

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- **May 12-13, 2012**
Mother's Day Weekend
Show and Plant Sale
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
- **May 17, 2012**
Annual Awards Banquet
All Saints Episcopal Church
6:30 PM set-up
7:00 PM dinner
Program: Awards and
Memories of the National Convention in Asheville
- **May 22, 2012**
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 40th and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon



The Merry Month of May

By Maria Stewart

It hardly seems possible that the month of May is already here. Everyone's rhododendrons, however, seem to know that it's time to bloom, so let's celebrate! On May 12th and 13th, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden will be the epicenter of activity for the enjoyment of the beauty of "The Rose Tree". In the cool house, the Portland Chapter will treat its visitors to a wonderfully colorful flower truss show with viewing starting at noon on Saturday after the judging is completed. Meanwhile, in the parking lot, a huge plant sale where every rhododendron you could ever wish for, will be for sale. (See the Mother's Day page in this newsletter where you will find more details about this weekend.)

After the Show and Plant Sale is over, we have a few days to relax before we celebrate the month of May in a different way. On May 17th, we will enjoy an evening of good food, conversation and the presentation of awards at our annual May Banquet. Mike Domaschofsky is arranging for the meat, a starch and vegetables to be catered. *Please bring a potluck side dish such as a salad or a dessert to make our meal complete.* Coffee and tea will be provided as usual. Set-up is 6:30 PM and dinner time is 7:00 PM.

After we feast on the good food, the Mother's Day trophies will be presented by Ann Clack. Ann's presentations always bring excitement to the Awards Banquet. Highly coveted President's Awards and Volunteer Awards will be presented also. Then, to whet our interest in attending conventions, Mike Stewart will entertain us with a short program entitled "Memories of the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina." All in all, it will be a memorable evening

We'll see you soon to celebrate!

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 Mid-September, 2012:

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Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

May 17, 2012

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Regular Meeting Hall

All Saints Episcopal Church

6:30 PM Set up

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7:30 PM

Van Veen Nursery

June 21, 2012

Deadheading Party and potluck

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Time: (TBA)

August 16, 2012

Smith Garden Soiree

Set-up at 5:30 PM

Potluck dinner at 6:00 PM

September 20, 2012

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM social time

7:30 PM meeting

Haiku

A night of light snow
A morning inclined to its
disintegration

After the deluge
The reluctant camellia
from shadow to sun

Opening cherry blossoms
among a tangle of limbs
a downpour of rain

In niche after niche
returning at its own pace
yesterday's primrose

The night clear and bright
Full moon on the magnolia
A touch of Venus

By Peter Kendall



Rhododendron 'Seaview Sunset'

Re-Cap of the April 19, 2012 Meeting (The Annual Meeting)

By Maria Stewart

Our Annual Meeting was packed with activities from beginning to end. We welcomed two new members and some visitors, also. We hope they will attend the Mother's Day Weekend Show and Sale and the May Banquet. E. White Smith gave away door prizes with his usual fast-paced style that always brings good humor with the prizes. John and Loni Welsh gave out our new membership cards which they created for us. Mike Stewart presented the nominees for the board and the officers for 2012-14. He included bits of information about the two new board nominees, Bud Bowen and Betsy Soifer. He also introduced Brenda Ziegler as our next vice president with back ground information about her. (See the nomination report page in this newsletter for the complete list of nominees. We will vote on May 17th to accept these nominees.)

We were very fortunate to have Harold Greer, renowned photographer, author, speaker and leader in the world of rhododendrons, as our speaker for the evening. He spoke about "Rhododendron Diversity." His photographs were outstanding as he fascinated us with the bark, new leaves, scales, seed pods and of course, the many shapes and colors of rhododendron flowers. We could see his program again and still be intrigued by what we missed in the first viewing.

After Harold's talk, we had a large hybrid auction. The bidding was strong and the plants went fast, with much humorous rivalry among members and visitors.

Our thanks, again, to our stalwart crew for fixing coffee and cookies and treats for such a big group.

'Seaview Sunset': A beauty that Celebrates the Return of the Sun

By Maria Stewart

You may have noticed that during the last five months, there have been articles about a few selected rhododendrons in the newsletters. The hybridizers of all these rhododendrons are from the Pacific Northwest region. These articles have saluted Frank Mossman, Herb Spady, Jim Barlup and Warren Berg for their hybridizing efforts. Now it is Frank Fujioka's turn to be thanked for his hybridizing of R. 'Seaview Sunset'. Here are some details about this eye-catching plant: it is an elepidote; its parentage is 'Nancy Evans' X 'Canadian Sunset'; it was hybridized in 1988 by Frank Fujioka; grown by Frank (1993); named by Frank (1997); and registered by Frank (1997). Each truss holds 16 flowers in a domed shape. The buds are vivid reddish-orange, opening inside light yellow and edged with a broad band of reddish-orange. The outside is deep yellowish pink. The calyx is light yellow and is 20 mm long. The bloom time is mid-April. The leaves are elliptic, semi glossy and dark green in color. Depending on the placement, expect it to grow 2 1/2 to 3 feet in ten years.

The Portland Chapter of the
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

PRESENTS THE

MOTHER'S DAY

RHODODENDRON SHOW

&

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 12th, 2012 Noon to 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 13th, 2012 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

*Plant sale open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days
Arrive early for best selection of plant
material.*

CRYSTAL SPRINGS

RHODODENDRON GARDEN

SE 28th Ave., North of Woodstock Blvd.

Admission \$3.00

Flower Truss Show Entries Accepted:

Friday 6-8 PM and Saturday 7 to 9:30 AM

Truss Show opens at noon Saturday

The Bonsai Society of Portland Announces Their Annual Spring Show and Exhibit at the Portland Japanese Garden

The Bonsai Society of Portland (BSOP) will be hosting their annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Portland Japanese Garden on May 19th and May 20th. Show hours will be from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM both days that weekend. The show will include dozens of bonsai from club members' private collections. The exhibit will include some of the Pacific Northwest's finest tree specimens as well as *Suiseki* (Viewing Stones), scrolls and accent plants in the Japanese Garden's pavilion.

The Portland Japanese Garden, occupying 5.5 acres within Washington Park on the western edge of downtown Portland, is considered the most authentic Japanese Garden outside of Japan. The garden and its beautiful pavilion creates the most wonderful springtime backdrop to this exciting event. The pavilion will include a traditional Japanese tokonoma alcove display featuring an artistic grouping of bonsai, scroll and accent plant in the traditional Japanese fashion.

There will also be an educational table with live demonstrations on the east veranda of the Garden Pavilion where BSOP members will be creating and maintaining their works of art during both days of the exhibition. BSOP members and artists will be available to answer any questions during show hours. Formal docent tours will be conducted at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM each day that weekend. The bonsai exhibit, educational demonstrations and tours are included with the standard general admission fee to the Garden itself. The Japanese Garden's spring hours are 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM that weekend.

More information on the Bonsai Society of Portland and their upcoming Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs' Convention this September 14 -16 can be found at: www.portlandbonsai.org.

Please contact Ron Cascisa, (503) 777-0135 or roncascisa@comcast.net for additional information.

Board Meeting Highlights for April 24, 2012

By Maria Stewart

The Early Show with the Daffodil Society was a great success. Linda Rumgay reported that the rhododendron trusses that were entered made a good display. Both groups are fine with a joint show, this being our second year of displaying our flowers together.

Mike Domaschofsky reported that the plant sale went well, too. The good weather contributed to the selling of many plants. It was an excellent opportunity to meet the public and talk about rhododendrons.

The Mother's Day Weekend Show and Plant Sale were the next topics. Parking will be our main concern due to ongoing construction at Reed College. There is a lot at 28th and Steele that visitors can use. We will have a space for buyers to drive up to and load their plants. Brenda Ziegler will get the information banners ordered. Dick Cavender will film with Jeff Giusto at CSRG and that will air on Saturday, May 12th.

Thank you to John and Loni Welsh for creating our new membership cards.

It was moved, seconded and passed to buy a brick in the name of the Portland Chapter for the Rutherford Conservatory at the Rhododendron Species Foundation.

Mike Domaschofsky will order the meat, starch and vegetables for the May Banquet. The salads and desserts will be potluck.

Photographs of the Early Show at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden April 14-15, 2012

Courtesy of Dick Cavender



Nomination Report, April 19, 2012

By Maria Stewart

During the April 19th Chapter meeting, Mike Stewart presented the nominations of the board members and officers whose terms will carry through the next two years. They are as follows:

Board Members

Through 2012-2014

- Ann Clack
- Ray Clack
- Bud Bowen
- Betsy Soifer
- Kathy Van Veen

Through 2011-2013

- Steve Hopkins
- Steve Hall
- Caroline Enns
- Mike Stewart
- Dave Collier

Officers

Secretary

Carol McCarthy

Treasurer

Dick Cavender

Vice President

Brenda Ziegler

President

Maria Stewart

Past President

Mike Domaschofsky

The Chapter will vote on this slate of nominees at the May 17th Chapter meeting.

Peter Kendall at TVARS Show, courtesy of Ginny Mapes



Wood Ducks at Crystal Springs, courtesy of Donna Giguere



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Treasurer: *Dick Cavender*

BOARD MEMBERS

(Through June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,**
Kathy Van Veen, Mike Stewart, and
Steve Kaminski
(Through June 30, 2013) **Caroline**
Enns, Steve Hall, Steve Hopkins,
Brenda Ziegler, Ray Clack

GARDEN INFO:

Crystal Springs Rhodo. Garden

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