bottemiller
- Please remember to wear your Halloween costume!
- Oct. 26—Board meeting @7:30 pm, Van Veen Nursery
- Nov. 18th—Chapter Meeting...Speaker TBA
- Nov. 23rd—Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm, Van Veen Nursery

## 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 40<sup>th</sup> and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon



## How to Increase Success In Rooting Cuttings

Maria Stewart  
October 21 Program

On October 21st, we will be privileged to hear Dennis Bottemiller of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden talk about the variables involved in rooting cuttings and how to increase success with rooting them. Nearly everyone who is interested in plants at some point wants more of them. Cutting propaga-

tion is a great way to get more of the plants you want. The purpose of this talk is to illustrate some of the variables in plant growth, culture and physiology which can be manipulated to your advantage for greater success in getting cuttings to root. While most of the work at the RSBG involves rhododendrons, these principles are important for the propagation of most plants that can be grown from cuttings.

Dennis has been the Propagator and Nursery Manager for the RSBG for the past ten years. While working in that position, he has been rooting cuttings and growing seedlings of plants from around the world. The RSBG is home to the largest collection of species rhododendrons in North America and also has outstanding collections of magnolias, Japanese maples, primula and liliaceae.

## October 21 Species Rhododendron Auction!

Maria Stewart and Dick Cavender

A great opportunity to purchase some choice plants! Bring your checkbooks! Members and non-members are welcome!

With Dennis Bottemiller as our speaker for our October 21st meeting, it's a perfect time to think about acquiring some new species for your garden. We are having our species auction at our October 21st meeting.

Dennis will bring a few plants, but you can bring some, too, to be auctioned off. All plants are

welcome. Help support our chapter!

## 2010 Western Regional Convention

It's time to register for the **ARS Western Regional Convention** scheduled for Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, 2010. This conference will be held at the **Three Rivers Casino and Hotel**, 5647 Highway 126 in Florence, Oregon.

The conference features 13 seminars, banquets, and speakers. There will also be many tempting plants offered in the plant sale.

One rhododendron highlighted for this sale will be **Gene Cockeram's** hybrid named 'The Pink Ribbons' offered for the first time. Gene will donate the profits from its sales for breast cancer research.

There will also be a quilt offered in a drawing featuring rhododendrons called "The Pink Ribbons Quilt" made by **Darlene Christean** who is a member of the Siuslaw chapter. (Continued on page 4)

## Purpose

To encourage interest in and disseminate information and knowledge about the genus *Rhododendron*.

To provide a medium through which all persons interested in the genus may communicate with others through education, scientific studies, meetings, publications, and other similar activities.

The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is registered in Oregon as a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization. Dues and donations are qualified charitable tax deductions.

# SMITH GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

## HELPING HANDS FOR SMITH GARDEN

Maria Stewart

To keep a garden vibrant and enticing to visitors, there needs to be a group of people dedicated to making decisions and guiding the direction of the garden. The Smith Garden Committee is just such a group of dedicated volunteers. The members of the Committee are:

Dennis Boge, Dick Cavender, Karen Cavender, Anne Gross, Steve Kaminski, Peter Kendall, Kathy Lintault, Roger Lintault, Ginny Mapes, Ron Mapes, Don Patrick, Dorothy Patrick, Donna Sell and Herb Spady. The Chair is Ginny Mapes. Roger and Kathy Lintault also provide publicity for the Garden. Together, the Committee shapes the present and future of the Garden.

Additional helping hands for the Smith Garden are:

Bruce Duffy, who made new large plant labels for the Garden; Anya Averill creates the annual newsletter; Dick and Carol Lundin are the plant propagators. Plants grown from Cecil Smith's plants are especially sought after.

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**Peter Kendall**

*The limbs of the birch  
Its leaves of yellow  
Each day fewer and fewer.*

*A moment's passing  
The textures of the garden  
In endless portrait.*

*The soundless nudging  
Of an errant breeze  
The path of a thousand leaves.*

*Through the tallest fir  
In the black of night  
The moon exceeding itself.*

*What the autumn leaf  
Has relinquished,  
It has gained a thousand times over.*

## Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden News

**Maria Stewart**

### **A Party in Memory of Betty Sheedy**

**On October 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden cool house, we're having a gathering to celebrate the life of Betty Sheedy.**

**Friends, acquaintances and fellow workers are welcome to join us for a casual potluck. Bring your memories and stories about Betty. We'll supply the lasagna ( one**

**of Betty's favorite foods ) coffee, a large cake, silverware, plates and cups. Please bring side dishes to go with the lasagna. We'll see you at Crystal Springs!**

## Other News Shorts

### **SMITH GARDEN WORK PARTY**

Please save the Saturday, October 16th date for the Smith Garden Fall Work Party—and pray for sunshine! I promised Wally Reed I would bake salmon, so that's on the menu for lunch. It will be the weekend following the big Rhody event in Florence, so we should all be in a great gardening frame of mind!

Ginny Mapes  
25185 NW Svea Drive  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**caption**



Conventions usually include fabulous displays and exotic plants in their sales.

## 2010 Western Regional Convention (Continued)

Monies from the sale of the quilt will also be donated for breast cancer research.

The plant sale will be open on Friday, Oct. 8, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. It will reopen on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, the sale will open at 8:00 a.m. and wrap up at 11:00 a.m.

Come and join us here for a "great" conference. For more information, visit [www.siuslawars.org](http://www.siuslawars.org) and <http://web.me.com/siuslawars/wrc2010>.

This conference is sponsored by the Siuslaw Chapter in conjunction with ARS District 4. **Bob MacIntyre** is the District 4 Director.

## September Meeting Notes

Maria Stewart

Our meeting on September 16th featured a great speaker, great treats and great conversation.

From the time that a large group of members gathered at the deli for dinner to the second when the last cuttings were grabbed from the table, September's Chapter meeting was a lively evening. President Mike Domaschofsky, dressed in traditional OSU colors, outlined the months ahead. First, he invited us to wear Halloween costumes to October's meeting and bring treats to be shared at each table. Then he reminded us that the Western Regional is coming soon to Florence on October 8-10, where there will be interesting speakers, a big plant sale and lots of friendly people. Dick Cavender told us that the Narcissus Society will join us for our Early Show on the first weekend in

April and that the dual show will run for two days. What a lovely way to welcome Spring at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden! Our chapter will again run a booth at the Expo Center in February. That is a venue which gets us out in front of the public and leads to conversations with people who ask, "Is that really a rhododendron? The opportunities to educate and share our love of rhododendrons are many.

Mike Stewart reminded us that all of District 4 is putting on the National Convention at the Heathman Lodge on May 11-15, 2011. He mentioned that planning is going well and urged everyone to think about how they could help with the Convention.

Ginny Mapes, Smith Garden Chair, invited us to

help at the next work party at the Garden. She urged us to think about making the Smith Garden look its best for the Convention in May. Mike Domaschofsky expressed similar thoughts about getting Crystal Springs ready for the Convention.

Our speaker, Dave Eckerd, held our rapt attention as he took us on a garden journey of New Zealand. Many of the plants were fantastically beautiful and Dave's fine photography showed each plant to its best advantage. Dave captured the essence of each garden so well we were tempted to book the next flight to New Zealand.

Dorothy Patrick brought her legendary lemon and also her chocolate sandwich cookies. Thank you to all who brought treats!

## ARS Annual Meeting - 2011

Pull out the calendars and mark the date: May 11-16, 2011 for the next ARS National Convention. The convention will be held at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Wash. just off of I-205, near the Vancouver Shoppingtown Mall.

The Heathman is a beautiful facility and the

room price for those of you traveling is very reasonable. The restaurant there is excellent, and of course the shopping around the corner provides an alternative destination.

**Harold Greer** and **Mike Stewart** along with a cast of others from across the District have

done a great job getting the accommodations and speakers lined up. This meeting is hosted by ARS District 4 Oregon Chapters. Be sure to be ready to register and get rooms when the ARS Convention announcement comes out.

Membership  
Renewals Start in  
October!  
The gift of  
membership is a  
gift of fun and  
friendship year  
around!

## September Board Meeting

Maria Stewart

On September 21st at 7:30 PM, the Board met at the Van Veen Nursery. There was discussion on several subjects including event planning such as for weddings at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and who should be the supervisor of the persons running those events. We were reminded that the Western Regional is coming up on October 8-10 in Florence. The distribution of paper vs electronic newsletters is a topic that has been visited before at board meetings. We will wait to see what our membership total is before making a decision about the newsletters.

The trophies that Betty Sheedy has won have been donated by her daughter to be used again in Betty's honor. Possibly, they could be used as revolving trophies for Crystal Springs volunteers. Steve Kaminski encouraged members to send him articles for the Chapter website.

### Newsletters: Paper or e-mail?

*Would you like to help the Chapter save money on postage? Would you enjoy seeing the newsletter photos in color instead of murky black and white? Consider this:*

If you are willing to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to John Welsh saying that you do want your newsletter sent by e-mail starting in November, 2010.

(jlwelsh26@yahoo.com)

If you would rather receive your newsletter in paper form, please send a note to Maria Stewart, saying that you prefer the paper newsletter. Address:

42125 SE Kleinsmith Rd.

Sandy, OR 97055

*Thank you! We really need to know your answer in order to make the correct decision about sending our newsletters.*

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**Brenda Ziegler, Donna Sell, Ray**  
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(Thru June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,**  
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Crystal Springs Rhodo. Garden

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