

Eureka Chapter



The next meeting
Thursday, March 25 — 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
422 Del Norte St., Eureka

Per Meeting No-Host Dinner
Thursday March 25—5:15 P.M.
Roy's Club
218 D Street, in Old Town Eureka
Call Nelda for reservations 443-8049

March 2004

Gordon Wylie-Scotland Revisited

The **March 25th** program will feature **Past ARS President, Gordon Wylie**. Gordon is retired from private practice emphasizing family law he also spent time on the bench as Juvenile Court Judge. But more interesting for Rhododendron enthusiasts is that Gordon grew up on a farm and has had a lifelong interest in the outdoors, including gardening. His early experience was primarily with food crops and mowing the family lawn. Gordon turned to Ornamental gardening after he and his wife Linda had a place of their own. Gordon says “My activities in the dirt, aside from law, always included, and still do, an annual vegetable garden.” Gordon goes on to say, “Rhododendrons first caught my attention about thirty years ago. I was able to indulge my interest when my wife Linda and I built our home in Eugene Oregon 25 years ago. My sister noticed my Rhodoholic affliction and gave me a membership in the American Rhododendron Society as a gift.”

Gordon's program is based on his and Linda's trip to the **United Kingdom in May of 2002** where they attended the International Rhododendron Conference in Edinburgh (Tim, June and Dee were also there). They spent several weeks visiting gardens with John and Margaret Hammond (ARS Director-at-Large) in **Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland**. Of particular interest will be a seldom seen garden on the **Isle of Colonsay** off the western coast of Scotland. Gordon will talk about climate and growing conditions, which are in some ways similar to those in Humboldt County and the North Coast despite being substantially further north in latitude, one effect of which is to make for a generally later blooming season.

Come make Gordon welcome!

Editor's note: I have had the pleasure of several of Gordon's programs, they are informative, entertaining and he tells a joke much better than Tim does.

Future Programs

April 18, Eureka Chapter **Garden Tour**, Plan to meet your Rhody friends to roam their gardens. Guests are always welcome. Don Wallace will have a great day planned for us.

April 22, Dee Daneri will tell us all about “**Where Garden Geeks Meet**”, highlighting her many travels to the world's most interesting gardens. Expect to hear about Rhododendrons, Heathers and other Ericaceous plants.

April 23-25, Eureka Chapter **Flower Show and Sale**, Carson Park, Eureka. Get those plants, photographs, flower arrangement materials, trusses and bonsai ready to show and plan to bring buckets of money to buy all those special new Rhododendrons in the plant sale.

May 1-2, Noyo Chapter Show, Call Eleanor Philp for more information, 707-964-3282

May 25, Rhodo 101, everything you have wanted to ask about pruning, fertilizing, planting, pests and diseases of rhododendrons. Officer elections, too, so come and rope your favorite Rhodoholic into the board of directors.

June 24, Potluck!!!

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Meet Minutes....The February 26, 2004 began at Mazzotti's for a nice member dinner with speakers, **E. White Smith** and his lovely wife, **Lucy Sorensen**.

President **Tom Martin**, called to order the meeting at 7:40PM with a very weak bell ringing. Trusses were shared by **Don Wallace**. A few beautiful examples of Rhodys included, Winter Peach, Winter Sun, Noyo Dream, Elsie Frye x Lucy Lou. **Nelda Palmer** shared Bodega Crystal Pink and Arborium x Yak. **Jerry Reynolds** delighted us with Peter Faulk and Saffron Meadow. These would be wonderful in any garden. Thank you for sharing.

Raffle plants were described by **Don Wallace**. Treasurer, **Tim Walsh** reported \$8,051.63 in the account.

Dee Daneri presented a **special gift** (Gold Heart) to **Jerry Reynolds** for his help and support of the Heather Society. Dee shared a set of absolutely beautiful Rhody photographs signed and ready to purchase to add a special touch to any home, especially of a Rhody lover.

New Business: **Paula Trinoskey** will be our new **Vice President** and **Bruce Palmer** will be our new **Membership Chair**. A short snack break was taken. A big Thank you to **Jerry Reynolds** for the fantastic new membership directory he developed.

Program: Don Wallace introduced the owners of **Bovee's Nursery**, Portland, Oregon, **E. White Smith** and his wife **Lucy Sorensen**. White shared an incredible slide presentation on **Vireya's**, which are gorgeous. Most of the pictures were taken in Hawaii, but properly cared for these beauties will grow here and enhance your garden. There were many of these great plants from their nursery for sale, and they went like hot cakes. Thank you White and Lucy for sharing your love for Vireya's.

Auction Plant, Cherry Bright went to **Charlie Pace** for \$15.00. In a very special memory to our **Dick Daneri**, a 10-12 year old fabulous **Rh. Macabeanum**, donated by **Peter Schick** of **Noyo Chapter**, was auctioned off. The main **bidders** were **Tim**, **Charlie**, and **Dee** who had quite a battle. **Tim Walsh** prevailed with paying **\$170** (the proceeds went to the ARS) for this wonderful plant.

Raffle winners were: **Nelda Palmer**, **Gayle Teter**, **Norma** (see what happens when you come!) **Bennett** x 2, and **Carol Dunning** (who never fails to win).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM by President, Tom Martin.

Secretaries note: *I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to those Rhody friends who have supported and encouraged me recently while preparing for my upcoming surgery. I will never forget your kindness and your hugs helped a ton. Deb.*

Respectfully submitted, Debby Brantley, Secretary

<http://www.rhododendron.org/>

Did you know that there is a world of information on the web? Tired of stale, recycled jokes and ads promising to increase, shrink, enhance or adjust...well, um...things? Try going to the American Rhododendron Society's web page for links to; [ARS Seed Exchange](#), [Rhododendron of the Year Awards](#), [Need help growing Rhododendrons?](#), [Rhododendron & Azalea News](#) and the [Proven Performer Lists](#). If you haven't been to this site give yourself the gift of an hour to do so. Your membership dues help keep this valuable site running and Cal Chapter member Bob Weissman is the Techno-guru web master. If you are receiving your newsletter by email just copy the above address into your web browser, the rest of you will have to type it in. Have Fun!

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2004 Proven Performers for the Eureka Chapter

The members of the Eureka Chapter have wrung their hands and scratched their heads to come up with a list of Rhododendrons that perform well for everybody. The plants listed offer all the wonderful qualities we look for; good plant and leaf form and hardiness for our area for novices as well as driven gardeners. Great flowers are the bonus.

Elepidotes

Christmas Cheer
Noyo Dream
Taurus
Nancy Evans
Yaku Sunrise

Lem's Cameo
Rubicon
Mrs. G.W. Leak
Jean Marie de Montague
Unique Marmalade

Lepidotes

Crater Lake
Ginny Gee
R. polyandrum
Coastal Spice
Mary Flemming

Seta
Mi Amor
Saffron Queen
Snow Lady
Else Frye

Deciduous Azaleas

R. occidentale
Cecile
Arneson Gem
Button's and Bows
R. kiusianum

Washington State Centennial
Cannon's Double
High Fashion
Irene Koster
Northern Lights

Evergreen Azaleas

Alexander
Ripples
George Lindsey Tabor
Alaska
Gay Paree
Coral Bells

Joseph Hill
Red Bird
Cherry Drops
Betty Ann Voss
Hino-Crimson
Louise Gable



Mi Amor



Rubicon



Else Frye

Eureka Chapter

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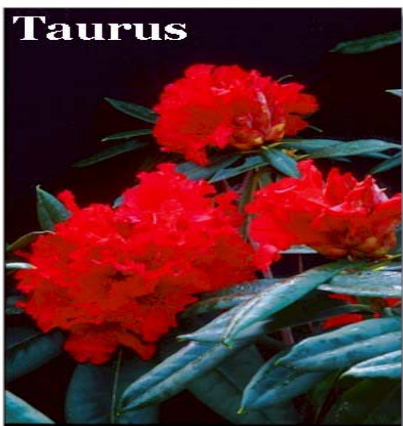
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“Coastal Spice”



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“Noyo Dream”



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“Ginny Gee”



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‘Taurus’

Carry this page with you to area nurseries to find these Proven Performers

