

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

## Calendar

**September 12, 2019**  
**Crystal Springs Benefit**  
**Event at Crystal**  
**Springs Rhododendron**  
**Garden**  
**5:30 pm—7:30 pm**

**September 19, 2019**  
**Chapter meeting and**  
**Annual Cuttings**  
**Exchange**

**September 27-29, 2019**  
**2019 ARS Fall Confer-**  
**ence, Hosted by the Mt.**  
**Arrowsmith, BC Chap-**  
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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 40<sup>th</sup> and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon



## September Program

By Steve McCormick

We're excited to get back on schedule with our regular monthly meetings. Ahead for the 2019-2020 season: another lineup of exceptional speakers, plant auctions, potluck dinners, social time with our fellow rhododendron enthusiasts, garden events, and, for this first meeting coming up, the annual cuttings exchange.

To kick off the season, we welcome special guest speaker, Tim Walsh, who will speak about the Humboldt Botanical Garden. Tim is a 4th generation resident of Eureka, in Humboldt County, California. Tim joined the ARS in 1987 and soon became chapter President, later Treasurer of ARS, and is currently District 5 Director. Tim was instrumental in founding the Humboldt Botanical Garden, which occupies 44.5 acres adjoining the College of the Redwoods campus, about 5 miles south of Eureka. The Garden enjoys a combination of Mediterranean and Pacific Marine climates, allowing for a diverse group of plants to thrive. Tim will walk us through the garden's development and highlight some of the notable plants, including rhododendrons, featured there. He and his wife, June, have been actively involved at all levels of the Garden, both at the board and at the "hands-in-the-dirt" levels. Tim and June hosted the 2017 ARS International Convention, *Rhododendrons in the Redwoods*, in Eureka.

Following the presentation, we feature the annual cuttings exchange—an opportunity to share cuttings of your favorite rhododendrons with fellow members. Rare species and hybrids are encouraged, although more common types that do well for you are also desirable. We welcome your contributions

The meeting will take place on Thursday, the 19th, from 7-9 pm, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Blvd, in Portland. Grab a bite and get a head start on the socializing by joining other members who assemble, starting at 5pm, at the Woodstock Wine & Deli, across the street from All Saints. We encourage you to be part of this fun and informative evening, to get to know other members better, share tales of your own garden, and go home a better-informed plant person. Our meetings are open to members and non-members alike, so please invite your friends to join us.

## 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 October, 2019

**September 12, 2019**

**An Evening in the Garden**

**Crystal Springs Rhododendron  
Garden**

**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Tickets \$35.00**

**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**

**Program: The Humboldt Botani-  
cal Garden**

**September 27-29, 2019**

**2019 ARS Fall Conference**

**Parksville, BC Hosted by Mt.**

**Arrowsmith Chapter ARS**

**October 17, 2019:**

**Regular meeting**

**Social time 7:00 pm**

**Meeting 7:30 pm**

**Speaker: Jeanine Smith, Seattle  
Chapter, ARS**

**Program: Using Rhododendrons  
in the Landscape**

**Plus, our annual Species Auction  
and Halloween treats; Halloween  
costumes if you dare**

## Haiku

Accepting the sun —  
the motionless maple —  
the flitting finch

Capturing the sun  
behind the leaf, shadow of  
the butterfly

Chickadee, chickadee  
chickadee — sound of the  
chickadee

Early morning sun  
striking the spider web  
and its spider

Patches of sunlight  
in this morning's maple —  
forthcoming shadows

By Peter Kendall



June and Tim Walsh

The Humboldt Botanical Garden



## President's Message for September, 2019:

A time to enjoy our gardens and fellow gardeners

This August was an unusually kind month compared to the ones that we had for the last several years. The weather was wonderful for our two August events. Dozens of people from three different chapters met under cloudless skies and warm breezes at the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden Soirée. People explored the garden, brought and consumed delicious food, and caught up on summer adventures. Tom and Jane, ably assisted by Dick and Karen Cavender, were perfect hosts. Dennis O'Malley brought his signature pulled-pork. Anne Gross brought one of her many decadent homemade desserts. As the light faded and the food disappeared, leaving such an idyllic setting was difficult.

The now famous Oxbow Point summer party hosted by Steve Hopkins and Brenda Ziegler followed a week and a half later, allowing just enough time to regain our appetites. The day was perfect, with Mt Hood in all its glory as borrowed scenery. Many people arrived with mouth-watering dishes to accompany the endless supply of salmon. Anne Gross brought a different killer dessert, challenged this time by John Stephens' citrus almond cake. After an afternoon of chatting and eating, dinner back home had little appeal.

After these two events, we are now reconnected, revived and invigorated for the start of a new season of events and outstanding speakers at our chapter meetings. The September meeting features the cutting exchange. If anyone has the following plants and is willing to share, I am shamelessly requesting cuttings. (Anyone who objects can write my entry for the next newsletter).

### Hybrids:

### Species:

Blaney's Blue	anthopogon
Chemainus	cephalanthum
Dazzler	dekanatum
Goosander	dendrocharis
Little Gem	flinckii
Maggie Brown	griersonianum
Mary Briggs	lepidostylum
Silver Bear	petrocharis
Something Lovely	russatum
Songbird	tsariense

**Crystal Springs** is featuring its first annual fundraising dinner on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Follow the link from the main page of the Chapter's website ([www.rhodies.org](http://www.rhodies.org)), or go directly to the site for the event ([www.crystalspringsgardenpdx.org/new-products/aneveninginthegarden2019](http://www.crystalspringsgardenpdx.org/new-products/aneveninginthegarden2019))

## Great Foliage, Form and Flowers: R. 'Vibrant Violet'

By Maria Stewart

When I think about Frank Fujioka's hybrids, R. 'Seaview Sunset' comes to mind first because its foliage is so beautifully dark green and its flowers are so bright. Well, R. 'Vibrant Violet' comes to mind next because its small leaves are also dark green and its violet flowers are beautifully bright. Additionally, the form of 'Vibrant Violet' is compact. The leaves densely cover the branches and form an attractive plant that is wider than tall. This is a rhododendron that would complement any garden.

Here is more about R. 'Vibrant Violet':

Hybridizer: Frank Fujioka in 1986.

Parentage: R. impeditum x R. augustinii 'Towercourt'

Flowers: vivid violet color with orange anthers; clusters of 4 to 5 trusses, each with 5 to 6 flowers.

Foliage: small, pointed and dark green leaves cover the plant and make a great background for the flowers. The bloom time is mid-April.

Form: grows wider than tall to about 3 feet in 10 years; the branches form a rounded plant.

Hardiness: 0 degrees F. (Some writers say -5 degrees F hardiness.)

Placement in your garden: does well in full sun.

R. 'Vibrant Violet', photographed in Frank Fujioka's garden; photographer unknown.



## 2019 ARS Fall Conference:



### Rhododendrons By The Seaside

September 27 – 29, 2019

MARS is proud to host the 2019 American Rhododendron Society (ARS) Fall Conference.

The conference features twelve distinguished speakers whose overall theme is 'Rhododendrons as the World Warms'. Three bus tour options are included, along with a bulbs workshop and sale, two propagation workshops, [plant sale](#), [photo exhibition](#), and silent auction.

Saturday and Sunday breakfasts are included, along with Saturday lunch. In addition, a no-host bar and full-course buffet dinner are offered on Friday and Saturday evenings, providing lots of time for socializing, catching up with old friends, and making new ones.

**Location:** Parksville Community and Conference Centre

132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville, BC

**Dates:** September 27 – 29, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 PM Friday September 27, 2019 to 1:00 PM Sunday September 29, 2019

**Members and non-members are welcome!**

*An Evening in the Garden*



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