

## Eureka Chapter

***The next meeting  
New Location!!!***

*Thursday, Oct. 27 — 7:30 p.m.  
Christ Episcopal Church  
15th and H Streets, Eureka*

*Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner  
5:15 PM*

*Gonsea Restaurant  
2335 4th Street, Eureka  
Call Nelda to make your reservation  
707-443-8049*



Rh. Laetum from Tim Walsh's vireya collection. Picture by, Tim Walsh

**OCTOBER 2005**

**New Meeting Location...15th and H Streets, Eureka**

### **Rich Simpson –The Bamboozler**

**Rich Simpson** and **Linda Swanson** are the owners of **Bamboo & Maples Nursery**, which specializes in bamboos, Japanese Maples, conifers and other ornamental trees. The business was started, by Linda's desire to cut down a Christmas tree at a family run Christmas tree farm in Santa Cruz.

Bamboo & Maples Nursery has been advocating bamboos as a landscape specimen, as well as a utilitarian crop since 1995. The business is presently located in a co-operative environment with Sherwood Forest Nursery in Eureka.

Rich will present a program on the, **Use and Care of Semi-tropical and Temperate Bamboos**. He will demonstrate with visuals, their usefulness as barriers, or as integrated complementary plants for the most simple or sophisticated garden. Rich discuss the differences between clumping and running bamboos and how to wisely use them.

Plan to bring a few extra dollars in case you decide to adopt several of the plants which Rich will bring for sale.

**The October 27th** meeting of the Eureka Chapter will be held in a ***new location*** at the ***Christ Episcopal Church at 15th and H Streets in Eureka***. There is ample parking behind the church.

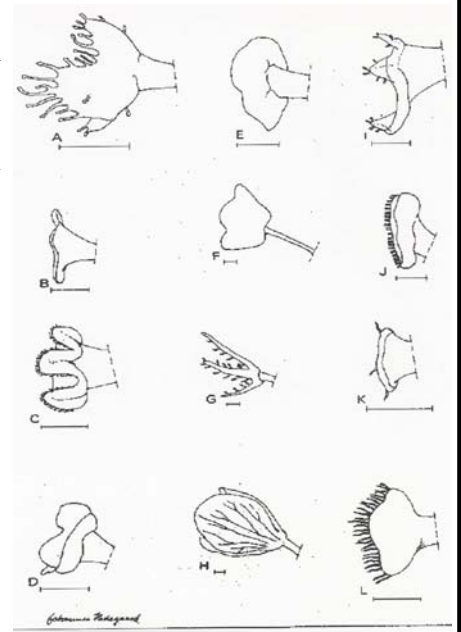
**Rhodo 101...Catherine Weeks...TAKING CUTTINGS** Catherine will show us how to take cuttings of our favorite Rhododendrons. October is the perfect time to multiply your collection through cuttings. Tom Martin will provide a hand out from notes he took last time Catherine shared her knowledge with the Chapter.

## WORD OF THE MONTH

This month's word is calyx. It comes from the Greek word Kalyx, a husk or a cup. The word for a cup, chalice, descends from the same root via the Latin calix. The calyx is the outer group of modified leaves that usually surround the reproductive parts of a flower. Typically, the calyx is green and not brightly colored, but it can be brightly colored, especially in hybridized flowers. It is usually divided into separate parts called sepals (Latin: a covering) which enclose the flower bud before it opens. When the flower opens the inner group of modified leaves, the corolla (Latin: corona, a crown) is revealed. Usually the corolla is brightly colored, often with distinct ultra-violet marks, to attract pollinators. Most of the time the corolla is divided into separate petals (Greek: petalon, a leaf) which often have scent glands at their bases to attract insects and other pollinators such as birds. The scents can be sweet to attract such pollinators as bees, or rotten to attract flies, as with the carrion flower Jim Gayner brought to the September meeting. When sepals and petals cannot be told apart, they are all called tepals ( a made-up word with no Latin or Greek origin). Often plants derive their scientific names from these flower parts as in *Rhododendron cilicalyx*, "red tree with a hairy calyx". *Submitted by Bruce Palmer*



*The drawings at right show some different types and shapes of Calyces. The photo at left is of Rh. Thomsonii ssp. thomsonii showing its tan calyx*



### Future Meeting Dates...Mark Your Calendar

**November...**no Meeting , eat Turkey or toful

**December 8, 2005...** Potluck and show and tell

**January 26, 2006...** Program yet to be determined

**February 23, 2006...**Program yet to be determined

**March 23, 2006...**Program yet to be determined

**April 20, 2006...**Show preparation

**April 29, 2006...**Flower Show and Plant Sale

**April 30, 2006...**Garden Tour and Plant Sale

## Member Profile - Catherine Weeks

**Catherine Weeks** is the owner of the **Westgate Gardens Nursery** in Eureka. Westgate has long been the rhodo-holics Mecca for rhododendrons, trees and companion plants.

Catherine was a founding member of the **Dr. Richard Anderson Rhododendron Club**, which later became **Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society**. Catherine served as vice president and president and is the sponsor of the Westgate Gardens trophy for best yellow hybrid in the annual show. Catherine has been a hybridizer for past 35 years, she has registered "Cougar", "Angel Wings" and "Arthur Charles". She has registered many new ones in the last couple of years (they are listed in the Journal). Her hybridization goals are to achieve an excellent foliage plant with golden and orange flowers.

Catherine was awarded the **ARS Bronze Medal** in September 2000.

Catherine used to grow roses in her nursery but found that deer predation was draining her livelihood. While in the garden of a friend, Mrs German, she saw Rh.



“King of Shrubs” and fell in love with its sunset colors. In addition to her love of Rhododendrons she finds Japanese Maples, kalmias, stewartia, Dove trees and Sourwood trees to be of particular interest.

It has been through Catherine's invitation that many people have become members of the Eureka Chapter. Thank you, Catherine

*Catherine is shown here next to the spectacular fall foliage of the Sourwood tree, photo by Tim Walsh*

### Fall is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

In September's newsletter you received everything you needed to renew your American Rhododendron Society membership. If you have renewed since the September meeting or **if you bring your renewal** to the meeting you will get an **extra chance to win** a door prize...it will be something very special! **YOU COULD BE THE NEXT WINNER!**

#### **The Rhododendron Year...October and November**

Collect seed, spread mulch and compost. During warm days treat for weevils. Take cuttings. This is a great time for bench grafting. Clean up for winter.

Eureka Chapter is published monthly except during July and August. Submissions from members are encouraged and should be mailed to June Walsh, Bulletin Editor, 2050 Irving Drive, Eureka, CA 95503-7022. Membership information and applications are available from June Walsh 2050 Irving Drive, Eureka, CA 95503-7022. Eureka Chapter is a member of the Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation, Eureka, Calif., and The Rhododendron Species Foundation, Federal Way, Wash. Eureka Chapter is a chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

## Eureka Chapter

Eureka Chapter/American Rhododendron Society  
2050 Irving Drive  
Eureka, CA 95503-7022

### **Eureka Chapter, American Rhododendron Society; Meeting Minutes June 23, 2005**

The annual chapter June potluck dinner was served at 6:30 p.m.

Twenty-nine members and two guests were present. As usual, the food was abundant and varied. Everyone present enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

New officers were installed and President Paula Trinoskey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. New members Jean Guthrie, Rita Ter Sarkissov, Dee Spencer and Loie Cabeceira were introduced. Trusses were shared by Paula Trinoskey, Jacquie McShane and Don Wallace. Treasurer Tim Walsh reported a balance of \$11,568.24. Correspondence included a thank you note from Dr. Paul Anderson, a notice of the annual fuchsia show, inviting ARS members, and announcement of an exercise class entitled "Effortless Gardening". Don Wallace announced a cleanup day for the chapter's plants at Singing Tree Gardens for Sunday, July 10 at 10 A.M. Don announced that he will give a mini-program on nematodes at the September meeting. Prior to the break, Bruce Palmer gave a mini-program on species and hybrids.

Following the break, slides were shared by Don Wallace and Nelda Palmer. The door prize was won by Carol Dunning. Following the raffle President Paula thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

### **Eureka Chapter, American Rhododendron Society; Meeting Minutes September 22, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Paula Trinoskey at 7:40 p.m. The new meeting place is the Episcopal Church at 15<sup>th</sup> and H Streets in Eureka. Thirty-six members present. Bob Bennett was introduced as a new member. Treasurer Tim Walsh reported a balance of \$11,386.24. Don Wallace described the raffle plants and the door prize and described the plant brought by speaker Larry Stanley for sale at the meeting. June Walsh reported on the sale at the Western Regional Conference and announced that Dee and Loie brought plants for free distribution. June announced a drawing for a plant. All those renewing memberships by the break were eligible.

Under old business, Tim and June gave a report on the Western Regional Conference in Newport, Oregon. Don Announced that the garden tour for next spring is being put together. Jerry reported that the flower show will probably be at St. Bernard's school on Henderson Street. Tom reported on the continuing search for the largest local rhodie. June reported on the status of membership renewals.

Under new business, Don announced a date for weeding the chapter's plants at Singing Tree Gardens: October 2 at 10 A.M. Tim announced that the chapter has been asked to chair the national conference in 2007. Don offered for sale packets of nematodes and a thrips predator for pest control, to be applied in the fall.

Following the break, Paula introduced Larry Stanley, nurseryman from Boring, Oregon as the speaker. Larry gave an excellent program on small conifers to be used as companion plants in various garden settings.

The door prize was awarded to Gayle Teter. Following the raffle Paula thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Palmer, Secretary