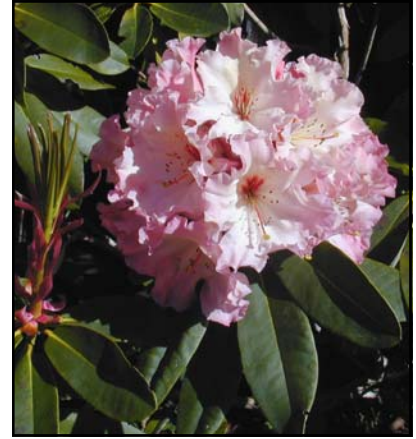


AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter



The next meeting

*Thursday, Sept. 28 — 7:30 p.m.
Christ Church Episcopal
15th and H Streets
Eureka, California*

*Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner
Thursday Sept. 28— 5:15 p.m.*

***Roy's Club
218 D Street, Eureka
RSVP with Nelda 443-8049!***

September 2006

September is Membership Renewal

Karen Angel to Update HBGF Progress

The September 28, 2006 meeting of the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will be held at the Christ Church Episcopal at 15th and H Streets in Eureka beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Karen Angel will present an overview of the Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation and an update on the construction of the Humboldt Botanical Garden with particular emphasis on the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden and its primary function as a display and educational garden for species Rhododendrons.

Karen is Executive Director and Project Construction Manager for Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation. Eureka Chapter members Dee Daneri, Tim Walsh, the late Chuck Miller, the late Raul Ruiz and many other have been generous donors and members of HBGF since its founding 14 years ago. Upon completion of the garden a bench donated by the Eureka Chapter will be installed.

HBGF was recently awarded a grant from the Endowment committee of the American Rhododendron Society to acquire species rhododendrons. See related story on page 2...

The pictures below show the current construction of the Temperate Woodland Garden.



View looking towards South West

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View looking towards North East

08/28/2006

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Oh, My Goodness...NOT Tonight, Deer!

Rutgers University Cooperative Extension has published an extensive list of plants rated by their salad potential for deer. The web site <http://www.rcrc.rutgers.edu/deerresistance/> is searchable by plant name (common or Latin), by the plant's tastiness, and plant type (annual, perennial etc). Although this research was done in Northern New Jersey the list is broad enough for our cooler summers and warmer winters.

Also Check out <http://humgardens.com/> for general garden information geared to Humboldt County including rainfall and average temperatures....COOL!

The Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation

HBGF was awarded a grant by the American Rhododendron Society for the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden (TWG) in the Humboldt Botanical Garden at the international organization's board meeting in Rockville, Maryland on May 12, 2006.

The \$1,873.00 grant is dedicated to the acquisition of temperate climate rhododendrons.

ARS President Leonard Miller announced "The Board believes your program to expand the species rhododendrons collection in the Temperate Woodland Garden to include maddenii, big-leafs and other species which cannot be successfully grown outdoors in most of the USA will help create much interest in rhododendrons in Humboldt County and northwest California. We think that this project presents a wonderful collaboration between the Society and HBGF"

Prior to his retirement as HBGF President, Larry Moss appointed the following HBGF/ARS members to serve on the TWG Plant Selection Committee: Paul Anderson, M.D., Karen Angel, Dee Daneri, Mary Gearheart, June Walsh and Tim Walsh. Dr. Anderson, who resides in Napa, is the Director of District 5 of the ARS and is a former resident of Eureka.

At slightly more than one acre, the TWG is a major garden in the Humboldt Botanical Garden. It is designed to present plants from the temperate regions of the world with an emphasis on plants from Asia. It will consist of an over story of flowering woodland trees (Magnolia, Cornus, Acer, Davidia, Stewartia, Styrax, Cercis, etc.), a varied shrub layer which will feature Rhododendron species, and a varied perennial layer which will include meconopsis species and primulas which can be successfully grown in the coastal Humboldt County climate. The design of the TWG will present the plants from the temperate regions of the world at their finest.

The climate at the Humboldt Botanical Garden site, which is located at the south end of Humboldt Bay adjacent to the College of the Redwoods is very temperate with little winter frost or freeze and moderate summer days with fairly high humidity. The climate and acid soils at the Garden site are well suited for species rhododendrons and they can be grown to near perfection here.

• *By Karen Angel, Executive Director and Project Construction Manager for Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation*



The June Potluck at Tom and Aileen Martin's followed a member and guest garden tour. As you can see from the photos (taken by Tim and June Walsh) there were plenty of good eats and the tufa pot making was a big success. Thanks to all who brought food and the MEN who directed the pot making WORK!

WORD OF THE MONTH

This month's word is "**Deciduous**". Those of us who live in close proximity to the redwoods are going through the annual "redwood blizzard" as we speak, so this word seems appropriate to the time. The word is from the Latin *desidere*, "to drop off". All shrubs and trees lose leaves that become less efficient with age, as the rhododendrons are doing now. In general, though, we group perennial plants into those that keep their leaves throughout the year (evergreen) and those that lose them part of the year (deciduous). Deciduous trees are generally broadleaved and lose their leaves in response to the onset of shorter days. They can't make enough food for the leaves to be economical, so they store food in the stems and roots, withdraw the usable nutrients from the leaves, form an abscission layer at the base of each leaf to prevent leakage, let it drop off and wait for longer days in Spring to grow new leaves. Evergreen trees tend to live in milder climates if they are broadleaved or have needles with a reduced surface area if they are conifers. There are lots of exceptions to both situations. Some broadleaved trees living in areas that have a hot dry season lose their leaves at the onset of the drought. The example that comes to mind is the coral tree, *Erythrina*. It's a genus that is found all around the tropical Pacific shores and on most of the tropical Pacific islands. The endemic Hawaiian species, Wiliwili, looks like a skeleton all summer on the dry sides of the islands but springs to life and puts on a blanket of leaves when the rains come back. We say that conifers are evergreen. True, but there are exceptions. Larch, Bald Cypress and Dawn Redwood are deciduous conifers. Our redwoods fall into a category shared with a number of broadleaved trees sometimes called semi-deciduous. They put on a growth spurt with new leaves in spring, then lose part of the new growth as the day length shortens in the fall so they don't have to support unproductive tissues all winter. Unfortunately for those of us who live among them, the redwoods bestow a gift of almost limitless cover on our roofs, plants and yards this time of year. **By: Bruce Palmer**

The 2007 Rhododendron Conference Draws Near

Now that the last of the official summer holidays has passed it is time to start to think about putting our Rhododendrons to sleep for the year and begin to anticipate next year's blooms. I urge you to take a few moments right now to think about attending the upcoming **ARS Annual Conference** in the **San Francisco Bay Area April 12-15**. That's only 7 months away! Better yet, consider how you might help our Region 5 volunteers by becoming one! It's not really work that you'll be doing, it'll be fun. You'll meet some of the nicest folks that you could imagine and you'll learn a lot as well. There are some great tours, a **HUGE plant sale** and fascinating lectures given by speakers from around the world. If you think you could spare a few hours to **volunteer** during the conference we'd love to hear from you. You can call June or Tim Walsh at (707)443-0604 and we'll find a place for you as a greeter, a clerk, a bus captain or anyplace you'd feel comfortable. We are looking forward to the first international ARS conference in this region in 15 years and we sincerely look forward to seeing the Eureka Chapter help to put on a great show!

By Tim Walsh, Conference Co-Chair

Rhodo 101

Rhodo 101 is the Eureka Chapter's ongoing education program; going back to the basics. At the **September 28th** meeting **Don Wallace** will talk about biological controls. He will also bring some of the products he uses at Singing Tree Gardens Nursery. Bring pencil and paper as well as your questions for this informative mini-program.

Future Programs

October 26 2006

Mike Bones, Rhododendrons

Rhodo 101, Cuttings

November

No meeting, Eat turkey or tofu!

December 7, 2006

Potluck, Member and guest show-and-tell, plant exchange, seed swap

January 25, 2007

Bryn Homsey, UCSB, Landscape Design History

Rhodo 101, Bring your dirt for do-it-yourself soil test

February 22, 2007

Dr. Paul Anderson, Australia and New Zealand

March 22, 2007

Invited, Sue Natzler or Wilbur Bluhm

April 26, 2007

Invited, Mike Stewart

April 28, 2007

Rhodo 101, Arrangers' Guild

Flower Show and Plant Sale

April 29, 2007

Garden Tour and Plant Sale

May 24, 2007

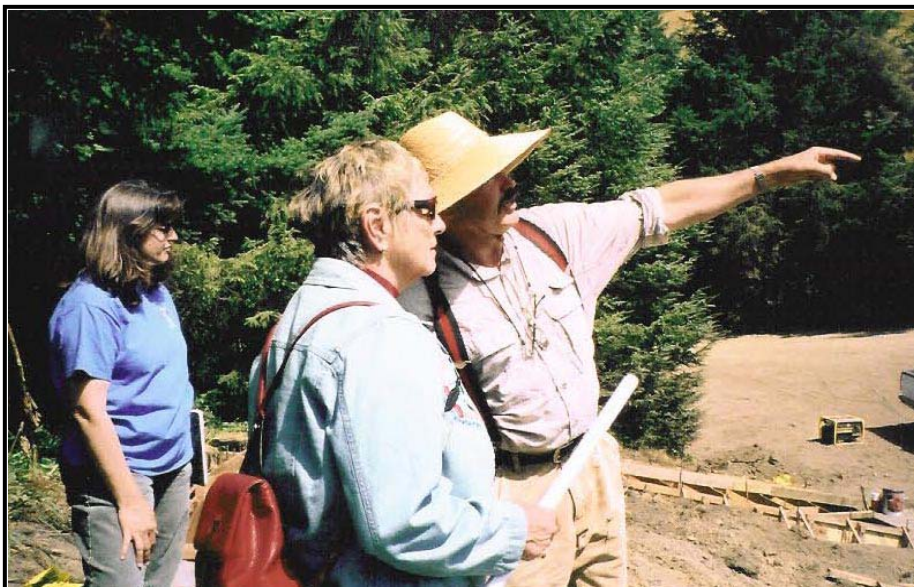
Member and guest **Mini-Flower** show. Participants will be judging entries.

Rhodo 101, how to judge a show, Jerry Reynolds

June

Date to be determined, **Potluck!**

Meetings will take place at the **Christ Church Episcopal at 15th and H Streets in Eureka at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Programs may change as speakers' schedules may change.**



Left to Right, Sandra Dupret, HBGF Gardener, Dee Daneri and Tim Walsh look at the construction as it takes place at the Humboldt Botanical Garden. They are visiting the Temperate Woodland Garden site which will be the future home of many rhododendrons, specialty trees and companion plants. *Photo by Karen Angel*



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Meeting Minutes June 11, 2006

The annual June potluck meeting was held on the afternoon of Sunday, June 11, 2006. Thirty-nine members and seven guests attended, a new record for the chapter. The event began with a garden tour, starting at 1 p.m. with the Palmer garden in Cutten, progressing to the Humboldt Hill gardens of the Paces and Nova Cramer and ending at the Martin home on Humboldt Hill. At 3:30 p.m. a potluck dinner was served in the Martins' yard with the chapter furnishing the meat.

At 4:15 p.m., President Paula Trinoskey called a short business meeting. She thanked the garden and dinner hosts and introduced the guests. The slate of proposed officers was approved on a voice vote and the new officers took over officially. Margaret Zlatkoff brought a truss to share. Jean Guthrie asked for volunteer sign-ups for the upcoming HBGF garden tour. The door prize was won by Margaret Zlatkoff. Following the raffle, President Paula thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 4:35. Following the meeting Tim Walsh and Tom Martin demonstrated the construction of trough gardens and most members made a trough using materials furnished by the chapter.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Palmer, Secretary

Editor's Note: This is the end of Bruce's term as Secretary. The new Secretary is Bill Furst. The job of taking minutes is not glamorous or even very much fun so we need to give these two dedicated members a pat on the back for a job well done and a great job yet to do!

September is Membership Renewal Time

Bring your membership renewal to the September 28th meeting and get a special raffle ticket for **“renewing members only”** drawing. Members who renew by mail **before** the October 26th meeting or bring their renewal to the October 26th meeting will be eligible for a **“renewing members only” drawing...must be present to win!** Your renewal/new member envelope is enclosed.
Your renewal must be received by November 1, 2006.