

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting
Thursday December 4th
at 6:00p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street, Eureka, CA

Holiday Pot Luck
Bring what you most like to prepare and share. The Chapter will provide plates, utensils, napkins, cups, coffee and tea. You may want to BYOB.



December 2014

Making More Rhodos Workshop

Holiday Potluck

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The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society members and guests should bring their favorite potluck main dish, salad, vegetable, side dish or dessert. The Chapter will provide coffee, tea, juice, plates, napkins, cups and utensils. BYOB (wine/beer) if you wish. *Members who bring a new guest get a FREE plant.* New people who Join get a plant. *There will be a Merry Christmas gift for every paid membership (you must attend to receive your gift).* The public is welcome.

The Eureka Chapter's own **Don Wallace** will be our guest presenter at 7:00 p.m. Don is the owner of Singing Tree Gardens, a small specialty retail nursery located in McKinleyville, California. Over the past 20 years Don has planted, propagated, hybridized, and grown from seed many rhododendrons. He is the past president of the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Currently, Don is active in hybridizing rhododendrons for fragrance, as well as new and exciting flower colors and great foliage. Don is a frequent speaker at Chapter meeting and conferences along the Pacific Coast.

Don's program will focus on making more plants by taking **cuttings**. This will be a **hands-on workshop** and you will take home a potted cutting ready to root and grow on. Participants are encouraged to bring in cuttings from their favorite Rhodies. Particularly easy to root are those fragrant *Maddenii*s like 'Patricia Marie', 'Mi Amor', and 'Fragrantissimum'.

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Plant of the Month

Rhododendron

'Elsie Watson'

By Don Wallace

Hybridized by Frank Fujioka, and named for another hybridizer, Elsie Watson of Kirkland, Washington, this bi-color rhododendron is very nice. The cross is *Rhododendron* 'Anna' x *Rhododendron* 'Purple Lace', and the flowers are very ruffled white with a bright purplish-pink edge with red spotting on the upper lobe.

Each blossom also has red nectary pouches in the

throat. The flowers trusses are quite big and full, sporting 22 florets per truss. This cultivar has won trophies at our show as well. The leaves are dark-green, making the plant very attractive. Our plant in the garden is about 8 ft. tall and wide after 12 years. It will grow just fine in full sun, but will also take some shade. Another attribute is that it will set buds on every terminal after being established making it a dead-header's dream.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



"I confess, that nothing frightens me more than the appearance of mushrooms on the table, especially in a small provincial town."

-ALEXANDRE DUMAS, LE GRAND DICTIONNAIRE DE CUISINE

Linguistic Gymnastics, A Conversation Between Eureka Members

"I still believe that you should pronounce plant names 'the way your mother said it'...but, if you think everything you hear on the internet is TRUE, then add this to your favorites list: <http://www.finegardening.com/pguide/pronunciation-guide-to-botanical-latin.aspx>.

You can thank me later!"

Tim Walsh

"Thanks, Tim. I will give it a try but I must say after 3 years of Latin in high school and a mother who loves Latin and still finds it fun to read books such as Ulysses in Latin and tried really hard to make me pronounce things correctly, it just may be hopeless. I still subscribe to the saying someone had written inside my first Latin textbook - 'Latin is a dead language. It killed the Romans and now it's killing me.'"


Mary Gearheart

President Jerry Reynold's Message

Eureka Chapter's board is considering hosting the 2017 American Rhododendron Society National Convention in Eureka. To do it we must overcome a couple of obstacles. To that end, we are forming a committee to take a good look at facilities in the area, as well as address some transportation issues.

I am looking for volunteers who would like to serve on that committee and provide the board with some guidance. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact me by email (jerry_reynolds@suddenlink.net) or by telephone at (707) 269-9533. This is a short-term assignment since we must let the ARS Board of Directors know by the May board meeting if we intend to go ahead.

We will have our annual holiday meeting on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Woman's Club. It's a pot-luck, so get out your favorite holiday recipes. We are planning a cuttings workshop for the program that evening. I hope to see everyone there.



'Tis the Season for Shopping...OnLine! WWW.ARSStore.org - The new ARS Online Store Every purchase benefits the ARS

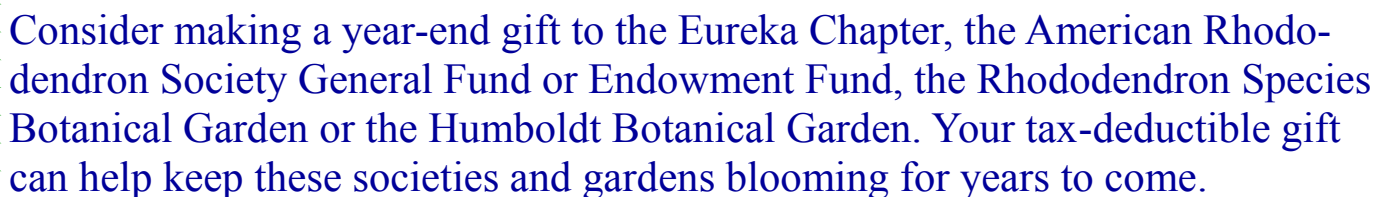
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Consider making a year-end gift to the Eureka Chapter, the American Rhododendron Society General Fund or Endowment Fund, the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden or the Humboldt Botanical Garden. Your tax-deductible gift can help keep these societies and gardens blooming for years to come.



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Future Programs

December 4, 2014; Holiday Potluck and Rhody 101, Don Wallace, Making More Rhodos, Cuttings Workshop

January 22, 2015; Paul Anderson (ARS Silver Medal Honoree, ARS Director At-Large) will talk about his recent rhodo trip to Northern Germany and Denmark, lots of pretty pictures of the gardens he visited.

February 26, 2015; Harold Greer, the King of Rhodos (ARS Gold Medalist and Past President of ARS) will talk about, well... Rhododendrons!

March 26, 2015; Tim Walsh (ARS Silver Medalist, ARS District 5 Director) will talk about the '*WEEDs*' of Humboldt Rhodos, the *Maddenii* Rhodos.

April 23, 2015; Mike Stewart (ARS Gold Medalist and Past President of ARS) will talk about Plant Explorers and the plants they introduced into our gardens. Mike's programs are always a hot ticket!

May 21, 2015; will be our ever popular and fun in-house Mini-Show...you be the judge, win cash prizes.

June 7, 2015; Member garden tour and picnic.

Put these dates on your calendar now so you won't miss any of these great programs. Watch for the Eureka Chapter Newsletter for more info.