

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- **June 21, 2012**
Deadheading Party and Potluck
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden Cool House
5:30 PM (or earlier) dead-heading time
6:30 PM potluck dinner
- **July, 2012**
No newsletter
- **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

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



Join the Fun in June

By Maria Stewart

There is a long-standing tradition at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden that we gather in the Garden for a potluck dinner and a dead-heading party in the month of June. This year, we invite you to join us for the intriguing act of removing the spent blossoms from the beautiful rhododendrons at Crystal Springs on Thursday, June 21st. The plants will be grateful to you for removing the potentially energy-sapping seed pods that are currently forming new seeds. Speaking of being grateful, feel free to wear 'Grateful Dead' clothing and paraphernalia to this event. We would love to take photos of you and your dead-heads!

Gathering time at the Crystal Springs Cool House is 5:30 PM for dead-heading (or earlier if you are so motivated) and 6:30 PM for the potluck dinner. Pop, bottled water, silverware and paper plates will be supplied. Please bring any dish that you wish, from entrees to salads to desserts. If it rains, the party will still continue on in the shelter of the Cool House.

Reminder! Western Regional Conference, September 21-23, 2012, Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo, British Columbia.

“Rhodos in Paradise - Destination Vancouver Island”

(Excerpted from the *ARS Journal*, Vol. 66, No. 1, Winter 2012, page 29)

“Come, let us welcome you to paradise, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, style! From September 21-23, 2012, the Nanaimo Chapter of the ARS with the support of many other District 1 chapters will be your host for the 2012 ARS Western Regional Fall Conference.”

“Let us provide you with an extraordinary sensory experience. Stay at our Nanaimo conference hotel, the newly renovated Coast Bastion Inn with views of the city’s scenic waterfront from every room. Taste some of the best of what west coast cuisine has to offer with the meeting’s specially prepared catered meals and at the many nearby restaurants. Listen to an exciting slate of presenters who will entertain, educate and stimulate you through a wide range of topics...”

“Have a chance to tour some exquisite gardens both local and up-island and on the final day of the conference, visit and lunch at the famous Milner Gardens and join Steve Hootman for a guided tour of some of the intriguing

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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.

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Haiku

Sun among the clouds
The cherry dappled lantern
in new attire

A nudge of rainfall
The rhythm of the downspout
-- in each, part of spring

A spring undefined
if not for the greens and their
endless subtleties

The moment at which
the naked maple gives way
with leaves, with flowers

Over and over
coaxing a spring dawn's first light
song of the robin

By Peter Kendall

Western Regional Conference, September 21-23, 2012

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“plants found there in that beautiful world-class garden and woodland...”

“ We are eager to share our gardening paradise with you. Reserve the dates of September 21-23, 2012, for this opportunity to network with other keen gardeners! Watch for registration information on the web and in the 2012 spring and summer JARS issues.”

“Someone You Know”

For the inside scoop on Ernie Metcalfe's career in firefighting, here's the internet link: <http://www.pamplinmediagroup.com/publications/portrait-2012/#/18/>

Re-Cap of the May 17th, 2012 Banquet

By Maria Stewart

With the sun shining and flowers in bloom everywhere you looked, we were ready for a wonderful evening of good food and lively conversation. Thank you, Kath and Dave Collier, for your artfully arranged floral centerpieces for our tables. Thank you, Bob MacArthur, for decorating the room with so many of your beautiful rhododendron trusses. Both Barb and Bob arrived early to furnish the room with tablecloths, coffee, plates and utensils so we could eat at 7:00 PM. Mike Domaschofsky and his very helpful wife, Ellen, arranged for the delicious meats and potatoes to be catered, thereby making it easier for the rest of us to bring the side dishes. Thank you, Mike, Ellen and all our members who brought salads, vegetables, breads and desserts.

After dinner, Mike Domaschofsky presented several President's Awards: to Kathy Van Veen, for the continuous work she does every day for the Chapter; to Ernie Metcalfe, for his many years of setting up the shows and finding solutions to any problem that arises at the shows; to Ray Clack, for his dedicated help at the plant sales; to Linda Rungay, for her work during many years as the show chairwoman for both the Early Show and the Mother's Day Show; and to Tom Hoffman, for his creative work as editor of our Chapter newsletter.

The Betty Sheedy Award for extraordinary volunteering at Crystal Springs was awarded to Ken Lister this year. His award was mounted on a silver platter from Betty Sheedy's collection of trophies she had won by entering Portland Chapter shows during her lifetime.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Bronze Medal, the highest honor that a chapter can bestow, to our well-deserving President, Mike Domaschofsky. The energy he has given and his dedication to the Chapter goals of educating the public about rhododendrons are legendary. It is still within the realm of possibility that the City of Roses may someday become the City of Rhododendrons through Mike's efforts!

Another highlight of the evening was Ann Clack's accounting of the Mother's Day Show trophy winners. Ann is a terrific trophy and judging chairwoman. For many years, she has provided unique and beautiful trophies and she has organized the judging so that the determination of the winners is smoothly carried out. Thank you, Ann, for making it all look easy.

For our program, Mike Stewart presented "Memories of the Convention in Asheville". This joint convention of the Azalea Society of America and the American Rhododendron Society was well-attended and the deciduous azaleas native to the Smoky Mountains were the stars of the convention. Rhododendron vaseyi, with its shell-pink, open-faced flowers, were in bloom along the Blue Ridge Parkway, along with trilliums, kalmias, R. carolinianum and R. catawbiense. At lower elevations, we were treated to our days of garden tours, with speakers in the evenings. Thank you, Mike, for your fine program. Your encouragement to attend our national and regional conventions was an excellent ending to your program.

Twice as Nice! With Fragrance and Double Petals

By Maria Stewart

R. 'Maggie Brown' is a wonderful deciduous azalea that was hybridized, grown and named (2008) by Frank Mossman. Then, Dick Cavender took the initiative to register 'Maggie Brown' in 2008. Dick continued to expound upon the plant's virtues, so that Briggs Nursery started micro-propagating it in 2009. Now the rest of the world can enjoy another meritorious Northwest rhododendron creation, thanks to Frank and Dick!

'Maggie Brown' is a deciduous azalea.

The cross is R. 'Cecile' X R. 'Leonard Frisbie'

There are 10-15 flowers in a flat truss; each flower has 5 wavy-edged lobes; the flowers vary from single to semi-double to fully double; the semi-doubles and doubles have 1-5 petaloid stamens that vary from being fully formed to narrow lobes; all forms occur in the same truss and the overall effect is of double flowers; buds are deep pink, opening inside variably colored light and dark pink and orange-yellow; the outside of the flower has a deep pink tube and the lobes are variably colored light to deep pink. The bloom time is mid-May to mid-June.

The flowers are strongly scented.

The leaves are elliptic and are a moderate olive green.

The size, depending on placement in your garden, is three feet tall by three feet wide in 10 years.

Photograph of R. 'Maggie Brown' courtesy of Dick Cavender.



Board Meeting Highlights for May 22, 2012

By Maria Stewart

Mike Domaschofsky reported that gross sales for the Mother’s Day plant sale this year were down a bit, but in combination with this year’s Early Show plant sale gross sales, there is an increase over last year’s total for the two sales. Dick Cavender reported on our profit from the other four vendors at the Mother’s Day sale. Other good news from the Mother’s Day weekend is that ten new local members signed up to join our chapter.

Starting now, we need a new webmaster, as Steve Kaminski is resigning from that position. Steve has worked diligently to create an attractive and readable site for the chapter. He has volunteered to work with the new webmaster during the summer months. We will miss his fine work.

Looking ahead to the shows next year, we will need new volunteers to set up the shows.

Dick Cavender is working with the bank where we have checking accounts to get the check processing fees reduced. Dick also reported that ne need to hold a finance committee meeting this summer.

Election Results from May 17, 2012

By Maria Stewart

During the May 17th Banquet meeting, Mike Stewart presented the slate of the board members and officers whose terms will carry through the next two years and called for a vote. The following members were voted into their positions unanimously:

Board Members

Through 2012-2014

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

Officers

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| Secretary | Carol McCarthy |
| Treasurer | Dick Cavender |
| Vice President | Brenda Ziegler |
| President | Maria Stewart |
| Past President | Mike Domaschofsky |

Through 2011-2013

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

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President: *Mike Domaschofsky*
Vice President: *Maria Stewart*
Past President: *Kath Collier*
Secretary: *Carol McCarthy*
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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Donna Giguere, 503-777-1177

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