

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

## Eureka Chapter

*The next meeting*  
Thursday, April 21 — 7:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
422 Del Norte St., Eureka

NO Pre-Meeting Dinner  
*Go out and choose you best  
Rhodo flowers to enter in the  
mini-show.*  
Entries accepted 7:00 to 7:45 PM



April 2005

IT'S mini-SHOW TIME!

April is show month, and although we won't have the big two-day public show this year, we still plan on showing off the rhododendrons blooming in our gardens.

We're calling it a mini-show and it will be held **Thursday, April 21**, during our regular meeting at the church. (Please note that is the third Thursday this month, not the fourth.)

And to encourage everyone to attend and participate we're inviting everyone who attends to help judge the show and **we're handing out some cash.**

**Blue-ribbon in each of the nine categories will win \$25 cash awards and the Best of Show award will include a \$100 gift certificate to Moonstone Grill.**

The show will be judged by everyone. You'll get a ballot on which to indicate your choice for top honors in each category. A second ballot will determine the Best of Show award.

**Rules for the show are simple: You can enter one truss in each category (that means a maximum of nine entries per member). Trusses only. No sprays or hammerheads. Rhododendrons only. No azaleas.** You can clean 'em up by removing all but one whorl of leaves, washing the leaves with water only (no milk, leaf polish or other detergents) and removing loose bracts and other junk that tends to fall down between the flowers.

We'll have bottles at the church to display the flowers, but out of deference to the carpet and the time needed to fill and empty the bottles, they won't contain water. So, after cutting your flowers, place them in warm water until it's time to transport them to the church; that will keep them in good shape for the couple of hours we'll need to complete the show.

### **The nine categories are:**

Class 1: Lepidote Rhododendron Species, regardless of color. (These include the Maddeniis and most small-leaved rhododendrons.)

Class 2: Elepidote Rhododendron Species, regardless of color.

Class 3: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Red.

Class 4: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Pink.

Class 5: Hybrid Rhododendrons, White.

Class 6: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Purple, lavender or blue.

Class 7: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Yellow, orange or apricot.

Class 8: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Bicolor.

Class 9: Any Rhododendron truss entered for fragrance. (You can enter a truss from a plant already entered in another class for this one. If you enter a Mi Amor in the white (Class 5), you also can enter a Mi Amor truss in this class.)

If you have questions give me a call at 822-6580 (e-mail: [jerry\\_reynolds@cox.net](mailto:jerry_reynolds@cox.net)). I'll have entry tags at the show, along with my copy of *Greer's Guidebook* to help with classification if necessary. Everyone should have something in bloom now, so grab the shears and share it with the rest of us. It should be fun evening without the stress of the big show. *By, Jerry Reynolds*

## Eureka Chapter, American Rhododendron Society Meeting Minutes March 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Martin at 7:35 p.m. Twenty-five members were present. No new members or guests were present. Trusses were shared by Don Wallace, Nova Cramer, Nelda Palmer and Jim Wasetis. Don Wallace described the raffle plants. In the absence of treasurer Tim Walsh, Bruce Palmer reported a balance of \$8,343.53. The drop from the previous month is due to purchase of **plants for the sale April 16th and 17th**. No correspondence was reported.

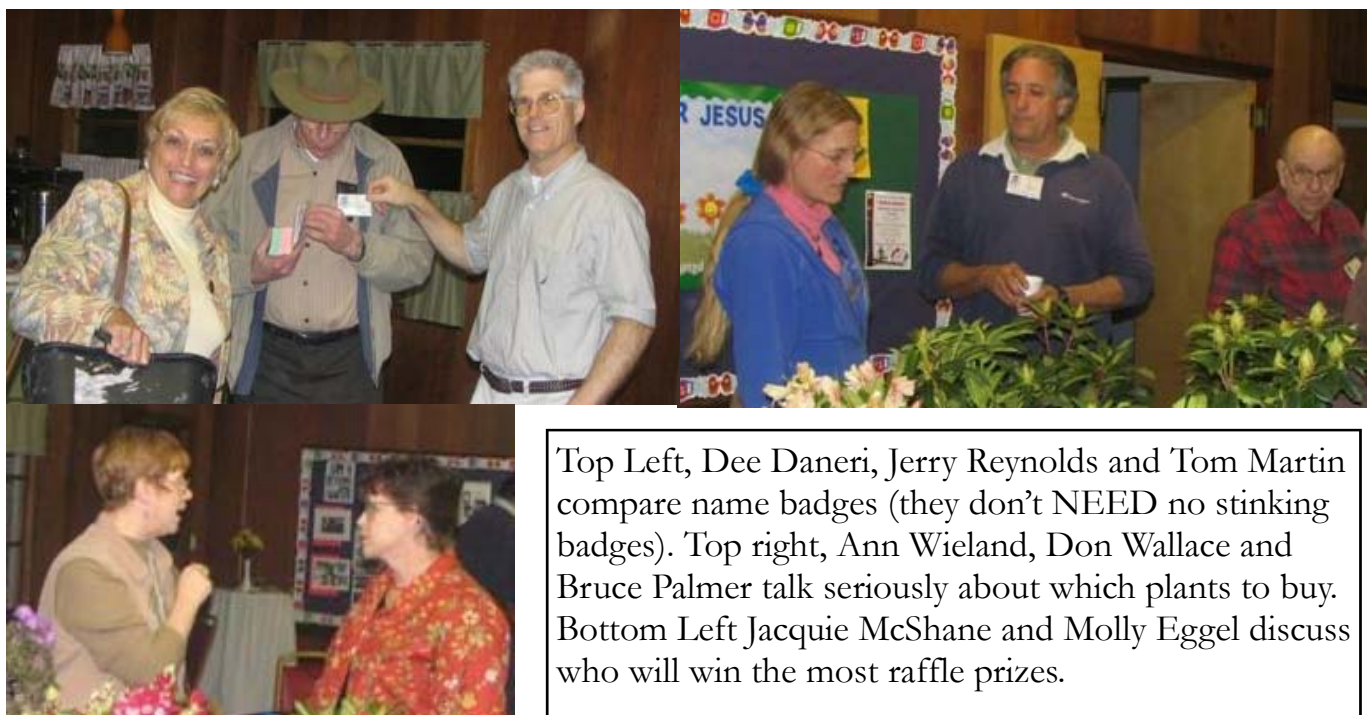
The flower show this year will be a **members' show at the April 21** meeting chaired by Jerry Reynolds. Rules for the show were discussed by Jerry (see page one for complete rules). He urged everyone to bring trusses for the nine categories. The April meeting will be devoted entirely to the show with members as judges.

Don Wallace has arranged a **public garden tour to be held April 17**. Nine gardens will be open to the public at a fee of \$10 per person. June Walsh has distributed tickets to various garden centers in the area. Members were asked to volunteer to serve as docents at the gardens. Those who do will be able to tour the gardens on Saturday. The plant sale will be held Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 at Trinoskey's home.

Before the break, Don gave a thorough mini-program on fragrant Rhododendrons with slides of all major species and many hybrids. Following the break, Don Wallace introduced Dee Daneri as guest speaker. Dee gave an excellent and detailed program about how to prepare trusses for a show and how to judge them. Dee advocated establishing a standard system of judging throughout ARS.

Phil O'Hay won the door prize. The Raffle yielded \$64. Don raffled a specimen of R. "Honey Butter" for \$25. Tom thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Palmer, Secretary



Top Left, Dee Daneri, Jerry Reynolds and Tom Martin compare name badges (they don't NEED no stinking badges). Top right, Ann Wieland, Don Wallace and Bruce Palmer talk seriously about which plants to buy. Bottom Left Jacquie McShane and Molly Eggel discuss who will win the most raffle prizes.

# Rhododendron Plant Sale, April 16 and 17

## 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 2300 S Street, Eureka

Rhododendrons	Quan	Azaleas	Quan
Anah Kruschke	6	Cannon's Double	6
Badden Badden	6	Gibraltar	6
Belva's Joy	6	Golden Lights	6
Black Eye	10	Homebush	8
Blaney's Blue	10	Klondike	8
Colonel Coen	8	Pink and Sweet	6
Coral Mist	6	Snowbird	6
Excalibur	6	<b>Total:</b>	46
Fire Rim	6		
Golden Lights	6		
Goldfinger	3		
Gomer Waterer	5		
Graf Zeppelin	6		
Grandma's Hat	5		
Hachmann's Charmant	8		
Honey Butter <b>Sold out</b>	0		
Horizon Monarch	15		
Jean Marie de Montague	10		
Johnathan Shaw	6		
Kimbeth	6		
Manda Sue	6		
Mardi Gras	8		
Markeeta's Flame	10		
Markeeta's Prize	5		
Midnight Mystique	10		
Mindy's Love	8		
Nancy Evans	20		

**These one-gallon plants are available NOW at special member prices Until Friday April 15th! First-come-first-carry-away. Call Tim to place your order or to come pick up plants 443-0604.**

**The plant sale will be Saturday and Sunday April 16 & 17 at Verne and Paula Trinoskey's 2300 S Street, Eureka from 9 am to 5 pm Regular prices will apply; \$10 each \$25 for 3 \$8 each over 3**

Bring your friends, family and neighbors!



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**President Tom's Report...** I am cutting my article short to give you more time to pamper your Rhodies. You owe me big time. Get out there and enjoy those Rhodies and I'll see you on the **third** Thursday (April 21st) this month. Tom Martin, President  
*Editor's note, Tom may be a bit disingenuous here saying WE need more time! Tom, as a Certified Public Accountant, is telling his clients that they don't have any more time if they want to file a timely tax return. Thanks for the reminder, Tom*

### FUTURE PROGRAMS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16-17 from 9 am to 5 pm Plant Sale at the Trinoskey's 2300 S Street, Eureka

April 17 from 9 am to 5 pm *first Springtime Tour of Rhododendron Gardens*

April 21 @ 7:30 pm **Mini Flower Show**

April 23-24 Noyo Chapter Flower Show in Fort Bragg

April 28-May 1 American Rhododendron Society Annual Meeting, Victoria, BC

May 22 @ 2 PM **BBQ and Potluck at Walsh's Rhody Hostel,**

Rhody 101, Bruce Palmer, Species and Hybrids, What's the difference?

May 26 **No Meeting...come to the May 22 BBQ instead**

June 23 @ 6:30 pm **Pot luck, Member show-and-tell slides, Rhodo 101, Mel Williams, Azaleas-Evergreen and Deciduous.**

July **No Meeting**

August **No Meeting**

September 22 **Back to meet your Rhodo Friends!**

**Slate of Officers to be Nominated at the April Meeting.**  
**Nominations are open to all!**

Past-President	Tom Martin
President	Paula Trinoskey
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Bruce Palmer
Treasurer	Tim Walsh
Programs	Don Wallace
Show Chairs	Jerry Reynolds and Nelda Palmer
Publicity	Jerry Reynolds
Membership/ Newsletter	June Walsh