

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter



Rhody with Rhodie

The next meeting

Thursday, Sept. 25 — 7:30 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church
15th and H Streets
Eureka, California

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner

5:15 p.m. @Roy's Club
2nd and D St., Eureka
Call Nelda, 707-443-8049
for reservation to insure enough seating

September 2008

Harold Greer, *"If I were a Rhododendron"*



Lucie Sorensen-Smith of Bovee's Nursery with Nancy and Harold Greer of Greer Gardens Nursery.

The opening event of the Eureka Chapter's 2008—2009 season will be held at Christ Episcopal Church 15th and H Streets in Eureka **Thursday September 25th at 7:30 p.m.** The program will be by Harold Greer titled *"If I were a Rhododendron"*. Harold is a world renowned hybridizer, photographer, author, past ARS President, nurseryman, traveler and speaker. He was awarded the American Rhododendron Society's Gold Medal in 1989 for his extensive work for the society and to disseminate knowledge about rhododendrons.

Harold's book *Greer's Guide to Available Rhododendrons* is the Bible of every Eureka Chapter plant sale. You will see Tim Walsh's and Don Wallace's well-thumbed copies being used by members and the public alike. His huge volume *Rhododendron Hybrids* written with Homer Salley is the definitive resource for rhododendron hybridizers and enthusiasts.

Many of the Eureka Chapter members have traveled to Greer Gardens in Eugene Oregon on plant-hunting expeditions to visit Harold's and wife Nancy's nursery where one will find many plants not found elsewhere. The nursery has trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers all surrounding their own botanical garden and arboretum, with its emphasis on rhododendrons.

Harold's lush photography will illustrate his program *"If I were a Rhododendron"*. His programs are as entertaining as they are informative; rhodo-geeks and dragees will be fascinated by this program. Come make Harold and Nancy welcome and use this great opportunity to bring family and friends to a Eureka Chapter meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP—FRIENDSHIP—SHARING— FUN

Plant of the Month: rhododendron 'Windsong'

This new hybrid just out from Jim Barlup is just fantastic! The shiny dark-green foliage presents itself in perfect whorls around the fat flower buds. This is not a shy bloomer, and will set loads of flower buds on young plants. The flowers are frilly and a nice light yellow, tending towards chartreuse. The parentage Nancy Evans x (Mrs. Betty Robertson x Fred Rose) brings us the lovely yellow flowers of 'Nancy Evans' but with the better foliage of 'Fred Rose'. This plant is becoming a favorite among hybridizers for its fine qualities. Plant rhododendron 'Windsong' with rho-



dodendron 'Crater Lake' for a wonderful color combination in late April. Rh. 'Windsong' will grow to 5 ft. tall and 6 ft. wide in 10 years. **If you would like to buy one, we will have one for sale at the upcoming September meeting.**

Photo and text by Don Wallace.

The Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Gardens Before planting rhododendrons and azaleas. Summer 2008.



Calling all volunteers interested in helping plant the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Gardens. Planting of trees and shrubs (rhododendrons and azaleas!) will be begin in October and November. If you are interested please call June 707-443-0604. In addition to diggers and movers we will need sack-lunch providers. Come out and be part of history in your community.

It Is Membership Renewal Time

This newsletter includes your membership renewal envelope. The envelope has a stamp on it so while it is right here in your hand you can write your renewal check and mail it back **today!** You may also bring your renewal to the meeting on September 25th and use the stamp for your power bill payment.

Many of you receive this mailing by e-news as members and as interested community members. If you are not yet a member of the American Rhododendron Society take this opportunity to join! **New members receive a free plant** at the first meeting they attend.

As you can see from the line-up of programs for the coming season there will be plenty to keep everybody interested and excited. It is your membership that allows the Eureka Chapter to bring such world-renowned speakers as Harold Greer to our meetings.

You will find two membership applications that you may use to invite your friends, neighbors and family to join the American Rhododendron Society. Most of us have become members because someone was kind enough to **invite** us to a meeting and to **join**. We need to keep the interest of current members and we need to educate the public about rhododendrons, rhododendron gardening and rhododendron gardens. **To keep a Society alive we need new members.**

If you have any question, comments or suggestions please call June, membership chairman or Tim, president...707-443-0604. If we don't know the answer we'll make it up or we'll find somebody who does know.



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Future Programs

Don Wallace has prepared an outstanding calendar of programs for the Eureka Chapter for 2008—2009. Bring your friends and neighbors to share these outstanding programs.

September 25, 2008	Harold Greer , Author, Nurseryman, ARS Gold Medalist <i>“If I Were a Rhododendron”</i>
October 23, 2008	E. White Smith , Bovee’s Nursery <i>“Vireyas”</i>
November	No meeting...Enjoy Thanksgiving!
December 7, 2008	Holiday Potluck and Member show-and-tell
January 22, 2009	Rich Simpson, <i>“Japanese Maples through the Seasons”</i>
February 26, 2009	Paula Trinoskey, <i>“Asian Garden Design”</i>
March 26, 2009	Elaine Sedlack, University of California Berkeley Botanical Garden, <i>“Scottish Gardens”</i>
April 23, 2009	Bob and Judy Mathey, Noyo Chapter, <i>“Gardens of Harmony Woods”</i>
April 24, 25, 26	Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale
April 30 to May 3, 2009	ARS International Convention, Everett, Washington
May 28, 2009	Member Mini-Show and Pizza Party
June 7, 2009	Pot Luck and Member Garden Tour

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