

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter



The next meeting
Thursday, March 24 — 7:30
p.m.
First Baptist Church
422 Del Norte St., Eureka

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner
Chapala Café, 201 2nd Street
5:15 PM
Be sure to call Nelda for reser-
vations so we have enough
seats 443-8049.

March 2005

Wallace and Daneri to Highlight March Program

The March 24th meeting program will increase your knowledge about the Flower Show judging process. Dee Daneri (pictured below right) will help members understand what judges are looking for in the Fancy Flowers that you enter in Flower Shows. This year our Flower Show will be held during our April 21st meeting. Members will be the judges, so come learn what to look for as you enter your flowers and also what to look for as you judge the show. *See Mini-show rules on page 4.*



Don Wallace (pictured to the left) will continue the Rhodo 101 tutorial series by talking about Fragrance and Color in Rhododendrons. Most Rhododendrons have no fragrance but occasionally we come across those which we smell before we see, and those are generally white. Don will tell us about the wider range of colors and fragrances that have been made available by hybridizers like himself.



FUTURE PROGRAMS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24 @ 7:30 pm **Regular meeting**, Plants available at member prices, Don Wallace; Rhodo 101, Fragrance and Color, Dee Daneri; Fancy Flower Judging
April 16-17 from 9 am to 5 pm Plant Sale at the Trinoskey's 2300 S Street, Eureka
April 17 from 9 am to 5 pm *first Springtime Tour of Rhododendron Gardens*
April 21 @ 7:30 pm **Mini Flower Show**
April 23-24 Noyo Chapter Flower Show in Fort Bragg
April 28-May 1 American Rhododendron Society Annual Meeting, Victoria, BC
May 22 @ 2 PM BBQ and Potluck at Walsh's Rhody Hostel, Rhody 101, Bruce Palmer
Species and Hybrids, What's the difference?
May 26 **No Meeting...come to the May 22 BBQ instead**
June 23 @ 6:30 pm Pot luck, Member show-and-tell slides, Rhodo 101, Mel Williams
Azaleas-Evergreen and Deciduous.

February 24, 2005 Meeting Minutes...

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Martin at 7:35 p.m. Thirty-one members were present. New members Barbara and Philip O'Hay were welcomed and received their new members' Rhody. Trusses were shared by Don Wallace, Hal Braafladt, Nelda Palmer and Tim Walsh. Don Wallace described the raffle plants. Treasurer Tim Walsh reported a balance of \$9,762.64. Jean Timmerman made her back copies of the *Journal* available to members at the meeting. No correspondence was reported.

The flower show this year will be a members' show at the April 21 meeting chaired by Jerry Reynolds. Rules for the show were made available. Don Wallace is arranging a public garden tour to be held April 17. Nine or ten gardens will be open to the public at a fee of \$10 per person. The plant sale will be held that day at Trinoskey's home. Members may pre-order from the list distributed by contacting June Walsh. Member participation as docents at the gardens was solicited. Members who help will be able to tour the gardens Saturday, April 16. Jill Mefford gave a mini-program on pests and diseases including mildew, thrips, weevils, caterpillars and slugs. She answered questions from the audience including several examples of problems submitted by Barney Elking.

Following the break, Don Wallace introduced Dr. Paul Anderson from Napa, our District Director. Paul invited everyone to attend the ARS National Conference in Victoria, B.C. at the end of April. He gave a very interesting show on gardens he visited last fall in Australia and New Zealand.

Lynn Sarty won the door prize. The Raffle was held. Tom thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Bruce Palmer, Secretary

Rhododendron Gardens Tour Sunday April 17

For the first time local residents will have the opportunity to see Rhododendron gardens in all their glory as the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society presents its first "Springtime Tour of Humboldt County Rhododendron Gardens."

Tickets for the tour, at \$10 per person, may be purchased from Tim or June Walsh or at selected Garden Centers and Nurseries including West Gate Garden Nursery and Singing Tree Gardens.

Gardens on the tour include:

Dee Daneri, Fortuna. This garden was started as a Rhododendron garden, but has been redone over the years to include heather, dwarf conifers and unusual trees

Nadine Seiler, Fortuna. This is a large garden with many blooming rhododendrons, magnolias and other flowering plants.

Ed and Virginia Heeszel, Fortuna. This garden overlooks the city of Fortuna and features mature plantings of deciduous azaleas, flowering cherry trees, Rhododendrons, evergreen azaleas, Magnolias and heathers.

Charlie and Donna Pace, Eureka. This garden won the People's Choice award on the last HBGF garden tour, but it will look completely different with all the rhododendrons in bloom.

Dr. Paul Anderson, Eureka. This garden, built over 30- years, features mature rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias.

Dolores Miller, Eureka. This small garden is the work of the late Chuck Miller, and is being cared for by his wife, Dolores. It features rare and unusual rhododendrons, azaleas, dwarf conifers and Japanese maples.

Verne and Paula Trinoskey, Eureka. A Japanese-style garden full of rhododendrons, bamboos, Japanese maples dwarf conifers, heather and other accent plants, the garden also features unique rockwork.

Mike and Kinzie Mullen, Eureka. Sculptures by the owner decorate this garden, which is filled with rhododendrons, azaleas, heather and other flowering plants.

Jan Brink, Trinidad. This large Japanese-style garden includes mass plantings of evergreen azaleas, several small ponds with Japanese bridges.

For additional information, please call June and Tim @ 268-8535.

President Tom's Report

Rh. "My Lady" is spectacular right now. It used to kind of fade out next to our white house, but now that our house is a light shade of gray, it really stands out, and it's just covered as usual. Something else that is always spectacular, and more so each year, are the "Akabono" flowering cherries. I just love them. They're like little white clouds floating through the garden. Another plant that has turned out rather well is the leggy Rh. "Fragrantissimum" on the north side of the house in the shade of the pine trees. The red trunks are like small Manzanitas and the breeze, when we can get it, sends the scent swirling around the back side of the house. That would be the prospective scent. Its not in bloom yet.

OK, so I went out to check the names on last year's planting of azaleas, so as not to duplicate too many of them when I give June my order this year, and what to my wondering eyes did appear but a miniature name tag that had been bleached clear. That's right. I was bummed, dude. We used the wrong kind of marking pen last year. We'll have to spring for the real thing this year or get Tim to carve little wooden tags. Speaking of giving June my order, there's no time like the present. June, I want a "Naselle", a "Markeeta's Flame" and something blue that'll win trophies, oh, and a player to be named later.

Have you ever noticed that if you plant heather and Rhodies together with the idea that the Rhodies will eventually grow up and give the heather some shade, what really happens is the heather grows up quicker and tries to choke out the Rhodies. Heather and slow growing Rhodies aren't a good mix. Pruning helps. I pruned most of the heather with an electric hedge shear in December. That was fun. There are a few more that really need a haircut. Heather seem to grow like weeds for me. They actually do better than my Rhodies. Maybe it's the shade. The deer don't bother them either. The deer just love to tear up my little "Gargantuas". In fact last year, they broke most of the new growth off of one little guy, so I just stuck three of the kickings in the ground and they lasted the winter great and I believe they're all three going to grow.

Last, but not least, be very careful about missing the next couple of meetings, or even being late. Its time to nominate and elect new board members. I just love surprises. So far, the record for the 'Most Surprised' has to go to Debby Brantley. Who knows, you could be next. Submitted by, President Tom Martin



Eureka Chapter Mini-show Rules

Show Date: Thursday, April 21

This mini-show takes the place of the regular truss show and plant sale for the 2005 year. Entries are limited to members of the American Rhododendron Society's Eureka Chapter.

All exhibits must have been in the member's garden for at least six months before the show.

Members are limited to one entry in each class. Entries must be rhododendron trusses. No sprays or hammerheads will be judged. There is no class for azaleas.

Entries are based largely on color, but members are encouraged to include the name of the species or hybrid on the entry card for the benefit of other members. Trusses may be groomed and prepared according to the rules for the regular Eureka Chapter Truss Show and Plant Sale.

Classes shall consist of the following:

Class 1: Lepidote Rhododendron Species, regardless of color. (These include the Mad-deniis and most small-leafed rhododendrons.)

Class 2: Elepidote Rhododendron Species, regardless of color.

Class 3: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Red.

Class 4: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Pink.

Class 5: Hybrid Rhododendrons, White.

Class 6: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Purple, lavender or blue.

Class 7: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Yellow, orange or apricot.

Class 8: Hybrid Rhododendrons, Bicolor.

Class 9: Any Rhododendron truss entered for fragrance.

Judging shall be done by the members and guests attending the show. Each member shall receive a ballot and may vote for one truss in each class by writing the entry number on the ballot. Ties shall be broken by a member selected by the show chair to cast a tie-breaking vote.

Once a winner has been selected in each class, members will be given a second ballot to vote for the Best of Show award from among the first-place winners in each class.

Awards: First-, second- and third-place ribbons shall be awarded in each class. Blue-ribbon winners also shall receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local nursery or garden store. The Best of Show award shall be accompanied by a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at Moonstone Grill.

Rhododendrons from Log Cabin Nursery for the 2005 Plant Sale
Plants are here. Members may place their orders NOW. Call or email
June with your order. 707-443-0604 or RhodyHostel@cox.net

Rhododendrons	Quan	Azaleas	Quan
Anah Kruschke	6	Cannon's Double	6
Badden Badden	6	Gibraltar	6
Belva's Joy	6	Golden Lights	6
Black Eye	10	Homebush	8
Blaney's Blue	10	Klondike	8
Colonel Coen	8	Pink and Sweet	6
Coral Mist	6	Snowbird	6
Excalibur	6	Total:	46
Fire Rim	6		
Golden Lights	6		
Goldfinger	3		
Gomer Waterer	5		
Graf Zeppelin	6		
Grandma's Hat	5		
Hachmann's Charmant	8		
Honey Butter	8		
Horizon Monarch	15		
Jean Marie de Montague	10		
Johnathan Shaw	6		
Kimbeth	6		
Manda Sue	6		
Mardi Gras	8		
Markeeta's Flame	10		
Markeeta's Prize	5		
Midnight Mystique	10		
Mindy's Love	8		
Nancy Evans	20		
Naselle	6		
Peeping Tom	6		
Percy Wiseman	10		
Pink Walloper	6		
President Roosevelt	10		
Purple Splendor	12		
Red Walloper	6		
Scarlet Wonder	6		
Schneekrone	5		
Seaview Sunset	6		
Starbright Champagne	10		
Taurus	5		
Titian Beauty	6		
Trailblazer	6		
Unique	6		
Unique Marmalade	20		
Whitney's Orange	6		
Yak Angel	6		

These one-gallon plants are available NOW at special member prices! First-come-first-carry-away. Call June and Tim to place your order or to come pick up plants 443-0604.

A selection of there plants will be available at the Meeting March 24th at special member prices.

The plant sale will be Saturday and Sunday April 16 & 17 at Verne and Paula Trinoskey's 2300 S Street, Eureka from 9 am to 5 pm

**Regular prices will apply;
 \$10 each
 \$25 for 3
 \$8 each over 3**



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WORD OF THE MONTH

The Rhododendron blooming season is upon us again, so this month's word is TRUSS. The word is from Old French *trousser*, to pack into a bundle. In botany it does not mean something that holds up a bridge or a hernia. Botanists use a variety of terms to describe how flowers are held in groups, including spikes (as in foxglove), umbels (as in fennel and dill), panicles (as in Delphinium), catkins (as in willow), cymes (as in forget-me-not) and heads (as in sunflowers). If a plant bears its flowers in a truss, there is a group of fairly large flowers whose buds are packed in a bundle at the end of a branch, referred to as a terminal inflorescence rather than a truss in the current RHS Rhododendron Handbook. Not all members of the genus Rhododendron bear their flowers in trusses. Most hybrid Rhodies have their flowers in trusses; many azaleas do not. We've gotten away from calling our show a truss show, possibly for public relations reasons, but flower show is probably more accurate given that quite a few members of the genus Rhododendron don't bear their flowers in trusses. With or without trusses, this is the season to enjoy the many members of the group showing off in our gardens. **By, Bruce Palmer**

The Rhododendron Year...now is an excellent time to prune older plants. Begin to collect pollen for later crosses. Apply fertilizer. Pinch early growth or a late frost will.

Giving credit where credit is due. The Rhododendron pictures are courtesy of Don Wallace @ Singing Tree Gardens, pictured plants will available at the plant sale.

The Mini-Show rules are from Jerry Reynolds, Editor-in-Chief and mentor.

The pictures of Don Wallace and Dee Daneri were taken by June Walsh.

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Members are encouraged to submit stories and pictures, contact June Walsh.