

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- May 10-11, 2014
Mother's Day Show and Sale
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
- May 15, 2014
Awards Banquet
6:15 - 7:00 pm Set Up
7:00 pm Dinner Time
Speaker: Teresia M. Hazen, MEd, HTR, QMHP
Topic: Horticultural Therapy
- May 20, 2014
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



Our May Meeting: Awards, Banquet, and a Most Interesting Presentation!

By Tom Hoffman and Dennis O'Malley

Our traditional Awards Banquet is set for Thursday, May 15, 2014 and in addition to good food and great company, we will hear Teresia M. Hazen, M.Ed., HTR, QMHP, speaking on "Rehabilitation, Recovery, and Restoration in the Garden - Health Benefits of Nearby Nature" following the Awards Banquet.

Awards Banquet Schedule: Setup will be from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm; we will commence dining at 7:00 pm. The Chapter is providing the main dishes; please bring salads and desserts.

Teresia M. Hazen, M.Ed., HTR, QMHP is a former member of the ARS and a Registered Horticultural Therapist and Coordinator of Therapeutic Gardens for Legacy Health, Portland. She will speak on the restorative health benefits of gardens and gardening.

Ms. Hazen writes that she has been with Legacy Health since 1991, when she pioneered the horticultural therapy program and therapeutic gardens for long-term care and skilled nursing patients. Presently, she oversees ten therapeutic gardens and related horticultural therapy work through the Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon, Emanuel Children's Hospital and the Oregon Burn Center. The Good Samaritan Hospital Stenzel Healing Garden was recognized by the American Horticultural Therapy Association Therapeutic Garden Award in 1998. The Children's Hospital Garden received the same honor in 2000 and the Oregon Burn Center Garden in 2006. In addition, Ms. Hazen has herself received numerous awards for her work.

In Memory of Ed and Fran Egan

At Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, there is a beautiful collection of deciduous azaleas donated by Ed and Fran Egan. We would like to place a sign honoring Ed and Fran by the azaleas. If you wish to donate to the fund that will pay for the sign, please mail your contribution to Kathy Van Veen at P.O. Box 86424, Portland, OR 97286. Thank you,

Maria Stewart

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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June: No Regular Meeting

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June 21, 2014

**Summer Solstice Potluck at Mike
and Maria Stewart's home and
Dover Nursery, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Gathering time 1:00 PM
Meal time 1:30 PM**

**Please bring your favorite salad,
vegetable or dessert to round out
the meal.**

July: No Regular Meeting

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August: No Regular Meeting

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Haiku

Dissolving pockets
of fog; the sun lighting up
the moss-draped maple

The blackness of night
The slow unfolding of the
white magnolia

The moment it takes
for the leap of the sparrow
-- the swish of the limb

Destined -- who knows where --
in a wind inscrutable --
blossom of the cherry

The way of flowers
The way of leaves -- who knows who
is spring's first greeter

The drifting petals
in an unseen breeze; ripples
in the quiet pond

A distant bird call
The swaying of the cedar
And the path between?

By Peter Kendall

Watch for Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and the Smith Garden on Local TV!

By Maria Stewart

Dick Cavender has been busy filming TV segments about CSRG and the Smith Garden. You can see both gardens on *Grant's Getaways* on May 10th at 6:00 PM on KGW, Channel 8. Before that, there will be a shorter segment on the 12:00 noon newscast on May 1st. For the Smith Garden filming, both of Cecil and Molly's sons were there and they talked about growing up in the garden. For the Crystal Springs filming, Dick and Grant McOmie walked around the garden for over an hour talking about all the great things that can be seen in the garden.

Grant works with Travel Oregon and his programs can be viewed at: www.traveloregon.com . Click on Trip Ideas and look for *Grant's Getaways* in the tool bar.

On Monday, May 5th, Dick will film a segment with Jeff Gustin of *Garden Time* at CSRG. That will air on Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 AM on KOIN, Channel 6.

Thank you, Dick, for all the wonderful publicity that you are giving our gardens!

Portland Chapter Board Meeting Highlights, April 22nd, 2014

By Maria Stewart

At our March Board meeting, we passed a motion to set aside a fund annually for our monthly Chapter programs. At our April Board meeting, we created a committee with members Steve Hall, Caroline Enns and Mike Stewart to work with Dennis O'Malley, our incoming Vice President, on getting speakers for our programs. We also worked on a check-off list in preparation for the Mother's Day Show and Plant Sale.

With Easter taking place on the first weekend in April, 2015, we voted and passed a motion to hold our Early Show on the second weekend in April, 2015. That will also be a better date for the Oregon Daffodil Society,

Crystal Springs will host about 50 visitors from the Cowichan Rhododendron Society in British Columbia on May 12th. We have hosts ready to guide them through the Garden.

From the President

By Maria Stewart

As promised, the month of April was chock-full of flower and garden events. We started off the month with our Early Show and Plant Sale put on jointly with the Oregon Daffodil Society at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. On Saturday of the event, it was a bit rainy, but that did not stop visitors from enjoying the Show and buying plants at the Sale. Both days were successful because many members pitched in to make the two days run smoothly. Betsy Soifer and the Wednesday volunteers set up the tables for the Show. Linda Rungay, our Show Chair, made everything look easy with her calm style and plenty of doughnuts. Carefully placing the truss entries in their places were Katie and Jim Averill, Caroline Enns and Steve Hall. At the classification table, Kathy Van Veen and Maria Stewart verified the entries as being correct. During the judging, Kath Collier ably filled in for Trophy Chair Ann Clack who was busy running a huge car rally. Recording the place winners were Brenda Ziegler, Karen Cavender, E. White Smith and Ginny Mapes. The judges were Ron Mapes, Dave Collier, Peter Kendall, Steve Hopkins and Jeff and Debbie Cheyne. Dick Cavender was always available to help in any situation that came up. The tear-down crew consisted of members already mentioned. We had 150 rhododendron entries and 6 trophies were awarded. And, the Daffodil Show, under the guidance of Steve Vinisky, added a bright and welcoming entry to the Exhibit Hall. Members of the Daffodil Society from San Francisco donated two vases of daffodils to decorate the gatehouse, as well. (Ed.)

The Plant Sale also benefitted from many helping hands. Long before the Plant Sale weekend, Bob MacArthur, Mike Domaschofsky, and Dave Collier selected and transported rhododendrons from Thompson's Nursery and Log Cabin Nursery. Betsy Soifer and Bob MacArthur made sure that the Sale went well by doing everything from selling plants, to cashiering sales, to hauling plants, to arranging plants for sale. Ken Lister and Bob made many trips with the 2 'Gator' ATV's to the Garden parking lot with plants bought by our customers. Dave Collier, Jim Herz, Dennis O'Malley, Betsy Soifer, Bob MacArthur and Mike Stewart helped customers find just the right rhododendron. The cashiers on Saturday were Ellen Lancaster, Donna Sell and Steve Kaminski. Thank you all, for your willingness to pitch in and make our Show and Plant Sale a success.

On April 19th, a group of us visited four gardens that feature rhododendrons. We called it the 'Gardening in the Hills Tour' because all of the gardens are situated on hills. Our first stop was 'The Cloud Forest' in Washington Park, where Bill Zanze gave us wonderful descriptions of the species rhododendrons and companion plants collected there. He told us the history of the painstaking renovation that removed thick ivy and other invasive plants, to reveal a perfect hillside for growing rhododendrons. Next, we traveled to Bovees' Nursery, where E. White and Lucie invited us to walk along their pathways under their beautiful species rhododendrons. Many of them were in bloom. Then into their greenhouses we went to be thrilled by their huge collection of vireyas. Their fascinating flowers of different colors, shapes and sizes made us wonder..."Do I have a place warm enough to grow these?" Our third garden to visit was the Cavenders' garden, where Dick encouraged us to walk through their garden before the rain set in. Their collection of rhododendrons and companion plants is so encompassing that every two steps takes you to the next fascinating plant that you want to learn about. Dick and Karen's collection includes rare trees and shrubs

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Gardening in the Hills Tour Group at The Cloud Forest Garden, Washington Park.

Photograph courtesy Bob MacArthur.

**From the President, cont'd:**

from southern continents, making his accounting of their survival from year to year very interesting. Our last garden to visit was the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden, where we enjoyed the early spring display of blooming rhododendrons. The Garden is in beautiful condition and I encourage you to visit on the open garden weekends until May 18th. Our visit was shorter than we had hoped, as the wind and rain showers closing in on us determined the length of our stay. The participants of this tour enjoyed the day, so, in 2015, we'll organize another tour of members' gardens. Please be thinking of whether you would like to have your garden on next year's tour!

A New Species Introduction to Appreciate: *Rhododendron huianum*

By Maria Stewart

On April 25-26th, The Rhododendron Species Foundation celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Federal Way, Washington. During the Celebration, Mike and I had the pleasure of walking in the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden to view the many species and companion plants that have been collected over the last fifty years. One of our favorite species, and there are many to call our favorites, is *Rhododendron huianum*. It was in full bloom at the RSBG when we visited.

Here is more about *R. huianum*:

Classification: Section: *Hymenanthes* Subsection: *Fortunea*. *R. huianum* is separated from its other *Fortunea* relatives by its pointed leaves and its noticeable calyx.

Natural origin: South and Southeast Sichuan, Northeast Yunnan, Northeast Guizhou at 3,250 to 9,000 feet elevation in broad-leaved forests. It was introduced outside of China in 1994-5.

It is an *elepidote*, meaning that its leaves do not have scales.

Leaves: oblong-lanceolate with pointed tips and somewhat glaucous underneath.

Flowers: usually deep rose to purple with nectar pouches, Each corolla has a distinctive calyx that decorates it like the “cap” of an acorn with its 7 rounded lobes. There are about 6 to 12 corollas in a loose truss that shows off the calyx on each one. Blooms in April.

Height and structure: 6 to 9 feet in 10 years and grows into a small tree or large shrub.

Hardiness: 0 degrees F. ?

Photo courtesy of Mike Stewart



April Meeting Highlights

By Tom Hoffman

We voted in favor of the slate of Officers, Board Members, and Garden Chairpersons presented in last month's *Rhododendron News*. We heard reports on the Early Show and Plant Sale from Maria Stewart, Bob MacArthur and Linda Rumgay, with Dick Cavender, our Treasurer. Van Veen Nursery was awarded 4 trophies; Bovees Nursery won best vireya. We had a good showing of trusses despite the weather, and the daffodil show with cut flowers for sale was very popular. Definitely a good combination for both societies!

E. White Smith presided over another fun raffle, and signup sheets made the rounds on behalf of the Smith Garden gate and the Mother's Day Show & Plant Sale at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden.

Peter Kendall gave a fine presentation on early-blooming rhododendrons and their companion plants. Peter has terrific slides of very good plants; one which caught your editor's eye is Hamamelis 'Paladin', a very floriferous hybrid witch hazel. One lesson from Peter's program? There are many fine rhododendrons and companion plants, which bring color and interest to our gardens in the January to May period, outside the "peak bloom" season.

Our annual rhododendron hybrids auction was a success, as well, with Dick Cavender in the role of auctioneer. Some choice plants were on hand and their sale raised a nice sum for the Chapter.

All in all, an enjoyable evening, surrounded by the good company of enthusiastic gardeners.

You're Invited to a Summer Solstice Potluck!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21st, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, to celebrate the first day of summer at Mike and Maria Stewart's home and nursery. All Portland Chapter members, associate members and our rhododendron friends from other Chapters in District 4 are invited. Gathering time is 1:00 PM, followed by meal time at 1:30 PM. We will supply the meat entrée, beverages, plates, cups and utensils. Please bring your favorite salad, vegetable or dessert to round out the meal.

We invite you to tour our greenhouses, nursery and garden after the meal if you wish to do that. The plants are labeled, so you can enjoy what you are seeing. Or, you can relax with friends and conversation instead. Our home and Dover Nursery are located 5 miles southeast of the town of Sandy. We will put a map in the June newsletter to guide you there. We are looking forward to having you as our guests on June 21st!

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



SHOW OPENS

12:00 PM

SATURDAY

CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN
will be at peak bloom time. Come and join us to view the garden.

There is a **JUDGED FLOWER SHOW** in the Exhibit Hall
and a big **PLANT SALE** in the front parking lot.

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.
TO ENTER YOUR OWN RHODODENDRON TRUSSES IN THE SHOW,
bring them to the Exhibit Hall
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Friday night or 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM Saturday.

The garden is located at: **5801 SE 28th Avenue in Portland**
across from Reed College.

Questions about rhododendron care and culture?
Ask the **MASTER GARDENERS** who will have a table in the sale yard.

More information: www.rhodies.org or 503 771-8386

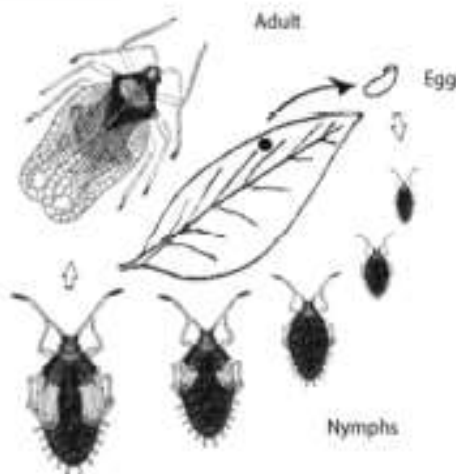
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Symptoms, Facts & Suggested Treatments for Recognizing & Treating Lace Bugs

SYMPTOMS / DAMAGE

Indicators are white or yellow dots on top of the leaf. Black or brown spots, and the insects themselves, may be seen on the bottom. In severe cases the leaves appear almost entirely white.

LIFE CYCLE



Eggs are laid along the central rib of a leaf. They typically begin hatching in early-mid May and hatch over a long period of time.

Nymphs are the next stage. **This is generally the most effective time for treatment.**

Adults cause 12 times the damage of the nymphs.

MANAGEMENT / TREATMENT

****URGENT**** Begin treatment as soon as you see nymphs. They can be found on the underside of leaves. Nymphs are up to 1/8" long & are translucent with bits of yellow/green. *Treatment after you see damage will not remove the damage.*

Chemical-free Options:

*Use a strong stream of water to knock the nymphs off the plants. Focus the water on the underside of the leaves. Do this weekly when there are nymphs.

Biologicals:

Utilize Green Lacewings to effectively control lace bugs. Green Lacewings can be purchased.

Insecticides:

*Insecticides will help control lace bugs; however, they may also harm beneficial insects and bees.

****Apply ONLY to non-blooming plants.** Apply early morning or evening when bees are not present.

Spray nymphs and adults with horticultural oil or insecticidal soap on the undersides of leaves.

Systemics:

Often labeled for insect control on roses. Lace bugs are among the insects controlled. This will work on Rhododendrons & Azaleas. Apply at flower drop. They are considered very safe provided they are used correctly. They are widely regarded as the best control. If used as a soil drench, you do not have to worry about damage to bees or other insects. The most common is imidacloprid.

Additional sources:

http://rhodies.org/resources/lacebug_index.htm

Watch a you tube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYLsvBqgMcA>

Information was gathered from brochures available through garden centers, Oregon State Extension services, UC Davis, and The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society's members and website

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