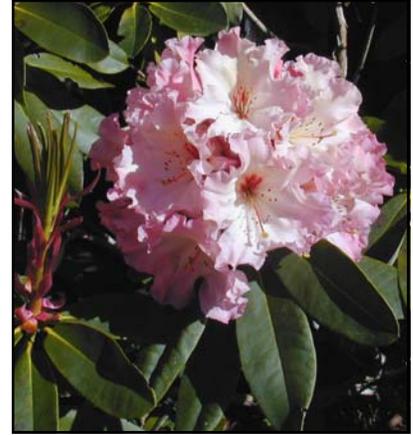


AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

*The next meeting
Sunday June 17th — 12:00 Noon
Garden of Deanna Daneri
11 Pinecrest
Fortuna, California*



January 2007

SUNDAY June 17, 2007

12:00 noon

Member and Guest Garden Tour and Potluck

Come join your friends for a Garden Tour and Potluck on Sunday June 17th. Bring your DAD and the whole family, bring friends and prospective members as we tour the gardens of Dee Daneri, Sue and Everett Tosten and Barney and Joan Elking and Tom and Aileen Martin. We will end with a potluck at the Martin's. After the potluck Tom will teach us how to make Tom's Terrific Tough Tufa Troughs. This year we will use Ryan Scott's special secret recipe (see story on page 3). We will caravan from garden to garden, car pooling is encouraged!

Beginning at 12:00 Noon to 12:45 p.m., 11 Pinecrest, Fortuna...Dee Daneri (725-3452)

From US Highway 101, take the Kenmar Road Exit south of Fortuna. Go east on Kenmar Road and turn right on Ross Hill Road. This becomes School Road, then Mill Street, go approximately 2.1 miles, then make a slight right turn onto Country Club Estates Drive, then turn right onto Pinecrest Drive. Dee is on the corner on your right.

Next, to arrive at 1:00 p.m., 118 Boyden Lane, Fortuna...Sue and Everett Tosten (725-0333)

Return to Country Club Estates Drive, slight left onto Mill Street, turn right on Rohner-ville Road (Main Street), go about 1.7 miles, turn right on Newburg Road, turn left on Franklin Avenue, turn left on Boyden, Sue and Everett are on the right.

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Garden Tour and Potluck continued...

Next, to arrive at 1:50 p.m., 136 Main Street, Barney and Joan (“Joann”) Elking, (725-2306)

Return to Main Street turn right, go approximately 1.3 miles watch for a long rock wall on your right. Park on Main Street or in the bowling alley parking lot.

Next, to arrive at 3:00 The Martin’s Garden, 2250 Irving Drive (442-9448)

Going north merge from Main Street onto Highway 101 North, go approximately 12 miles to Humboldt Hill Exit. Turn right onto Humboldt Hill Road, go approximately 1.3 miles, turn right on Bret Harte, turn right on Burns turn left on Irving, Tom and Aileen are at the end of the drive. Watch to your right for the 2005 New Years’ storm devastation!

Potluck information;

Bring salad, side dish, dessert or appetizers to share, the Chapter will supply the main dish. Plates, napkins utensils will be provided.

Bring your own beverage (BYOB).

Call June at 707-443-0604 to make your reservation. We will order the main dish based on the number of RSVP’s.



Plant of the Month

By Don Wallace

Rhododendron ‘Black Magic’ : If you are looking for a plant that has great foliage, a nice mounding plant habit, and rich dark red flowers, then R. ‘Black Magic’ should be on your wish list. After 10 years, our plant is 6 ft. wide and 4 ft. tall and covers itself with piles of black-red blooms in early May. It is one of our most popular reds and will really glow when the afternoon sun is backlighting the flowers. Hybridized by Harold Greer, of Greer Gardens in Eugene, Oregon, and registered in 1988, it is a cross between R. ‘Jean Marie de Montague’ and R. ‘Leo’. Plant R.

‘Black Magic’ with rhododendrons that have white or light pink flowers to create a contrast that will stop traffic. Congratulations to Harold Greer for creating such a wonderful rhododendron hybrid.

NO MEETING JUNE 28TH !
COME TO THE TOUR AND POTLUCK JUNE 17TH



This Tufa pot was made with instruction from Mike Bones and has been in the Walsh garden for many years. *Photo by Tim Walsh*

Make a Tufa Pot at the Potluck!

Use of stone troughs as plant containers began in England in the 1920's as cast iron enameled sinks were replacing stone ones. Gardeners realized that these stone receptacles were ideal to use as planters. A collection of small plants, arranged artfully, made an attractive addition to the garden. Small rhododendrons like *R. radicans*, dwarf conifers and selected sedum can be used successfully in troughs.

Few of us have stone sinks so hyper-tufa pots have been made for many years to replicate the look of stone.

Ryan's Recipe

The Chapter will provide the ingredients to make the tufa:

- 2 parts peat
- 1 part construction sand
- 1 part Portland cement

What YOU need to bring:

- Plastic or rubber gloves to handle the cement mixture.
- A container in which to make your trough. (10 inches wide x 12 inches long x 6 inches deep is a good starter size). Sturdy cardboard boxes, old dishpans or turkey roasters (not one you will use in the kitchen), plastic pots, all work well.
- An old broom stick, broken shovel handle or other tool for tamping the material.
- A strong plastic garbage bag in which to take you project home . It will need to dry for about a week in the bag.
- A good sense of humor and a little imagination.

Call June at 707-443-0604 to make your reservation. We will order the materials based on the number of RSVP's.



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Vote Early...and Often!!!

The Eureka Chapter will hold officer elections at the June 17th meeting.

The proposed slate of officers for 2007-2008 are:

Tim Walsh, President

Betty Bottemiller, Vice President

Bill Furst, Secretary

June Walsh, Treasurer, Membership, Newsletter

Don Wallace, Programs

Bruce and Nelda Palmer, Show Co-Chairs

Ellie Gaynor, Publicity

Nomination will be encouraged from the floor.

Future Programs

Don Wallace has been our program chair for many years and has brought some outstanding speakers and Rhodo 101 programs to our meetings. This is not an easy task it takes a lot of thought and planning to get programs that are interesting and enjoyable, **Thank You Don!**

Our First meeting of the 2007-2008 season will be in September. We will not meet in July, August or November. Make a note of these dates for next season:

September 27th

October 25th

December 6th (tentative), Holiday Potluck

January 24, 2008

February 28, the day before leap day!

March 27th

April 24, Rhody Show will be April 26th

May 22nd

June 22nd (tentative), Potluck and Garden Tour