

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting

*Thursday, Jan. 24 — 7:30 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church
15th and H Streets
Eureka, California*

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner

*5:15 pm at Sea Grill
316 E Street, Eureka
To ensure a seat call Nelda 443-
8049 for a reservation*



Tim Walsh's vireya "Ceelia"

January 2008

Rhodo Hunters in China

The January meeting of the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will be held **Thursday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m.** at Christ Episcopal Church located at 15th and H Streets in Eureka.

Mike Stewart, past president of the American Rhododendron Society, will be the guest speaker. He and his wife Maria own and operate Dover Nursery a wholesale rhododendron nursery in Sandy, Oregon where they grow over 600 varieties of rhododendrons including about 100 different species. They ship over 40,000 plants throughout the US each year.

In addition to ARS President Mike has held numerous positions in the American Rhododendron Society including Portland Chapter President, Treasurer; ARS Vice President, ARS Membership Chairman, ARS Nomination Chairman, and Research Foundation Trustee.

Mike and Maria love to ski, hike, and travel, and Mike is a pilot. They have two sons. The oldest is a high school math teacher and the youngest is the Mountain Operations Manager for Timberline Lodge the only year

around ski resort in the United States. (The Newsletter editor knows that they also have grand children and carry pictures to share with interested people).

Mike and Maria traveled to China with Steve Hootman and the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Mike's talk will include pictures of species that he found in China, and he will discuss some of the challenges involved in getting into some of the remote areas where great plants are found. Come hear of Mike's and Maria's adventures in China.



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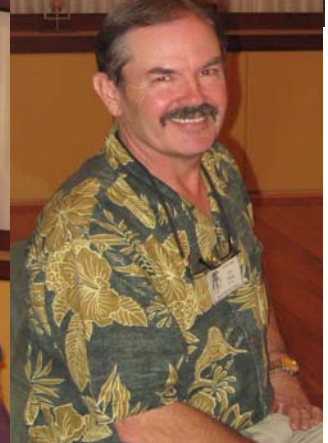
Plant of the Month – ‘Spicil’

By, Don Wallace

Originating ‘Down Under’ in New Zealand, this unusual small leaved rhododendron is one of the first to bloom in January in our garden. The hybrid was registered in 1980 by the Dunedin Rhododendron Group, and is a cross between the species *R. scabrifolium* var. *spiciferum* and the hybrid ‘Cilpinense’. We like the low, mounding habit, the red stems, and the clusters of flowers that cover the shrub in early winter. The flowers are described by Salley & Greer in ‘Rhododendron Hybrids’ as “light roseine purple fading to very light mal-low purple, held in small clusters.” ‘Spicil’ blooms over a long period, adding to its merit. We are not sure where we first acquired this plant, but are pleased that we did, as it is one of our favorites.



December Potluck Party







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Future Programs

January 24, 2008	Mike Stewart , China	Lepidotes - Elepidotes, Bruce and Jill
February 21, 2008	Frank Fujioka "Great Hybrids"	Feeding and Fertilizers, Don
March 27, 2008	Wilbur Bluhm, Siskiyou and Kalmiopsis area of SW Oregon and NW California	Pruning Rhodies, Jill
April 24, 2008	Flower Show Review	Show Trusses, Nelda
May 22, 2008	Mini-Show and Pizza night	Deer Abatement, Tim
June 15, 2008	Annual Summer Potluck	Tour of Member's Gardens

***** Notice *****

The February meeting will be *February 21, 2008* so that we can bring you a very special program. Frank Fujioka, the famous North West hybridizer, will be bringing you a program about his spectacular hybrids. You may have some of these beauties in your garden; *Midnight Mystique, Starbright Champagne and Pomegranate Splash.* Put February 21st on your calendar now! We will not meet February 28th.

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