

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

June, 2019: No regular meeting. Happy watering & deadheading!

July, 2019: No regular meeting, no newsletter; can only mean, we're on VACATION! (No, you still have to water.)

**August 15, 2019:
Smith Garden Soiree
Potluck Supper
5:30 pm set up
6:00 pm dinner**

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



The Smith Garden Soiree: You are Invited!

When: Thursday, August 15, 2019

Please join us on Thursday, August 15th, to celebrate the beauty of Smith Garden. Bring your favorite pot luck dish and join in an enjoyable meal with members of the Portland Chapter, the Tualatin Valley Chapter and the Willamette Chapter. Guests are welcome. 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. See you there!

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

Directions:

From Portland:

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

Go west (right) at exit onto Ehlen Road for 7 miles to the end of 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 (south) onto Champoeg Road. Go straight onto Raybell Road at the dairy barn where Champoeg Road turns right.

Garden is at 5055 Raybell Road 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. Follow Heirloom Roses sign right onto Champoeg Road.

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

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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.

Chapter calendar through September, 2019

June, 2019:

No regular meeting

July, 2019:

No regular meeting

No newsletter

Enjoy your vacation!

August 15, 2019:

“Summer Soiree”

Potluck Dinner at Smith Garden

5:30 pm set-up

6:00 pm dinner

September 19, 2019:

Regular meeting plus our Annual Cuttings Exchange

Social Time 7:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Speaker: Tim Walsh, Eureka Chapter, ARS

Editor’s Note:

Mike and Maria Stewart are taking a break from hosting the Summer Solstice Potluck this year.

If anyone else wants to host it this year, they are welcome to do so!

Haiku

At last the laggards
bursting into bloom in a
masterful way

(What took Mount
Everest so long?)

To the frenzy of the
garden, the hummingbird
has capitulated

The wind in the leaves
disclosing itself to all
that ensues

By Peter Kendall

Editor’s Note: The manager of the ARS Store sent out an e-mail on June 2nd, advising that Amazon.com has terminated the ARS Amazon Affiliate Store agreement and our option now is : AmazonSmile.ARSStore.org

The difference? Under the Affiliate Store agreement, Amazon paid the ARS 5%; under the AmazonSmile arrangement, the ARS is paid 0.5% on sales we route through Amazon.

Alternatives? Best Buy, Target, Walmart (BestBuy.ARSStore.org, or Target or Walmart.ARSStore.org) which pay 4% to the ARS. (At this point, there isn’t a solution for ARS members living in Canada.)

To read the e-mail, go to ARSStore.org .

President's Message for June

By Caroline Enns

The May Banquet marked the peak of a particularly lush, verdant spring. The rhododendrons have bloomed spectacularly. Food and good will were abundant at the Banquet. Linda Rungay provided flowers for centerpieces on each of the tables. Along with the fellowship and dining, we heard about the Mother's Day Show and Sale. The final numbers weren't in, but the initial tallies were promising, thanks to all the volunteers who made the event possible. We honored one of those volunteers. Joanne Turner received the Bronze Medal for her generous gifts of plants for door prizes, her efforts on the Board of Directors over an extended number of years, her contributions to multiple aspects of the Chapter's activities, and her involvement in the Hinsdale Garden. Joanne lived up to her award. Without knowing that she would receive this honor, she brought an unusually large selection of plants, including some large rhododendrons. The evening ended with a lively talk by Gisele Schoniger (see the accompanying article.) As Spring and our meetings for the season come to an end, our thoughts shift to dead-heading, watering, and, most importantly, more time in the garden. We will reconvene at the Smith Garden Soiree to trade stories on August 15th. Our next set of inspiring talks and the cutting exchange are on September 19th. In the meantime, happy gardening.

Coming Attraction:

The ARS 75th Anniversary Conference is now less than one year away. This is an opportunity not to be missed, to showcase our corner of Region 4 and our beautiful gardens and their rhododendrons and meet with rhododendron enthusiasts from all over the world.

American Rhododendron Society

75th Anniversary

**20/20
VISION**



Looking forward, reflecting back

Portland-Vancouver, April 29-May 3, 2020

Highlights of the May Meeting

By Caroline Enns, President

Gisele Schoniger was a force of nature. In her talk at our annual banquet meeting, she discussed soils and amending them to grow beautiful plants organically. She is the Organic Gardening Educator for Kellogg Garden Products (Gardner & Bloome), and travels her sales territory speaking to groups on organics and soil health, giving out samples of the firm's products. Her enthusiasm for what she does was abundantly apparent as she explained the purposes of mulching and amending clay soils to encourage root growth and healthy plants. She provided the perfect end of an outstanding series of speakers this year. Now is the time to turn our attention to our gardens and the improvements we can make to ensure that all of the rhododendrons that we accumulated at the plant auctions, Early Show & Sale, and Mother's Day Show & Sale, will be planted in nurturing soil under optimal conditions to ensure gorgeous blossoms for next year's shows. Go forth and plant!

You're invited to the celebration!



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A Name That Enhances the Description: R. 'Dazzler'

By Maria Stewart

When this rhododendron comes into bloom, it is easy to understand why it was named 'Dazzler'. The trusses are a deep red-orange color and are quite large, so they are striking from a distance. Furthermore, the contrast between the dark green leaves and the flowers makes a handsome combination. If you want a rhododendron to brighten up a somewhat shady area of your garden, this rhododendron could work for you.

Here is more about the hybrid R. 'Dazzler':

Parentage: R. dichroanthum, griersonianum and probably other species.

Hybridized by: Jim Elliott

Its name: Be aware that there is a Waterer rhododendron (1935), an evergreen azalea and a deciduous azalea that are all named 'Dazzler'.

Flowers: deep red-orange color; 12 funnel-shaped corollas in each almost full truss; There are many large trusses on this rhododendron and it blooms in mid-May.

Leaves: deep green and about six inches long.

Structure: upright growing to about four feet high and four feet wide in ten years.

Hardiness: +5 degrees F.

Placement in your garden: This is *not* a rhododendron for full sun. The leaves may become spotted in too much sun. It will bloom well in shade with *light* coming from the west and south.



R. 'Dazzler' Photo: Mike Stewart

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