

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

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7:30 PM
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Regular Meeting
7:00 PM social time
7:30 PM meeting
Program: TBA

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



Smith Garden Soiree

Thursday, August 16, 2012

By Maria Stewart

Join us on Thursday, August 16th, to celebrate the beauty of Smith Garden. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join in an enjoyable meal with members of the Portland Chapter, the Tualatin Valley Chapter and the Willamette Chapter.

Dinner time is 6:00 PM and if you wish to walk through the Garden, please come a little earlier. Help is always appreciated at 5:30 PM, also, to set up the tables.

The address is: 5055 Raybell Road NE,
St. Paul, OR.

Directions:

From Portland:

Take I-5 south to Exit 278 (Donald exit).

Go west (right) at exit onto Ehlen Road for 7 miles to end of road at Hwy 219.

Turn right onto HWY 219 and look for blue Heirloom Roses sign.

Follow Heirloom Roses sign going left onto Champoeg Road.

Go straight onto Raybell Rd. at dairy barn where Champoeg Rd. turns right.

Garden is at 5055 Raybell Rd. NE, about 1/2 mile on the right.

Parking and entrance are just past the house with the Garden address.

From 99W:

Go north or south on 99W to Newberg.

Turn south onto Hwy 219 just north of downtown Newberg.

Go south for 3 miles to the Willamette River bridge.

At less than 1/2 mile past the river, look for blue Heirloom Roses sign.

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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

Among the lichens
 the flowers of the maple
 -- scarcely visible

Beneath a matrix
 of cloud, the white azalea --
 its bees on the move

Shifting clouds -- the sun
 appearing, disappearing
 to unknown rhythms

So softly, the wind
 How deftly, the new green
 responds in its way

By Peter Kendall



Spring at the Smith
 Garden

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden Dead-Heading Party June 21, 2012

By Tom Hoffman

This year's dead-heading party at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden offered warm weather, good food, good companions and a 'Grateful Dead' costume option. And we actually got a fair amount of dead-heading done, too. Bob MacArthur demonstrated the utility and efficiency of needle-nosed pruners for dead-heading rhododendrons without breaking off the tender new growths on either side of the spent flowers.

We had a good crowd turn out for the event and a fun variety of dishes for our potluck supper. Our dead-heading efforts generated several large yard debris bags full of spent rhododendron blossoms and participants received a rhododendron of their choice in a gallon pot to take home.



Photographs courtesy of Brenda Ziegler

A Beauty That Will Adorn Your Garden: R. ‘Melrose Flash’

By Maria Stewart

To Borrow Harold Greer’s words, “ This interesting hybrid introduced by Merle Sanders of Roseburg, Oregon has yellow-green flowers with “flashy” purplish-pink margins. Wow, how showy! It is a great plant with delightful foliage that will make a wonderful impression in your garden.” Thank you, Merle Sanders for hybridizing, growing, naming, introducing and registering R. ‘Melrose Flash’ so that we all can enjoy it.

Here is more information about ‘Melrose Flash’:

It was hybridized in 1988 and registered in 1998 by Merle Sanders.

The cross is: ‘Scintillation’ X (‘Mrs. A.T. de la Mare’ x ‘King of Shrubs’) x ‘Holy Moses’

Each domed truss has 15 flowers which are pale yellow-green with moderate purplish-pink margins. It blooms in late May to early June.

The leaves are a glossy dark green on a well-branched and rounded plant. Its height is 4 1/2 to 5 feet in 10 years, depending on where it is sited.



August 21, 2012 Board Meeting Notice

By Maria Stewart

We need to have a board meeting in August. Please mark Tuesday, August 21st on your calendar and come to the Van Veen Nursery at 7:30 PM on that day. You will receive an agenda before you attend the meeting. Weather permitting, we will meet outdoors, probably by a beautiful tree or rhododendron.

“Rhodos In Paradise”: The 2012 Fall Western Regional Conference

Nanaimo, British Columbia

September 21-23, 2012

Early registration to attend this conference has been extended to August 21st !!!

See the link to the Conference website at **rhododendron.org** Look for the line that says 2012 Fall Western Regional Conference and click on **conference website**

You will find the program, the registration form and the link to the conference hotel on this website. One thing to remember is that you must write a check in U.S. dollars or get a money order from a post office to register.

We hope to see many of you in beautiful British Columbia. It's always fun to see new places with friends from near and far.

In Memoriam: Philip Zeller

We remember Philip Zeller as a faithful Portland Chapter member who kept the Chapter Archives in order.

A favorite memory comes from the ARS 50th Anniversary Convention in Portland when his wife Jeannie sang during the Saturday night banquet.

Phil passed away on July 4, 2012. You may read more about his life on the Zeller Chapel of the Roses website.

Remembering Dr. David Goheen

By Mike Stewart

Long-time American Rhododendron Society and Portland Chapter member Dr. David Goheen passed away on July 22, 2012. David was a research chemist by profession and became interested in rhododendrons in 1960. He served as president of the Rhododendron Species Foundation and received the Gold Medal from the American Rhododendron Society in 1988. David loved to hybridize rhododendrons and many of his hybrids are still used in the commercial market. A few of his finest hybrids include: 'Neat-O'; 'Cinquero'; 'Estacada'; and 'Senora Meldon'. For many years he was a major contributor of flowers for the Mother's Day Show at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. He often received the most points given in the show for his many awarded entries. Among his many other attributes, he is remembered for his strong speaking voice and his ability to run the auction at the Chapter meetings. He had a vast knowledge of species rhododendrons and he developed many friends worldwide through that knowledge. David and his wife Betty lived in Camas, Washington, where they had a wonderful rhododendron collection and garden. The memorial service for Dave was on Thursday, August 2, 2012, in Camas. You may send cards to Dave and Betty's granddaughter, Amy Scheneck at: 4055 A Loop, Washougal, WA 98671.

Passing of a fine man

By Dick Cavender

It is with sadness that we tell you that Dave Goheen, longtime Portland Chapter member, has left us. Dave was well-known both in our area and worldwide for his writings, generosity with plants and explorations. Dave wrote the "ABC's of Rhododendrons" that has been published in many newsletters and some 80 of his writings on a wide range of subjects have been published in the ARS Journal. Dave spoke at many chapter meetings and a number of conventions.

In 1983, Dave Goheen and Frank Mossman climbed Mt. Kinabalu in Borneo and brought back some 20 batches of seeds and cuttings, several new to cultivation. An article on their trip appeared in the Winter 1983 ARS Journal.

Dave was generous with cuttings and plants. One had only to ask and cuttings were free. I had only been a member of the Society for a couple of years when we first visited Dave and Betty at their home in Camas. Dave asked if I had *R. calophytum*; at that time I didn't know what *R. calophytum* was, let alone have it. A few minutes later, Dave was handing me a 3' plant! Dave and Betty had a large garden and a large number of rhododendrons. They were always major exhibitors at Portland Shows, winning many ribbons and trophies. Our shows have been a bit poorer since they have been unable to exhibit. Dave registered about 40 hybrids; a photograph of his *R. 'Neat-O'* in our garden appeared on the cover of the Winter 2012 ARS Journal.

Dave was Portland Chapter President from 1970-1972, awarded the Bronze Medal by the Portland Chapter in 1977 and the Gold Medal by the ARS in 1988.

Crystal Springs Update

By Kathy Van Veen

With the help of a significant donation by Friends of Crystal Springs members Dr. Ann and Robert Sola, we now have for purchase at the gatehouse the 3rd edition of the Crystal Springs Walking Tour booklet. Volunteers involved in the production of this edition were: Rose Kress, Donna Giguere, Corlene Blue, Kathy Van Veen and Lauren Livesay of Livesay Design, who contributed 20% of her labor costs to the project. It must be said, however, that Lauren's contribution went far beyond that. We simply could not have done it without the delicious maple bars she brought to our proofreading sessions!

We received a wonderful letter from Dr. Trish Geringer and her husband, addressed to the Portland Chapter Board, thanking us for our efforts at Crystal Springs over the years. The Geringers have recently moved back to Portland and Dr. Geringer writes that she and her husband and their two poodles visit the Garden nearly every day. In her letter Dr. Geringer raises some concerns and possible solutions and these are worth discussion by the Board, such as improved signage requesting visitors to not feed the wildlife, and the need for volunteers to walk the Garden both to assist visitors and help the gatehouse staff in monitoring the Garden.

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