

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter



The next meeting
Thursday, February 26 — 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
422 Del Norte St., Eureka



Daneri and Wallace Earn Bronze

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The Glory of Vireyas

February 26th at 7:30 PM E. White Smith from the Portland Chapter will encourage us all to grow and love Vireya Rhododendrons. Eureka and Humboldt County are particularly suited to these tropical beauties. White and his wife Lucy own and operate Bovee's Nursery. You can go online www.bovees.com to see many of the fantastic flowers that they sell. White and Lucy are sure to bring some of these fantastic plants to sell. Come make them welcome and enjoy learning more about Vireyas.

There will be a **pre-meeting no-host dinner at Mazzotti's Italian Food** held at 5:00 PM. The restaurant is in Old Town Eureka at 305 F Street. Come "yak" with your Rhody friends over a good meal before the meeting. *Call Nelda for reservations 707-443-8049.*

Wallace takes Bronze (cont. from page 1) Jerry Reynolds prepared to give his report at the October 23 , 2003 meeting by reading the following;

Like most of us, you came to the world of rhododendrons almost by accident. You needed a few of those big flowering plants for your landscape. But you quickly discovered there's more to rhododendrons than reds, pinks, purples and whites. And you joined the American Rhododendron Society.

Since your first meeting, you have become a true "rhodyholic," serving the Eureka Chapter with distinction. Your service has included three terms as president, numerous terms as vice president and program chair and uncounted stints as a volunteer at the annual truss show and plant sale, garden shows, field trips, and garden tours.

You have unselfishly shared the knowledge you've developed as you learned, then began to hybridize rhododendrons and develop your own rhododendron nursery. You have been a generous contributor of both plants and know-how.

You have reached out to other chapters and members of the American Rhododendron Society through your programs and your participation in regional conferences and hybridizers' meetings.

For your tireless efforts and generous support of the Chapter and the Society, the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society awards the Bronze Medal to Don Wallace this 23rd day of October 2003.

As you can see from the picture Don was surprised! Job well done, Don!

Dee Awarded Bronze (cont. from page 1) The chapter was ready to make the Bronze Medal presentation to Dee on October 23 but her best friend, husband and helpmate at Rhody Central, Dick Daneri, passed away suddenly in their garden in Fortuna on October 18th(see Remembering Dick page 4). On December 4th at the chapter's holiday pot-luck Jerry Reynolds made the following presentation;

"You are best known to the members of Eureka Chapter as a devoted friend and hard-working volunteer in support of the Chapter's varied activities and programs.

You have served as one of the chief clerks at our annual flower show for many years, working hard to make sure our judges could do their jobs efficiently and quickly. You have shared your garden often during our garden tours, serving as a gracious hostess at the end of some long days. And you have shared your love of rhododendrons and your travels with us through the programs you have presented over the years.

Your knowledge, experience and dynamic leadership as Executive Director of the American Rhododendron Society have modernized the Society's internal communications and re-energized its volunteer network. Your work in securing financial grants on behalf of the Society has greatly expanded its educational outreach through such programs as updated brochures and the hang-tag project. For your untiring work on behalf of the Chapter and the Society, the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society awards the Bronze Medal to Deanna "Dee" Daneri this 4th day of December 2003.

Congratulations Dee and thank you for all you do for the chapter and the society.

President Tom Talks Politics

Wonder of wonders, Lee's Scarlet is going crazy right now. How does it do it? Month after month of one or two blooms and then kazowie! Blooms everywhere! They've even spread to President Roosevelt and some of the others.

Well, Jerry's gone and done it this time. A whole page of show classification changes. Boy howdy, you're sure going to be surprised. Gone is Class 2-Group D, gone is Class 4-Groups D through G, Group I has become Group H. Oh, where will it all end? He's even created an entirely new Rhody classification called the 'Eliminate-um Group', closely related to the elepidote species I guess. Be sure and get your updated Show Book so you can help me get my trusses classified come Friday, April 23rd.

Paula Trinoskey and Bruce Palmer have graciously stepped in to fill the rolls of Vice President and Membership Chair in the absence of Donna Pace, who will be spending more time with the animals. No, not Charlie and his friends, zoo animals. Fortunately, Donna is still in charge of Hospitality. That means meeting refreshments, Charlie. Yummie!

Our meeting this **Thursday February the 26th** will be a dandy. White Smith from Bovee's Nursery will be here with a presentation on Vireyas. We should also have a great time at Mazzotti's before the meeting. Be there!

In the meantime, get out there and enjoy those rhodies. Don't forget to fertilize, and bring trusses to the meeting. Tom



Remembering Dick Daneri

By June Walsh

Our friend Dick Daneri passed away in October while tending his and Dee's garden. For many years I had a special relationship with Dick, that of being a fellow "Dragee" to a rhodoholic. We didn't need to go far to find other dragees but we preferred to share our plight over a glass of wine (or in his case fine Scotch) at lunch while our spouses were determining the fate of the American Rhododendron Society at a Board or committee meeting. Our rendezvous took us to Williamsburg, VA, and Bellingham, WA (the pictures are in Bellingham) as well as other beautiful locations where we saw the sites and indulged our joint "Foodie" passion in kitchen stores and specialty delicatessens. We rejoined our loved ones, Dee and Tim, for the Rhody functions with renewed understanding and patience.

Dick who grew up in San Francisco was a fantastic cook and excellent cooking teacher, I will always cherish the time spent in his kitchen learning to make ravioli, pesto and pasta.



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A Special Plant to be Auctioned

By Tim Walsh, Treasurer

Peter Schick of Fort Bragg's Noyo Chapter has donated a very special plant in memory of **Dick Daneri**. We invite you to bring your **checkbook or a wheelbarrow of cash** to bid on this spectacularly large *Rh. Macabeanum*. All proceeds will go to the ARS in memoriam to Dick. This plant should bloom soon because of its size and age. Don't miss this opportunity to acquire this special memorial to Dick. If you don't have room for this beauty in your garden keep in mind that the Humboldt Botanical Garden is currently under construction and will be looking for "pedigreed" specimen plants. This plant would find a fine home in the Temperate Woodland Garden.



Picture courtesy of Mike Bones, taken February 15, 2004 in his Florence Oregon garden.

Meeting Minutes

The January 22, 2004 meeting was started with another great dinner at Casa Blanca. The meeting then moved to the church where Tom Martin, President called it to order at 7:40pm. Greetings and introductions followed. Our guest speakers, Dick and Karen Cavender from Red's Rhododendrons, Sherwood, Oregon were introduced. Nelda Palmer and Tim Walsh shared trusses with the group. Don Wallace described the Raffle/Auction plants. Tim Walsh, Treasurer reported the account to have \$8,072.81. Donna Pace after 2 years of serving as a great Vice-President and Membership Chair resigned her positions due to other responsibilities with volunteer work. Donna will continue to be a valued part of the ARS group and we appreciate all her time and the hard work she has done. 61 renewals with one new member were reported by Donna.

Keep your fingers crossed, your seedlings from a previous meeting should be appearing now.

We need members to sign up to help at the flower show, April 23-25, 2004. Don Wallace described a great variety of future programs you won't want to miss. A short break was taken for refreshments. A wonderful program continued with a great presentation by the Cavender's. Congrats to Carol for winning the door prize. Raffle winners were: Katherine, June, Phil, Carol, Jerry, Tom, and Mary Alice. The meeting was adjourned by Tom at approximately 9:30pm. Thank you to the person who took notes for the minutes in my absence, and thank you for the beautiful get well card, I appreciate it a ton.

The Board Meeting took place on February 3, 2004. Thank you to Paula Trinoskey for accepting the Vice-President's position and Bruce Palmer for becoming the Membership Chair. They will both do a great job. Jerry Reynolds went through changes in the show classifications for 2004. Get ready for the May 16th Sunday garden tour, it will be a good one.

Secretary's note: Those beautiful Rhody blooms are starting to show up more and more around town, Enjoy them.

Respectfully submitted, Debby Brantley, Secretary