

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

## Calendar

- May 7-8: Mothers' Day Show and Plant Sale  
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
- May 11-15: ARS National Convention  
Heathman Lodge  
Vancouver, WA
- May 19: Awards Banquet
- May 21-22 Florence Rhododendron Festival and Plant Show  
Florence, OR
- May 24: Board Meeting (?)  
Van Veen Nursery 7:30 PM
- May 25: Hinsdale Garden Spring Visit  
Reedsport, OR

## 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



## Magical, Magnificent and Majestic May

By Maria Stewart

Well, let's hope that our favorite genus Rhododendron will live up to its reputation for displaying magnificent blooms in the merry month of May. The sun has to warm us and the rhododendrons sometime soon so we both feel like blooming, right?

We have much to look forward to in May. Our Mother's Day Weekend Show and Plant Sale is coming up fast on May 7th and 8th. Entries for the Show will be accepted Friday evening, May 6th, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, and Saturday morning, May 7th, from 7:30 AM to 9:45 AM. If you want to help at the Show, please call **Linda Rungay** at 503-682-3947.

The Plant Sale will be open Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, May 8th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you want to help at the Plant Sale, please call **Mike Domaschofsky** at 503-891-4585. We will need plenty of help to guide our customers through the large selection of rhododendrons that have been selected and organized by Mike Domaschofsky and **Bob MacArthur**.

Take a quick, deep breath, because following close on the heels of Mother's Day Weekend is the 65th Annual International Convention of the American Rhododendron Society during the five days of Wednesday, May 11th, through Sunday, May 15th. Featured are 21 speakers on subjects of growing, collecting and caring for rhododendrons and companion plants. Additionally, the attendees will be treated to garden tours in the Portland area and beyond. The Convention will include a large plant sale with vendors selling perennials, trees, conifers and, of course, rare and hard-to-find rhododendrons. The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington, just off of I-5, is the site of the Convention. It is beautifully decorated with a Northwest lodge feel to it. If you are interested in registering for the Convention, please contact **Loni Welsh** at 503-663-6987 or by e-mail at [oregon1853@yahoo.com](mailto:oregon1853@yahoo.com).

But wait! That only takes us half-way through the month. We still have another event to enjoy. For our Awards Banquet on May 19th, we get to eat, talk and relax. The Chapter will provide the meat entrees, 2 carbohydrate side dishes and strawberry shortcake for dessert all free of charge. You may bring your choice of anything that goes with these foods. **Anne Clack** will

## 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.

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**May 24—Board Meeting?**

## Haiku

Slipping into spring  
in the space of a day  
the blossoming plum

A parting of clouds  
Having found one another  
April's preening doves

A night's rain  
and the magnolia's blossoms  
have taken flight

By Peter Kendall

Magi cal , Magni fi cent and Maj esti c May

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will announce the winners from the Show with her good humor and enthusiasm. For a special treat, **Kath Collier** will show us the DVD of the Convention, freshly made from photographs taken the week before.

Oh, yes, quite a month! See you here, there and everywhere...

## Vendors at 2011 ARS Conventi on

Amethyst Hill Nursery/Hydrangeas Plus; Kristin Van Hoose

Bovees Nursery; Lucie Sorensen-Smith and E. White Smith

Briggs Nursery; Portland Chapter, ARS

Cherry Creek Daffodils; Steve Vinisky

Collector's Nursery; Diana Reeck

Dover Nursery; Mike and Maria Stewart

Log Cabin Nursery; Terry Henderson

One Green World, Northwoods Nursery Inc.; Jim Gilbert

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## Other News Shorts:

The May newsletter of the Willamette Chapter of the ARS is available at: <http://arswillamette.org/current.htm>

The May newsletter of the Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS is available at: <http://www.siuslawars.org>

### April 21st Meeting Re-Cap

**By: Maria Stewart**

The April meeting was our Annual Meeting, when we conducted the important Chapter business of electing our new board members and re-electing our officers. Our new board members are **Caroline Enns** and **Steve Hall**, who have participated enthusiastically in Chapter activities during past years. Along with Caroline and Steve, **Steve Hopkins**, **Brenda Ziegler**, **Ray Clack** and **Carol Barrett** will serve as one-half of the board through June, 2013. The other one-half of the board, consisting of **Ann Clack**, **Kathy Van Veen**, **Mike Stewart** and **Steve Kaminski**, will continue their terms until June, 2012. Our Secretary, **Carol McCarthy**, and our Treasurer, **Dick Cavender**, will continue on for another year. **Mike Domaschofsky**, President, and **Maria Stewart**, Vice President, will continue their terms for one more year. We thank all of those hard-working volunteers for their consistent dedication to the Chapter.

Our speaker for the evening was **Jack Olson**, from the Eugene, Oregon ARS Chapter. Showing his love of rhododendrons with every photo, Jack told us about his favorites from the past, and some new favorites such as R. Prism. R. Prism flowers seem to change their appearance depending on where the plant is sited and what the lighting is. Another is Jack's own hybrid, R. Kahlua, with dark chocolate/ bronzy new foliage and fragrant flowers. Jack definitely will use R. Kahlua in his hybridizing! He also likes the idea of more rhododendrons with fragrance. The most amazing photo Jack showed us was of a magazine article about using rhododendron indumentum as spinning material for thread. How is that possible? Thank you, Jack, for an excellent program.

After the talk, **Dick Cavender**, **Irv Snyder** and **Ernie Metcalfe** auctioned off a large assortment of hybrid rhododendrons. They really kept the auction moving along and the result was a nice addition to our Chapter bank account of about \$400.00.

### *Calling all photo takers at the Convention!*

We are assembling a DVD of photos taken at the Convention on May 11th –15th, 2011. If you would enjoy taking photos with your digital camera during the Convention and then sending them to Kath Collier at: [talk2write2@wildblue.net](mailto:talk2write2@wildblue.net), we would really like you to do that. The goal is to create the DVD in time for our May Banquet, so you have a deadline of May 17th to get them to Kath. Taking shots of people enjoying the Convention ( with their permission ) is what we're after. Photos of flowers that you saw would be great, too.

*The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Presents:*

**THE ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY  
WEEKEND RHODODENDRON SHOW  
AND PLANT SALE**

**May 7th and 8th, 2011**

**Saturday Show Time: Noon to 5 p.m.**

**Sunday Show Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

*CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN*

*S.E. 28<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, NORTH OF WOODSTOCK BLVD.*

**Judging goes from 10 to noon.**

*Show opens at noon on Saturday.*

*Plant sale is open 9 am to 5 pm both days.*

**Vendors, Cont'd. from Page 2:**

Red's Rhodies; Dick Cavender

Whitman Farms; Lucile Whitman

RSBG; Dennis Bottemiller and Steve Hootman

Stanley and Sons Nursery, Inc.; Larry Stanley

Thompson's Nursery; Portland Chapter, ARS

Van Veen Nursery; Kathy Van Veen

White Cloud Nursery; Peter and Jane Adams

## April 26, 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

By Maria Stewart

The board discussed the Mother's Day Weekend Show and Plant Sale and what we need to get ready for it. Mike Domaschofsky reported that he will get food for the plant sale workers. Dave Collier reported that the tents are ordered. Dick Cavender reported that he will be interviewed for TV by Jeff Gustin, airing about the Show and Plant Sale. We will be encouraging visitors to buy our \$15.00 local membership which includes \$5.00 off a plant, entrance into CSRG and a free book.

Dick Cavender reported that the boiler at the Smith Garden house needs to be replaced and bids are being taken.

Steve Kaminski reported that the Chapter website has been cleaned up and that the roster is almost finished.

Kathy Van Veen moved that the Chapter buy a brick paver for use at the RSB Garden; that motion was seconded. In discussion, it was suggested that a paver should be purchased by Smith Garden and Crystal Springs, also. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting when we find out how much each brick paver costs.

The Convention was discussed at length.

The transition between Events Coordinators was discussed at length and will be continued with the committee assigned to facilitating the transition.

## An Invitation to Visit the Hinsdale Garden from Gordon Wylie

Wednesday, May 25th has been set as the date for our spring visit to the Hinsdale Garden this year. We'll get started about 10:00 AM and go until done, probably around 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Recent changes include a good number of rhododendrons planted last fall and a large grouping of evergreen and deciduous azaleas at the main entry in April this year. Plus, the new bridge to the main garden now provides an easy walk in place of the former temporary plank crossing that sometimes resulted in wet feet.

Parking will be as before at the lot east of the garden and carpooling is encouraged. The Eugene Chapter plans to rent a bus for a group tour with lunch included, and for relaxed visiting among members on the way down and back. Other Chapters may wish to consider this approach.

Come and see all that's going on in this impressive garden being refurbished in partnership between Oregon ARS members and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management...a good way to begin winding down from the busy season of flower shows, garden visits and this year's Annual ARS Convention.

Please contact Gordon Wylie at: [lgwone@gmail.com](mailto:lgwone@gmail.com) or 541-895-2864 for more information.

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(Thru June 30, 2011) **Steve Hopkins,**  
**Brenda Ziegler, Donna Sell, Ray**  
**Clack, and Carol Barrett.**  
(Thru June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,**  
**Dave Collier, Kathy Van Veen, Mike**  
**Stewart, and Steve Kaminski**

GARDEN INFO:

Crystal Springs Rhodo. Garden

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**Bob MacArthur**, 360-256-2522, and  
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