

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- August, 2013
No Regular Meeting
- August 15, 2013
Smith Garden Summer Soiree
5:30 PM Meet at Smith Garden
6:00 PM Potluck Supper
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No Board Meeting
- September 19, 2013
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM social time
7:30 PM meeting
Cuttings Exchange
Speaker: 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 15, 2013

Join us on Thursday, August 15th, to celebrate the beauty of the Smith Garden.

Bring your favorite potluck dish and join in an enjoyable meal with the 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, 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, Oregon. Driving directions:

From Portland: Take I-5 south to Exit 278 (Donald Exit)

Go west (right) at exit onto Ehlen Rd. for 7 miles to end of the road at Hwy 219. Turn right onto Hwy 219 for 3/4 mile and look for blue Heirloom Roses sign. Follow Heirloom Roses sign, going left onto Champoeg Rd. Go straight ahead onto Raybell Rd. at the 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 the blue Heirloom Roses sign. Follow Heirloom Roses sign onto Champoeg Rd. Go straight ahead onto Raybell Rd at the 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.



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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September 24, 2013

**Board Meeting
7:30 PM
Van Veen Nursery**

Haiku

The wind from the east
redoubling itself -- its trail
of floating debris

The gnarl of the pine
Buffeting winds allowing
both sun and its eclipse

In a world of green
the paucity of flowers
all the more exalting

The flanking maple
a window on white flowers
through morning bird song

How the rain implies
sound after sound -- so many
-- yet each so discrete

By Peter Kendall

Show and Tell

Please remember to bring a show and tell item from your garden to our meetings. We are establishing a new tradition, sharing information about our rhododendron companion plants with our fellow members. What's in your garden? Or greenhouse, for that matter, sharing space with vireyas and other tender rhododendrons, perhaps ?

From the President's Corner

By Maria Stewart

Where did the phrase, “ the lazy days of summer” come from? There is just more time to work when the daylight stays around longer, right? Water and weed, water and weed; you know the routine. On the flip side, of course, we have a lot more time to enjoy going on trips and gathering for picnics and parties. Such is the case in the month of August. You are invited to *two* parties -- The Smith Garden Soiree on August 15th and Brenda and Steve's party on August 25th. See the times and directions to both of these events in this newsletter.

Now is a good time, also, to plan to attend The Western Regional Rhododendron Conference at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn located in Newport, Oregon on September 27-29th. The room rates are lower than in 2007 and you can reserve your room now with the hotel. Be sure to tell the hotel that you are part of the Rhododendron Conference in order to get the reduced room rate. The 'phone number for reservations is 1-800-547-3310. You will find the registration form for the Conference in the Summer 2013 *ARS Journal*. Excellent hotel, fine fall weather and top-notch programs-- what a combination to lure you to the Oregon coast in September!

Thinking ahead to our regular September meeting on September 19th, you may want to check out some special rhododendrons in your landscape that could spare a few cuttings to share with your fellow Portland Chapter members. It's always fun to see the cuttings that members bring to exchange. And those cuttings will, sometime in the future, become the special rhododendrons in another member's garden.

If I do not see you in August, I look forward to seeing you at the meeting or at the Western Regional. Take care in the meantime.

To our ARS Portland Chapter Members and other plant lovers:

You are Invited!! Oxbow Pointe Summer Party 2013!!

When: Sunday, August 25, 2013; Time: Party starts at noon, 1 PM Potluck; Potluck: Main course of salmon will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish to share; Beverages: We will provide soda pop and water. Please bring your own alcohol; Utensils: We will provide plasticware, plates, etc.; Where: Steve and Brenda's Home, 4450 SE Oxbow Parkway, Gresham, OR 97080 (No mail at that address) For directions, please refer to mapquest.com or GPS - if lost, please call 503-663-1500.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 21 to 503-314-5834 or by e-mail to bzgift@aol.com or stevehopkins@prodigy.net. If you prefer mail: 1490 NE Village Street, Fairview, OR 97024.

Well-behaved children accompanied by responsible adults are welcome

Please come to enjoy the Food, the View, the Garden and the Fellowship. Garden tours available after lunch! We hope you can join us!

Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden

By Mike Stewart, RSF President

If you haven't visited the RSBG in Federal Way, Washington recently, you are missing the opportunity to see one of the largest collections of species rhododendrons in the world. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, public display, and distribution of rhododendron species. The Garden is home to 700 of the 1,000 species found in the wilds of North America, Europe and Asia, as well as the tropical regions of Southeast Asia and Northern Australia.

One of the newer additions to the garden is the Rutherford Conservatory, completed in 2010. This tropical conservatory houses hundreds of tropical beauties set alongside waterfalls, a stream and towering boulders. The outdoor paved terrace is a popular venue for weddings and garden events. The conservatory is ever-changing, as plants are maturing and reaching into the vaulted space of this magnificent building. Also available to you is an excellent selection of rhododendrons for sale, both hybrids and rare species, along with many outstanding and rare companion plants.

There are many events at the garden throughout the year, including The Spring Plant Sale, Blue Poppy Day, Evening in the Garden, the Fall Foliage Festival, International Day, lectures, private tours given by Steve Hootman, and special lectures designed to educate visitors. You may check the RSBG website for current dates and upcoming events.

The RSBG offers several membership options, starting with Individual, \$25.00; Family, \$50.00 and so on. The membership allows free admission to the garden, 10% discount in the Gift Shop, Spring and Fall Plant Catalogs, Newsletters, and a fabulous Rhododendron Species Yearbook. And, the best reward of membership is that you will be supporting the conservation of so many rare and in some cases endangered species rhododendrons. This is truly a great organization that is recognized world-wide, and I do encourage you to become a member. Go visit the RSBG and you will be inspired by what you see and experience. The garden is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with general admission \$8.00.

This coming year, the RSBG will be celebrating our 50th year in existence. As plans materialize for this celebration event, I will keep you up to date. Please plan on attending this grand event, where you will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with some of the world's most renowned Plant Collectors and Garden Curators, as well as the many long-time RSBG members who have made the garden such a special place.

Lace Bug Update:

A new Extension fact sheet, EM 9066, Azalea Lace Bug - Biology and management in commercial nurseries and landscapes, by OSU Extension Horticulturalist Robin Rosetta, is now available online for free.

Link: <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/40424/em9066.pdf>

Hint: try Control (Ctrl key) plus a click if you can not open it by simply clicking on the link, or, copy and paste it into your browser.



Smith Garden photo courtesy Don Patrick

The Western Regional Rhododendron Conference

September 27-29, 2013

At the Best Western Agate Beach Hotel in Newport, Oregon

The Chapters of Portland, Tualatin, Willamette, Siuslaw, Southwestern and Eugene invite you to attend this excellent conference.

You will experience a wide selection of clinics on Saturday and Sunday mornings and two banquets with evening speakers from different corners of the world.

18 speakers ---- a big plant sale ---- lower room prices than in 2007!

Start planning now to attend this great conference in your own backyard.

Look for registration details in the Summer ARS Journal.

The beautiful Pacific Ocean beckons to you in the warm days of September.

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