

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- June, 2011
No meeting
Enjoy your summer!
- June 14, 2011
HPSO Event
Multnomah Arts Center,
6:30 PM
Speaker: Patrick Osborn,
Thompson Nursery
Admission: \$5.00
- July, 2011
No meeting
No newsletter
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- August 18, 2011
Smith Garden Soiree
Pot Luck
5:30PM set up, dine at
6:00PM
(See the announcement in
this issue and map in the
August issue.)

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



Reminiscing About the Month of May (The Banquet)

By Maria Stewart

On May 19th, it was time to celebrate Spring and relax after a very busy April and May. So, **Mike Domaschofsky, Ellen and Danielle** brought the meat entrees, the potatoes, the vegetables and the strawberry shortcake. The rest of us brought wine, side dishes and desserts. Everything was delicious!

Ann Clack enthusiastically announced the trophy winners from the Mother's Day Show. (You can read about the winners in this newsletter.)

Even with his arm in a sling, President Mike Domaschofsky successfully presided over the meeting and gave out three President's awards. One went to **Kathy Van Veen** for her daily involvement in the workings of the Chapter and the Friends of Crystal Springs organization. Another award went to **Bob MacArthur** for his dedication to Crystal Springs and the plant sales. The third award went to **Carol Barrett** in recognition of her dedication to Crystal Springs.

Every year, it is the wish of Betty Sheedy's family that one volunteer at Crystal Springs is awarded one of Betty's trophies in memory of Betty's love for the Garden. This year, **Betsy Soifer** was awarded a silver bowl, engraved with her name, for her volunteer work at Crystal Springs. Kathy Van Veen made the presentation.

One highlight of the meeting was the awarding of two bronze medals, the highest award a Chapter can give. The first recipient was **Carol Barrett**, who was cited as a dedicated volunteer at Crystal Springs, a board member and a member willing to take on additional projects. Her "Pruneopolis" is an example of her willingness to be a leader at the Garden. The second recipient of a bronze medal was **Brenda Ziegler**, who was cited for her membership on the board and for her "behind the scenes" projects. Most recently, she is working on the agreements between the former events coordinator, the current events coordinator and the Chapter.

Only a few days had passed since the 2011 ARS International Convention, so **Mike and Maria Stewart** congratulated the members of District 4 and the Portland Chapter for their participation in putting on the Convention.

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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.

Meeting Calendar through October, 2011:

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September 15, 2011
Regular meeting
7:00PM social time
7:30PM meeting
Speaker: Norma Senn

October 20, 2011
Regular meeting
Speaker: Peter Kendall

Haiku

A breezeless morning
 Counting the suns in a storm
 of cherry blossoms

This Spring's hidden sun
 in the maple's disclosure
 of its hidden leaves

Clouds, patches of blue
 In the sparrow's beak, the hair
 of my dog, strand by strand

By Peter Kendall

Announcement

There will be no newsletter in the month of July, 2011. You will receive your next newsletter in early August, 2011. Enjoy your summer!

Reminiscing about the month of May (The Banquet)

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You can read Mike Stewart's letter to all the members who participated in this newsletter.

It was a special treat to see the program that **Kath Collier** created about the convention. Kath received over 3,000 photos from attendees of the Convention and worked non-stop to create a visual overview set to music in the few days between the Convention and our banquet. Thank you, Kath, for organizing the memories of the Convention in such a delightful way!

Robbie Robinson's Birthday Party

Bill "Robbie" Robinson was honored with a surprise birthday party on Saturday, April 9 by the residents and staff of Calaroga Terrace where he lives. The room was full and included lots of friends and family. 'Robbie Robinson' the plant was in a decorative pot right up front near Robbie himself as members of his family, the Japanese Garden, Calaroga Terrace and the American Rhododendron Society spoke about what a gift he has been to us all. Mike Stewart presented him with nicely framed color copies of the article and picture in April's newsletter. Mike Domaschofsky and Kathy Van Veen also said a few words. Robbie gave a thank you speech, we sang Happy Birthday Tomorrow and adjourned to an adjacent room where Robbie's favorite chocolate cake was being served along with coffee and lemonade. It was a very good day.

Reminiscing about the Month of May (Mother's Day Weekend)

By: Maria Stewart

What a month it was! Although the trusses that were entered in the Mother's Day Show were a wee bit few and far between, our spirits were still high. After all, it didn't rain continually, only now and then. The Exhibit Hall looked its best in years with some new siding installed by the City and with the newly planted containers in front. Thank you **Linda Rungay, Ernie Metcalfe, Bob MacArthur** and the set up crew for getting the Exhibit Hall ready for the Show. Starting at about 7:00AM on Saturday, the stalwart trio of **Kathy Van Veen, Maria Stewart** and **Bruce Krohn** watched carefully as the trusses came across the table to be entered in the Show. The beautiful trophies were artfully displayed by **Ann Clack** on the newly painted shelves. More than one trophy winner could be seen beaming with pride when they discovered the results of the judging.

The plant sale on Mother's Day weekend was as huge as ever thanks to **Mike Domaschofsky, Bob MacArthur, Ken Lister, Ray Clack, Mike Stewart, Dave Collier, Betsy Soifer, Caroline Enns, Steve Hall, Dick Cavender and a cast of other hardy volunteers.**

From tiny alpines to large-leaved sub-tropical, the plant sale had every color of flower and every shape of leaf to entice you. In addition, several other vendors offered a great variety of companion plants for rhododendrons. Mike Domaschofsky reported that sales were less than our peak years, but still robust. He also told us that our chapter gained quite a few more local members during the two days of the sale. We look forward to our new members becoming involved in our activities on other occasions as well.

Smith Garden Soiree

August 18, 2011

Come one, come all to the Smith Garden Soiree!

Bring your favorite pot luck dish and join the Portland Chapter, Tualatin Valley Chapter and Willamette Chapter members in an enjoyable meal at the Smith Garden. Dinner time is 6:00PM and if you want to walk through the Garden, come at 5:30PM. Help is always appreciated at 5:30PM also, to set up tables. The address is 5055 Raybell Road near the city of Newberg.

There will be directions and a map in the August newsletter. See you there!

Reminiscing about the Month of May

(The Contributions of Portland Chapter Members to the Convention)

The Portland Chapter has good reason to be proud because its members contributed greatly to the success of the Convention. Crystal Springs looked lovely for the barbeque luncheon and everyone who helped with setting up the tables and chairs is greatly appreciated. The Crystal Springs garden crew and volunteers had the Garden in impeccable condition for our visitors.

Linda Rumgay created unique and beautiful rhododendron centerpieces for the Thursday night dinner (her trademark trusses in cat food cans), for the luncheon at Crystal Springs (trusses in frying pans), and for the Saturday night banquet (a truss in sculpture set on a mirror with plant table favors around it). Linda says that **Dave Collier, John Welsh** and others were wonderful assistants.

Now, who else but **Ann** and **Ray Clack** could have run the bus tours with such aplomb? Even with drivers whose routes needed to be switched all around on Saturday, they didn't even miss a beat. Ann spent days making the wonderful DVD's for each tour so that attendees would be introduced to the gardens before they arrived at their destination.

Loni and John Welsh processed over 455 registrations, created that many packets with correct tours and meals in them, and then kept their registration desk open many hours during the convention to help attendees. We think that The Heathman Lodge staff was amazed at Loni's efficiency. **Kath** and **Dave Collier** assisted in assembling the many packets that had to be individually prepared. John helped at the plant sale, too.

You don't see **Ellen Lancaster** at our regular meetings because she works swing shift. She wanted to get involved with the Convention and she did so in an important way. She worked several shifts during the plant sale and on Saturday she worked with the plant inspector all afternoon. Ellen was very helpful in the process of getting phytosanitary certificates for our Canadian attendees. **Caroline Enns** and **Steve Hall** also worked at the plant sale.

E. White Smith was a great asset to the plant sale. He would pitch in whenever we needed help at the cashier's table. **Dick Cavender**, with **Karen's** help, is processing the vendor/convention split as this is being written. Dick helped me get this plant sale done correctly all through the year leading up to the Convention.

Peter Kendall deserves a big thank you for arranging access to the Platt Garden, especially when so many Convention attendees wanted to visit that garden. He also helped with the arrangements for the Japanese Garden tours. If you received a Japanese Garden bookmark in your packet, you can thank Peter for his donation of the bookmarks.

Speaking of donations, did you see the beautiful water color note cards at the plant sale? **Merilee Mannen** donated 20 sets of her note cards to the Convention. We all received a well-designed souvenir convention pin in our packets, too.

Brenda Ziegler donated all those pins.

May 24th Board Briefs

The largest topic concerned the transition between events coordinators. Progress was made on that topic.

Congratulations were expressed for a well-received 2011 Convention. Praise was given for the work done at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden to make it beautiful for the barbeque luncheon held there.

The meeting was adjourned earlier than usual and board members enjoyed viewing the blooming Van Veen rhododendrons as they walked to their cars in the soft light of dusk.

Collective Efforts Produce Rewarding Results

By Mike Stewart

On behalf of my fellow organizing committee members, I wish to thank the many, many volunteers from throughout District 4 for their contribution to the success of the recent American Rhododendron Society Convention. It proves once again that with the cooperation and collective efforts of many, tremendous results can occur. With our District 4 Director, Bob McIntyre, Harold and Nancy Greer, and Maria Stewart paving the way, success was almost assured. I wish I could share with all of you the many letters and emails that I have received praising those who worked so hard to make the conference a success. It is rewarding to know that our efforts affected so many people in such a positive way. District 4 members should be very proud of what they have accomplished as a group.

I am sure that because of the positive and enjoyable experience the attendees shared, the American Rhododendron Society will continue to become a stronger organization. Many will look forward to attending ARS Conventions in the future because of their recent experience in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The value of a conference that focuses on rhododendrons from all parts of the world and that attracts an international audience, allows our members a unique experience not offered at regional-type events. The opportunity to share ideas and meet new friends and speakers from other parts of the world is an experience that many will hold dear to them for years to come.

So, with deepest sincerity, I thank all those who contributed, and all of those who attended the Convention. It is truly a pleasure to work with so many positive people, and to share in the friendships that are inevitable when people gather in a common cause.

Mike Stewart

Co-Chairman

ARS Conference 2011

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon June Event: Species Rhododendrons in the Garden

Date: Tuesday, June 14th, 2011

Place: Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM, Program begins at 7:00PM

Admission: \$5.00 per ticket at the door.

Speaker: Patrick Osborn, owner of Thompsons Nursery near Waldport, Oregon and known for his selection of great-looking plants at the HPSO plant sales.

Mother's Day Show Trophy List- 2011

Class	Trophy	Winner	Bloom
42	Brotherton Trophy	Susan Metcalfe	Winning Colors
1	Dr. S. Berthelsdorf Trophy	Mike & Maria Stewart	R. orbiculare
50	Elsie Bailey Mem. Trophy	No entries	No entries
49, 49H	Rae Berry Memorial Trophy	Ray & Ann Clack	R. vaseyii
1- AFJLOS	Bob Bovee Trophy	Bovees Nursery	R. cephalanthum
45	Collier Nursery Trophy	No entries	No entries
*	Ralph & Faith Christensen Mem. Trophy	Ray & Ann Clack	Kathy Jo
35, 1Z	Christensen Family Trophy	Van Veen Nursery	Loder's White
37F	Earl & Frances Hopkins Mem. Trophy	Ray & Ann Clack	David
48	The Egan Trophy	Dick & Karen Cavender	Ilam Azalea Hybrid
48	Fred Meyer Trophy	Van Veen Nursery	R. poukhanense
0	Flora Lan Nursery Trophy	Ray & Ann Clack	Medusa
47AB	Robert L. Furniss Mem. Bonsai	Peter Kendall	R. tsuiophyllum
1-R-1	Goheen Macrophyllum Trophy	No entries	No entries
48C	Henny & Wennekamp Trophy	Bovees Nursery	R. reticulatum
41	Joe W. Jones Mem. Trophy	No entries	No entries
43	Klupenger Nursery Trophy	No entries	No entries
*	Portland Nursery Trophy	Irv & Jan Snyder	Hotei
1Y 1 & 23A&B	Red's Rhodies Trophy	Bovees Nursery	Fire Plum
22	Stewart Trophy	Van Veen Nursery	Noble Mountain
*	Cecil & Molly Smith Trophy	Dick & Karen Cavender	Harry Tag
10	Betty Spady Mem. Trophy	Van Veen Nursery	Faggeter's Favorite
*	Van Veen Nursery Trophy	Irv & Jan Snyder	Blue Diamond
11A	Theo Van Veen Sr. Mem. Trophy	Peter Kendall	Elizabeth
*	John & Loretta Welsh Trophy	Dick & Karen Cavender	Brechtbill
*	Ella K. Sersanous Mem. Trophy	Mike & Maria Stewart	R. orbiculare
*	Claude I. Sersanous Mem. Trophy	Irv & Jan Snyder	Hotei
*	ARS Portland Chapter Trophy	Van Veen Nursery	Most Points

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Brenda Ziegler, Donna Sell, Ray
Clack, and Carol Barrett.
(Thru June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,**
Dave Collier, Kathy Van Veen, Mike
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GARDEN INFO:

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Rhododendron 'Peter Bee'

William "Robbie" Robinson

William "Robbie" Robinson passed away Friday afternoon, May 27th, 2011 after spending the night in the hospital. His daughter, Martha White, son-in-law Fred White and grandson Steve White were with him.

According to Martha White, Robbie was sleeping peacefully and had no discomfort.

The family will let us know the date of his service as soon as they have that information.

Rhododendron 'Seaview Sunset'



