

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

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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 by 9:30 pm.

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



The Lace Bug--A Pretty Name for a Bad Bug

By Robin Rosetta and Maria Stewart

As rhododendron growers and collectors, you may have noticed in your travels around the Pacific Northwest that some rhododendrons have small yellow dots on their leaves. These unsightly dots are caused by the lace bug feeding on the leaves. If you turn the leaves over, you will see a brown residue left behind by the lace bug and also used to cover the eggs during winter. Yuck! At its worst, a lace bug infestation will turn the leaves almost white.

It's Robin Rosetta to the rescue! For our January 19, 2012 meeting, Robin will speak to us about the lace bug and how to control its spread. Robin is an OSU Associate Professor whose base is the North Willamette Research and Extension Center. She works with Oregon greenhouse and nursery growers to meet their needs in the area of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The Nursery IPM Extension program is a multi-dimensional information system which assists growers in making informed decisions about pest identification, monitoring, pest biology, thresholds, and pest management techniques. Robin will gear her talk to suit our needs as rhododendron collectors who manage our own gardens.

Robin's other ongoing research activities include: eriophyid mite management, amber snail management, intelligent spray systems and the use of predatory mites for reduction of root weevil larvae. We are grateful that Robin will speak to us about the lace bug so that we will have more tools with which to manage this pest.

Mark January 19th on your calendars and don't miss this informative meeting.

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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February 21, 2012
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February 22-26, 2012
Home and Garden Show at the Expo Center

March 15, 2012
Regular meeting
Speaker: Steve Hootman
Topic: Species Rhododendrons Companion Plant Auction

March 20, 2012
Board Meeting
7:30 PM
Van Veen Nursery

Haiku

Defining the edge
of autumn's thermal, the hawk--
so effortlessly

The colors of fall
Not a breath of wind to nudge
a motionless world

In its plunge to earth
leaf of the maple, so large,
so whole, so soundless

The advancing storm
putting a damper on the
rustle of the leaves

Carrying its colors
into pewter skies, pewter
limbs of the maple

By Peter Kendall



Blockbuster Speakers — 3 more in a row!

Plan ahead, bring a friend, enjoy the presentations of these three fantastic speakers.

Diana Reeck, Collector's Nursery, February 16, 2012

Steve Hootman, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, March 15, 2012

Harold Greer, Greer Gardens, April 19, 2012

Re-cap of the Christmas Party on December 15th

By Maria Stewart

With such a great variety of salads, entrees and desserts, we could not ask for a more bountiful Christmas dinner. Thank you, everyone, for feeding us so well. And while we were eating, Bob MacArthur's beautiful slides of Crystal Springs provided a peaceful backdrop.

President Mike Domaschofsky put on his Santa hat, with a Beaver logo on it, of course, and cheerfully presided over the evening. Between each group of slides, Mike called out numbers for the gift exchange. Dick Cavender showed his and Karen's trip to the Panama Canal and Costa Rica. Peter Kendall shared his springtime garden with us. Don Patrick showed some of his and Dorothy's favorite rhododendrons in their garden. Mike Stewart and Kathy Van Veen shared slides of members who are no longer with us. The viewing of these slides often elicited comments about how young everyone looked! If I left out anyone who shared their slides, I apologize.

It was really heart-warming to see Dot Dunstan among us. Paul and Laurel Kaufman were a treat to visit with, also. Karen Cavender gave an update on members who could not attend the festivities. We are especially sorry to hear that Carol Barrett's health has declined. Other members we missed that evening are Bill Ferguson, Bruce and Kathe Krohn and Chuck and Rita Knapp.

Thank you, Barb MacArthur, for all the work you do to make our meeting room a welcome place, not only at Christmas time, but for all year long.

Thank you, table decorators and hosts, for your creative decorations. It's fun to see how they turn out each year.

In Memoriam

By Peter Kendall

Lyle Dunstan---The Passing of a Gentle Giant

This fall marked the final life's chapter, at age 94, of an unassuming, talented and consistently supportive mate of one of the Portland Chapter ARS' most lively and enduring members. Although slowing down in her later years, Dot Dunstan, Lyle's better half, has been an unrivaled rhododendron enthusiast going back decades.

That she was able to accomplish what she has, at home and with the Rhododendron Society, was due in no small measure to the talents and consistent energy of her husband. Lyle's background was in electrical engineering, and as a shrewd and innovative individual, he put forth major efforts in the arena of electrical transmission lines for major hydroelectric projects in both North and South America. This expertise extended to the microcosm of Dot's beautiful garden which is the product of her artistry and Lyle's genius in implementing her demands.

Those of us who came to know Lyle over the years will miss, as will his dogs, his uplift and comfort.

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"Appalachian Spring" ARS and ASA Convention May 4 - 7, 2012

The American Rhododendron Society and the American Azalea Society are jointly holding an International Convention May 4 - 7, 2012 in Asheville, North Carolina, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Convention is being hosted by the Southeastern Chapter, ARS and Vaseyi Chapter, ASA, under the theme "Appalachian Spring".

To see all the information about the 2012 ARS-ASA International Convention, please go to the ARS website at rhododendron.org. There you will find a complete description of the convention and registration packet.

The Registrar is encouraging all interested parties to reserve their room at the 'Crowne Plaza Resort', Asheville, NC at telephone # 1-888-233-9527 right away, as rooms are going fast!

The deadline for early registration for the Convention in order to receive the early registration discount is March 1st, 2012. Full refunds for any reason will be allowed until April 15, 2012.

The Convention will open at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 3, 2012 for registration on-site as well as plant and book sales and submitting entries for the flower and photo show.

News from Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Weather permitting, the first work party of 2012 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th. Donna Giguere reports two interesting new birds on the lake, the Lesser Scaup and the Bufflehead. Lakeside restoration: snow fencing is still in place and new plantings are intact. Discussion of replacing the sagging railroad-tie retaining wall in the Jane Martin Garden area is ongoing. Kathy Van Veen reports that more than 400 Friends of Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden have sent in renewals to date.

The Early Show and Sale dates have been changed to April 14th and 15th, 2012. This will be a joint show with the Daffodil Society. The Daffodil Society show will be judged.

News from the Smith Garden

Weather permitting, every Monday is a work day at the Smith Garden. Work has been slowed down by rains of late. The Smith Garden needs more volunteers! Please contact Herb Spady 503-874-1445 or by e-mail: gardenherb@me.com or Tom Gressler 503-538-4769, e-mail tgressler@gmail.com, to confirm a work party or to volunteer.

In Memoriam: Harold T. 'Ron' Krug

By Ron Mapes

Born on December 19, 1918, revered past-president of the Tualatin Valley Chapter ARS, Harold T. 'Ron' Krug died on December 7, 2011. Harold, as he was known by his rhody friends, is survived by his wife, Gerda, three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to serving as TVARS president, Harold was also active as a member of the Portland Chapter ARS. Until just a few years ago, Harold was an active and successful participant in the spring truss shows of the Portland Chapter as well as the TVARS Chapter. Harold took rightful pride in his many prize-winning rhododendrons.

A private memorial service was held at his home, sheltered by the tall first surrounding his treasured rhododendrons.

Friends may sign the online guest book at www.oregonlive.com/obits

Gardeni ng Memori es--or, Not an Arm, Just a Leg

Doggerel by Jan Lee, June, 2011, from the October, 2011 newsletter of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter, ARS

An foolish old lady from Coos Bay
Helped her husband with transplanting one day.

The Rhodie they found,
Threw her down to the ground,
And the ambulance took her to x-ray.

“Your femur is broken,” Doc said,
“We’ll fix it and put you in bed.”

Now I’m up and walking,
The Rhodie’s not talking
But I think she wanted me dead.

The Rhodie is Honorable Jean Marie
Who seems like a nice old girl, doesn’t she?

She now is tied down
With stakes all around
In case she is planning a killing spree.

We nick-named the dear Rhodie ‘Killer,’
She almost put me in the chiller.

I could give a talk
Titled “ Watch where you walk.”

Gardening is always a thriller!
Jean Marie and I have just made up,
It isn’t her fault I was laid up,

She’s my friend again
But she wasn’t when

My hospital bill wasn’t paid up.

I *like* Rhodies - if you ask why
We were wrestling with this big guy.

What matters is size,
So I’m getting wise,
I think I will take up Bonsai.

Interested in volunteering ?

The Portland Chapter of the ARS has numerous opportunities for volunteers to help maintain and improve rhododendron gardens in our area. We have a long-standing partnership with Portland Parks and Recreation at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. The brand-new Cloud Forest Rhododendron Garden in Washington Park is another opportunity in urban Portland. The Smith Garden in St. Paul is a cooperative venture among the Portland, Tualatin and Willamette Chapters of the ARS. All are in need of gardeners!

Each garden is an oasis in the busy world we live in, with amazing birds and other fun wildlife-viewing, set in beautiful plantings of rhododendrons and companion plants, and all just a stone's throw from the hustle and bustle of the city, yet a world removed.

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For **Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden**, on SE 28th just north of SE Woodstock in Portland, please contact:

By e-mail: csrgvol@me.com

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For **Smith Garden**, 5065 Ray Bell Road, St. Paul, OR, please contact:

Herb Spady, 503-874-1445, gardenherb@me.com

Tom Gressler, 503-538-4769, tgressler@gmail.com

For the new **Cloud Forest Rhododendron Garden** in Washington Park, Portland, please contact:

Portland Parks & Recreation Volunteer Services

1120 SW 5th Ave.,

Suite 1302

Portland, OR 97204-1933

And, if you attend the January meeting, you might be able to contact representatives for each of those 3 gardens, directly, in person!



Crystal Springs. Photo by Ernie Metcalfe



Smith Garden in Spring

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