

Calendar

- **May 21, 2015**
Awards Banquet
6:15 pm set-up
7:00 pm dinner
- **May 26, 2015**
Board Meeting
7:00 pm
Van Veen Nursery
- **June, 2015**
No regular meeting
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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: Annual Chapter Awards Banquet And Showing of Photographs

Our May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, from 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 S.E. Woodstock Blvd, Portland, Oregon.

This will be our traditional Annual Awards Banquet; set-up will begin at 6:15 pm, with the banquet dinner at 7:00 pm. Main dishes will be provided by the Portland Chapter. Please bring salads and desserts to round out our meal. Awards presentations will follow the banquet.

As part of our Awards Banquet, anyone who was unable to show their favorite photographs in December, due to time limitations or technical difficulties, will have an opportunity to present their photographs. So far, Kathy Van Veen and Ray and Ann Clack will be presenting photos. If you have photos you were unable to show in December, or you would like to take advantage of this new opportunity, please let Dennis O'Malley know in advance of the meeting.

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In Memoriam: Dr. Forrest Bump, 1920 - 2015 Richard Cavender

The death of Dr. Forrest Bump is a great loss to the Rhododendron community. Forrest was a font of information and was generous with his plants and cuttings. Forrest was also a member of a small committee of the Tualatin Chapter ARS that is endeavoring to create an online database of all the RHS registrations. The Committee has a grant from the ARS Research Foundation for the project. This project had been stalled for a number of years but seems to be back on track thanks to Pam Hayward. This is a joint project of the ARS & RHS and has become more important since Hirsutum will no longer be accepting additions. Dr. Bump will be sorely missed.

Please see oregonlive.com for the obituary for Dr. Bump.

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 June, 2015:

Smith Garden Open Days:

April 4th through May 17th, 2015
Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

May 9-10, 2015

Mother's Day Show and Sale

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Show opens at 12:00 pm on Saturday after judging completed

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, 5801 S.E. 28th Ave., Portland, Oregon

May 21, 2015

Annual Awards Banquet

6:30 pm set-up

7:00 pm dinner

Please bring salads and desserts.

Program: Annual Presentation of Awards

New: Showing of members' photographs

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Board Meeting

7:00 pm

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June 20, 2015

Almost Summer Solstice Potluck
Mike and Maria Stewart's Home,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sandy, Oregon

Haiku

A silent spring rain
 The splashing rivulet has
 erased the silence

Brisk March winds
 The cherry's petals are now
 the maple's

That moment in spring
 between blossoms early spent
 and the push of new greens

Giving accent to
 a spring in full stride -- dawn's light
 -- a lingering dew

Flashes of spring sun
 Out of nowhere, flashes of
 lightning and thunder

By Peter Kendall

From the President's Corner

Brenda Ziegler

I look forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting, the last official meeting for this season. This is our Awards Banquet; the Chapter is providing the main dishes; please bring a potluck side dish such as a salad or dessert. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Those who won trophies at the Early Show or Mother's Day Show will be presented with their trophies at this meeting. Ann Clack puts on a great, enthusiastic and quite entertaining show while announcing the awards.

If there are any ARS Bronze Medal awards, they are announced at this meeting. The ARS Bronze Medal is the highest award presented to a Chapter member by the Chapter.

We had a great group of volunteers at the Early Show and Sale. I am afraid I will leave out someone if I try to name everyone who helped, so, I will just mention a few. There were the plant classifiers, Maria Stewart and Kathy Van Veen. Also, our Show Chairperson, Linda Rungay, starts everyone's day out with a bright smile and fabulous attitude mixed with sugar and caffeine from her trademark donuts and coffee - all of which is ready before most of us arrive to help. Linda always recruits great judges and recorders - however, she is always looking for new people. Thank you to the judges and recorders, and the set-up crew! Bob MacArthur, Mike Domaschofsky and Betsy Soifer handled the majority of the details of the plant sale and worked very hard at the sale. There were many additional volunteers, some are members, some are Crystal Springs R.G. Volunteers, some are friends. The weather held off for the majority of the time. Customers were glad to have our assistance with what to purchase as well as driving their purchases (and sometimes the purchaser!) up to the Gatehouse parking lot. What a great turnout of both volunteers and customers. Thank you to all who stepped up to the plate!

Once again, I want to acknowledge that we could not do all of this without all of you wonderful volunteers.

Saturday, May 2nd brought at least 12 members up to the Long Beach Peninsula to enjoy their first Rhododendron Tour. The weather was perfect! The rhodies were in full magnificent bloom . In addition, Portland Chapter members Steve McCormick and John Stephen's property was part of the Tour. Their property is part of the former Clarke Nursery, founded by ARS Gold Medal Winner and Past President, Dr. Harold J. Clarke. Steve and John and Steve Clarke, Dr. Clark's grandson, gave a wonderful presentation.

We will give you a recap on the Mother's Day Show & Sale at the meeting; we are in the final preparations stage now, with coarse mulch down on the parking lot and plants moving up from the holding area and vendors setting up.

Garden work days are ongoing at both Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and the Smith Garden. The organized days for volunteering are: Wednesday mornings at CSRG and Monday mornings at Smith Garden. Please let us know if you need directions or more information.

We look forward to seeing each of you at our meeting on Thursday, May 21st.

Highlights of the April Meeting

By Ray Clack

We enjoyed a busy meeting April 16th, with a timely presentation by Tom Valente, PhD, on the azalea lacebug invasion in Oregon, followed by our traditional hybrid rhododendron auction. First order of business was the election of 5 Nominees to our Board; our new Board members are: Dave Collier; Caroline Enns; Steve Hall; Steve Hopkins; and Bill Zanze. Thanks to all for agreeing to take on that extra responsibility.

Tom Valente is an entomologist with the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, researching the 'azalea' lacebug. He first gave us some background on the goals and purpose of the ODA: to organize and enforce agricultural quarantines; to perform pest surveys; pest eradication and control efforts (Japanese beetle, gypsy moth, apple maggot, tansy ragwort, to name a few); operate the pest identification lab for the State of Oregon (with a very large reference collection of insects.) Tom then presented some lacebug statistics and history; there are between 50 -100 native lacebug varieties in the U.S; the azalea lacebug first turned up in Washington, D.C. in 1910 and an outbreak in New Jersey in 1916 was blamed on Japanese evergreen azaleas arriving from Japan. There is a native Japanese predatory insect now established in the Washington, D.C. area which possibly hitchhiked along with the azalea lacebug on those Kurume and Satsuki azaleas. At this point in time, under current rules and regulations, introduction of predatory insects from Japan or even Washington, D.C. will take a considerable amount of time, and money. The potential for damage to several of Oregon's cash crops, such as blueberries and hazelnuts, as well as rhododendrons, has ODA working hard to find solutions. The ODA will be creating new protocols for testing our West Coast lacebugs and possible predators. Tom's presentation stimulated several lively conversations with our members and guests.

What to do about the lacebug problem now? Our members' suggestions are: kelp sprays on the foliage, where it is absorbed by the leaves; summer weight dormant oil, neem oil, or insecticidal soap sprays on the undersides of the leaves; lastly, systemic insecticides, which are the most problematical. Biological controls: green lacewings, and also a 'fairy wasp' which parasitizes lacebugs. Control is a more realistic goal than eradication at this point, given the large range of host plants besides rhododendrons which are attacked by the azalea lacebug.

Our hybrid rhododendron auction was fun and entertaining. Some choice plants were on offer and bidding was spirited. If you would like to contribute plants to our annual auctions, please feel free to do so! Our thanks to everyone who participated for making a successful auction benefitting the Chapter.

In Memoriam: Jane Kendall, 1918 - 2015

We have just learned of the death of Peter Kendall's mother. She was 97 years old. Our deepest sympathies go out to Peter at this difficult time.

Glowing Color on an Attractive Plant: Rhododendron 'Cody'

By Maria Stewart

We are very fortunate in the Pacific Northwest to be able to grow H3 rhododendrons and even more tender ones, sometimes, in our gardens. The wonderful hues that they exhibit lure us into choosing plants from the hugely expanded color spectrum given to us by hybridizers such as Jim Barlup, Frank Fujioka, Don Wallace and the Thompsons. Through their hybridizing efforts, many newer rhododendrons are decorated with floral color combinations that impress us and make us wonder, "What's next?"

Our friends in the Eastern U.S. do not have such an expansive palette as ours from which to produce hybrids that withstand the extreme cold, high heat and humidity that they experience. Hoping to expand that color range in combination with greater hardiness has been one of the goals of Jim Barlup. Jim has crossed some West Coast hybrids with East Coast hybrids to provide both color and hardiness. An excellent example of his work in that area is R. 'Cody'

Here is more about R. 'Cody':

It is an elepidote, which means that it does not have scales on the underside of its leaves.

The cross is: 'Wind River' x 'Janet Blair' ('Wind River' is a Jim Barlup H3 hybrid and is yellow. 'Janet Blair' is a David Leach hybrid rated at -15 degrees hardiness and is a frilled light pink with a distinctive green flare.)

The leaves are oblong and medium green. They cover the structure of the plant nicely.

Each slightly frilled corolla is peachy pink with a large, bright tangerine flare. The corollas form a full truss.

This hybrid is well-branched. It will reach about 5 feet x 4 feet in 10 years.

The hardiness is untested; it is probably at least 0 degrees F.

Placement in your garden: It does well in full sun.

Photograph by Jim Barlup



You are invited to an *Almost* Summer Solstice Potluck !

By Maria Stewart

Mark Saturday, June 20th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on your calendars to celebrate the second annual solstice party at Mike and Maria Stewart's home and nursery.

Portland Chapter members and members of all the Chapters in ARS 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 complete the meal.

You are welcome to walk through our greenhouses, nursery and garden after the meal. The rhododendrons and companion plants are labeled and we enjoy talking about our plants, too. Or you can relax with friends and conversation instead.

Our home and Dover Nursery is located 5 miles southeast of the town of Sandy. We have plenty of indoor space for eating, so if the weather is rainy, don't let that keep you from joining in the fun. We are looking forward to having you as our guests on June 20th! ***Please RSVP to 503-668-3522, so we can plan food and seating.***

Directions to Mike and Maria's home 42125 SE Kleinsmith Road, Sandy, Oregon:

From the last signal light in the city of Sandy, take U.S. 26 east out of town for 2 miles.

Exit right onto Firwood Road. The landmark at this exit is a gas station/store combination called 'Shorty's'. Go 3/4 of a mile on Firwood Road, and then turn right at the 4-way intersection at the top of the hill. There is a Dover Nursery sign on a utility pole pointing to the right at this intersection. There is also a Dover Community Church sign pointing to the right at this intersection. This right turn will keep you on Firwood Road.

Go 2 1/2 miles further on Firwood Road, until you get to a 4-way stop at the intersection of Wildcat Mountain Drive and Firwood Road. Cross over Wildcat Mountain Drive and take the middle road, which is Kleinsmith Road. It goes slightly to the left and down the hill. There is also a sign pointing to the Dover Nursery at this intersection. Our home and nursery is 8/10 of a mile more on Kleinsmith Road, on the left side, across from the Dover Community Church. If you get lost, please call: **503-668-3522.**

Early Show 2015: Judging and Awards

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