

Eureka Chapter

September 2004

<http://www.redwoodmatrix.com/ears/ears.htm>

The next meeting
Thursday, Sept. 23 — 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
422 Del Norte St., Eureka



Pre Meeting Dinner 5:15 PM
Sea Grill, 316 E Street, Eureka

All members are welcome, your reservation is important!
Please call Nelda to reserve your place at table 443-8049.

Season Opener
Harold Greer

<http://www.greergardens.com/>

Harold Greer will speak on the topic of Azaleas. His program is titled ***Let's Define Azaleas, Evergreen and Deciduous.*** Azaleas are a very important part of the Genus Rhododendron. In fact there may be more named "azaleas" than "rhododendrons." What are these plants that have been separated from rhododendrons to the point that many people do not realize they are rhododendrons? Well, they are wonderful plants that will grow in many places our "conventional" rhododendrons won't. You may ask why? It has to do with where they are native and their subsequent hybridization. Harold will give us a little background on these useful plants and show us some we can easily use in our gardens. Azaleas are special plants, and **this is a program you won't want to miss!**



Pictured above Left to Right, **Lucy Sorensen** of Bovee's Nursery, **Nancy and Harold Greer** of Greer Gardens in Eugene, Oregon.

President Tom's Report...Here we are at the start of a new Rhododendron year. Our local year starts in September and goes ten months, with two months off for good behavior. Actually, some of our members' behavior evidently wasn't that good because they didn't take any time off. I won't name any names, but the initials D. D. (as in **Dee Daneri**) come to mind. And yes, we do have officers and directors again this year, which is really convenient when we need to have a board meeting.
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President Tom, continued...Speaking of board meetings, we recently had one and while we were there enjoying each others company, we did some brainstorming on the problems with the date and location of the 2004 Show & Sale. The National ARS meeting will be in Victoria, BC the same weekend as the Eureka Rhododendron Festival. To make a long brainstorm short, serious consideration is being given to a Mini Show & Biggest/Best Rhody Search in April and a Tour & Plant Sale in May. Please come to the Thursday meeting prepared to share ideas.

Have you read the Summer ARS Journal yet? Along with all the other good stuff is a superb article by **Don Wallace**. I would just love to have a picture or maybe a movie short of Don 'dancing through the garden dabbing pollen'. Don, your writing is very reader friendly. I hope you do lots more articles and maybe a book or two in the near future.

The **Humboldt Botanical Garden Foundation** will be having native plant installation days at the CR garden site November 11th through the 13th. Isn't that great! Contact **Karen Angel or the HBGF office** to sign up to help, **707-442-5139**. It's taken lots of effort by a lot of people to get to this point. There will be plenty of Rhodies in the **Humboldt Botanical Garden** one of these days.

HAROLD GREER will be our distinguished Thursday September 23. Be there. Dinner 5:15 Sea Grill. Be there.

Submitted By; Tom Martin

September is the month to begin to watch your seed pods for harvesting. Begin to cut back on watering. Prepare a new bed for next year's plants. Transplant older Rhododendrons. Root prune plants that have been shy to bloom. Trap moles. Pay your ARS membership dues.

Tom Martin Receives a New Bell

President Tom had been looking everywhere, in people's pockets, under **Aileen's** sink, in Treasurer **Tim Walsh's** cash box and under **Bruce Palmer's** hat, for the bell that had been missing since the beginning of his term in 2003. At the June 2004 meeting he received a new LARGE bell which the members signed for him. Tie it under your chin, Tom.



President **Tom** and dragee-wife **Aileen**. Tom is proud of his new bell...which, he is sure not to misplace .



Left to Right, **Royal McCarthy, Tom Martin and Verne Trinoskey** enjoy the Potluck at the June meeting.



At the June meeting **Norma Bennett** wins raffle rhododendrons!



Left to Right Back Row, **Jim and Abby Wasetis, Aileen Martin**, Front Row, **Nova Cramer and Debby Brantley** enjoy the break before the June program.

September is Member Renewal Month The American Rhododendron Society A Habit Worth Digging Into

This month you will have an opportunity to renew your membership in the American Rhododendron Society. Your membership includes the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society, newsletters from the Eureka Chapter and other Chapters (by email) and meetings with programs on topics of great interest.

The ARS web site

<http://www.rhododendron.org/> is filled with information about the best plants for various areas of the country, a Photo Gallery and information about conferences.

Membership also makes a **great gift** for family and friends.

Consider becoming a LIFE MEMBER, just \$1,000...for life!

Be sure to send your renewal or new membership soon so you won't miss a single Journal. If you have any questions call June Walsh, 707-443-0604 or RhodyHostel@cox.net

Individual	\$35
Family	\$40
Commercial	\$90
Sustaining	\$50
Sponsoring	\$100
Life	\$1,000

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Eureka Chapter American Rhododendron Society Program Calendar for 2004-2005

September 23, 2004	Rhodo 101 Workshop: Leaf and Flower shape – Jerry Reynolds and Nelda Palmer . Program: Harold Greer , Greer Gardens, Eugene, Oregon and author of Rhododendron books. Program: <u>Let's Define Azaleas, Evergreen and Deciduous</u>
October 28, 2004	Rhodo 101 Workshop: Propagation – Cuttings, Seed, Grafting – Don Wallace Program: Mike Bones , Nurseryman and District 4 Director,, and International Membership Chairman.
November 2004	No Meeting...Eat Turkey
December 1 , 2004	Potluck...Bring Slides!
January 27, 2005	Rhodo 101 Workshop: Stretch out the Bloom Season – Tom Martin Program: Roger Gossler , Nurseryman
February 24, 2005	Rhodo 101 Workshop: Pests and Diseases – Jill Mefford Program: Dr. Paul Anderson , District 5 Director, Past President Eureka Chapter
March 24, 2005	Rhodo 101 Workshop: Garden Design, Companion Plants – Tim Walsh Program: Sue Tosten , Getting the Best Trusses for the Show Bench
April 21, 2005	<u>Note Date Change</u> Rhodo 101 Workshop: Species Verses Hybrids – Bruce Palmer Program: Flower Show...no stress!
May (14&15), 2005	Garden Tour and Plant Sale (ARS Members May 14 th , General Public May 15 th)
June 23, 2005	Potluck Rhodo 101 Workshop: Azaleas – Evergreen and Deciduous Program: Member Slides, Show and Tell, Plant/Seed Exchange