

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- **August, 2015:**
No regular meeting
- **August, 2015:**
No Board Meeting
- **August 20th, 2015**
Smith Garden Soi-ree potluck supper
5:30 PM set-up;
6:00 PM supper time
- **August 30th, 2015**
Potluck at Oxbow Pointe
Noon set-up; 1:00 PM dining

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



President's Message

By Brenda Ziegler

I hope you have all been enjoying this fabulous summer.

Our official first meeting will be September 17th at 7:00 PM.

However...there is a fun opportunity for you all to get together prior to September.

Steve and I are having a party for our Rhododendron members and friends. The date is August 30th. The invitation has been sent out and is also included in this newsletter.

Please RSVP so we have enough salmon for everyone! I look forward to hearing from you.

You can RSVP to 503-666-9400 or to bzgift@aol.com.

One other important note: we are still looking for a volunteer to coordinate the treats for the meetings. Please call me at 503-314-5834 if you are interested in this - or, know someone who is.

We hope to see you all August 30th!

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 November, 2015:

August, 2015

No regular meeting

August, 2015

No Board meeting

August 20th, 2015

Smith Garden Summer Soiree

Set up 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Smith Garden House

St. Paul, OR

August 30th, 2015

Summer Party 2015

Party starts at noon; 1:00 PM

Potluck

Steve and Brenda's home

Gresham, OR

September 17th, 2015

Regular meeting

Social time 7:00 PM

Meeting 7:30 PM

Speaker: Dennis Bottemiller on Propagating Rhododendrons by Cuttings

Cuttings Exchange!

September 22nd, 2015

Board meeting

7:00 PM

Van Veen Nursery

October 15th, 2015

Regular Meeting

Social time 7:00 PM

Meeting 7:30 PM

Speaker: Karel Bernardy/TBA
Species Auction!

Haiku

By Peter Kendall

The rustling branches
not from the wind, but from the
jump
of summer's squirrel

Beyond a day's heat
-- nightfall, steeped in soundless-
ness
save the screech owl's call

Trill of the cricket
Light clouds; a peek-a-boo moon
Where has summer gone?

Calendar, continued:

October 20th, 2015

Board meeting

7:00 PM

Van Veen Nursery

November 19th, 2015

Regular meeting

Social time 7:00 PM

Meeting 7:30 PM

Speaker: Don Wallace on Hybridization

November 24th, 2015

Board meeting

7:00 PM

Van Veen Nursery

****DATE CHANGE** New DATE: August 30th
We apologize for any inconvenience.**

To Our ARS Portland Chapter Members and Other Plant Lovers

You Are Invited!!



OXBOW POINTE

Summer Party 2015

When: **Sunday, August 30th, 2015**

Time: Party starts at noon; 1 P.M. Potluck

Potluck: Main course of salmon will be provided
Bring your favorite side dish to share

Beverages: We will provide soda pop and water
Bring your own alcohol

Utensils: We will provide plasticware, plates, etc.

Where: Steve and Brenda's Home

4450 SE Oxbow Parkway, Gresham, OR 97080

(We do not receive any mail at this address)

Please refer to mapquest.com or GPS

If lost, Call 503-663-1500

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 19th to 503.666.9400

or by email 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 Tour available after lunch



We hope you can join us!



You are invited to the Annual Smith Garden Summer Soiree!**When: August 20th, 2015****Where: Cecil and Molly Smith Garden House, 5055 Raybell Road NE, St. Paul, OR****Time: Set-up 5:30, dinner at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite potluck snack, appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert to share. Bring your own drinks and chairs.****Members from the Portland, Tualatin Valley and Willamette Chapters of the ARS and their friends are welcome.**

Directions:

From Portland:

I-5 south to Exit 278 -Donald/Ehlen Rd. exit.

Right at the exit onto Ehlen Rd for 7 miles (Ehlen becomes Yerger then McKay.)

Turn right onto Hwy 219 for 3/4 mile - look for blue Heirloom Roses sign.

Turn left onto Champoeg Road NE.

Go straight ahead on Raybell Road at the 'Y' (Champoeg Road NE bears right.)

Garden is at 5055 Raybell Road NE about 1/4 mile on right.

Parking and entrance are just past the house.

From the south via I-5:

I-5 north to Exit 278 - Donald/Ehlen road exit.

Turn left onto Ehlen Road, pass under I-5 and continue on Ehlen Road for 7 miles (Ehlen becomes Yerger then McKay.)

Turn right onto Hwy 219 for 3/4 mile - look for blue Heirloom Roses sign.

Turn left onto Champoeg Road

Go straight ahead onto Raybell Road at the 'Y' (Champoeg Road NE bears to the right.)

Garden is at 5055 Raybell Road NE, about 1/4 mile on right.

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From 99W:

South on 99W to Newberg.

Turn left (south) at light onto Springbrook Road.

Turn left at the intersection with Hwy 219.

Drive south for 3 miles, over the Willamette River bridge.

Watch for a blue Heirloom Roses sign.

Turn right onto Champoeg Road; go straight ahead onto Raybell road at the 'Y' (Champoeg Road NE bears right.) Garden is at 5055 Raybell Road NE, about 1/4 mile on right. Parking and entrance are just past the house.

Unusual Flowers and Foliage: *R. macrosepalum* 'Linearifolium'

By Maria Stewart

When people first see *R. macrosepalum* 'Linearifolium', they say "Really? That's a rhododendron?" This cultivar's very narrow leaves and flowers can easily confuse observers as to its true identity. And to further add to the mystery about 'Linearifolium', it is not found in the wild. It is also classified as an azalea with the name *R. stenopetalum* 'Linearifolium'. We know that *R. stenopetalum* is native to Japan, but that knowledge does not lead us to the origin of 'Linearifolium'.

Here are a few facts about 'Linearifolium':

It is a selected form, clone or cultivar of *R. stenopetalum* and is unknown in the wild.

It was named by Philipp Franz von Siebold and J.G. Zuccarini in 1846.

The flowers are pink and are so deeply divided that they look like thin straps. They imitate the very narrow leaves. The overall effect is one of pink confetti tossed on the leaves.

The leaves are a light green with some puckering. They are only about 1/8 inch wide and about 2 inches long. When grown outside, it is semi-deciduous. Indoors, it sheds many of its leaves each year.

Its hardiness is about +5 degrees F. It needs shelter from strong winds and extreme cold.

In your garden, place 'Linearifolium' where tree branches will not fall on it and pets do not play. It is somewhat brittle.

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