

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

## Eureka Chapter

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

*Thursday, Sept. 22 — 7:30 p.m.  
Christ Episcopal Church  
15th and H Streets, Eureka*

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

*Thai Cuisine  
615 F Street, Eureka  
Call June to make your reservation  
707-443-0604*



September 2005

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### **Larry Stanley LOVES Dwarf Conifers!!! And he promises that by the end of his talk, you will too!**

Texture, color and shape are important elements in the garden. Our beloved Rhododendrons give us some of these, but often we need something else to showcase our plants and gardens. Larry will talk about the multitude of different conifers to fill our needs and add so much to our gardens. Larry is an excellent speaker and knows these plants extremely well. His photos will make you want to buy one or two of each plant he will describe...and some of these **beautiful conifers will be available!** There may be a **few choice maples**, as well. You will be both entertained and educated by seeing Larry's outstanding photography in this excellent presentation.

The September 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...Don Wallace...WEEVIL AND THRIP CONTROL!!!** Don will tell you about the importance of timing and temperature when applying various biological controls. Don will have a very limited supply of the best product to use for our area available for members to purchase at a very reasonable price.

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**President Paula's Message...** Welcome back "rhodophiles" to another year of interesting and fun meetings. After a great summer of beautiful sunny days, we should have wonderful opportunities for sharing plant stories. The plants in our yard are either very pleased with the summer or confused as we seem to be getting a second growth spurt on many of them. The Acer murasaki defied its dwarf status and threw out 30 inches of new growth. Another season like that, and we will have to move the sidewalk! Of course the house is in the way also. We have a great year planned. Thanks to Don Wallace, our speakers should even keep Verne awake. Rhodie 101 will be fun and a great source of information. I personally am looking forward to Jill's talk on pruning, especially after this summer.

On behalf of the membership, I extend a thank you to the Baptist Church for the use of their hall for our past meetings. They are converting their meeting hall to a much needed youth canteen to provide a safe and healthy place for young people. Thanks to Eris McCarthy, we will not be on the street, but will be **meeting at Christ Episcopal Church**. They have great facilities and everyone should be pleased with the hall and the location (**15<sup>th</sup> at H Street**). Hope to see everyone at our kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 22 starting at 7:30 pm at our new location. For those who can get an early start, **join us at 5:15 pm at the Thai Cuisine Restaurant, 615 F Street, Eureka, for our pre-meeting dinner.**

Special thanks go to Tom Martin for his patience, good humor, and hard work on our behalf. Give him a hug, handshake or atta-boy when you see him. **THANK YOU TOM!!!** *And please return his bell.* President Paula Trinoskey

## **SEPTEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME**

In this month's newsletter you will find everything you need to renew your American Rhododendron Society membership. **Bring your renewal to the meeting and get an extra chance to win the door prize...it will be something very special!**

*The pictures below show some of your fellow rhodo-geek friends at the conference in Victoria, British Columbia last May, From Left to Right, Tim and June Walsh, Bruce and Nelda Palmer, Jacquie McShane and her sister Robin. And Robin and Jacquie. When you renew remember how much fun it is to meet old and new gardening friends.*



## Eureka Chapter American Rhododendron Society

### Member Profile

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is interested in getting to know its members a little better. One or two member profiles will be printed in each newsletter. Please fill out the form below and return it to June Walsh by snail or Email to:

[RhodyHostel@cox.net](mailto:RhodyHostel@cox.net)

Or

June Walsh

2050 Irving Drive,

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Career? Former career? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many years have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

What sparked your interest in Rhododendrons? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you garden? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have some special challenges in your garden? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a favorite Rhododendron? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there some companion plants that you find particularly appealing? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you do any hybridizing? If so what are your goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Best Garden you have ever visited? \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEMBER PROFILE

#### Eris McCarthy

Eris (right) is pictured to the left with her sister Patsy Thorsen (left) of Benbow. They attended the American Rhododendron Society Conference held in Victoria British Columbia in May 2005.

While in Victoria she and Patsy visited one of Eris' favorite gardens, Butchart Gardens. She also draws inspiration from the Japanese Garden in Portland, Oregon.

Eris is a retired teacher who grew up in Eureka and has loved Rhododendrons all her life.

She gardens on dense clay soils in Eureka and battles weeds like the rest of us. A few of her favorite rhodos are "Naselle" and "Tahitian Dawn" but she also enjoys mixing in azaleas and camellias.



*Pictured at center, Linda and Gordon Wylie, Gordon is former ARS President and has been a speaker at the Eureka Chapter, Elaine Sedlack, Horticulturist at UC Berkeley Botanical Garden and Tim Walsh. Below, a Rhododendron "Loderi" hybrid...too bad the lovely fragrance can't be put in the newsletter!*