

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting

Member and Guest Garden Tour and Potluck BBQ

Sunday June 13th @ 10 a.m.

Meet at Redwood Acres to caravan to gardens

Potluck BBQ at Humboldt Botanical Garden 2:30 p.m.



R. occidentale 'Picotee', T. Walsh

June 2010

June 13th Garden Tour and Potluck BBQ

We have of 5 gardens to tour this year followed by a potluck at the Humboldt Botanical Gardens at College of the Redwoods. These are gardens many of you have not seen before and they promise to be great, even this late in the Rhodie year!

We will all meet at the main **entrance to Redwood Acres** in Eureka **no later than 10:00 A.M.** and caravan from there. You are encouraged to call other members and guests ahead of time and try to fill your car since parking is very limited at a couple of the gardens. It is important that we “caravan” to each garden as a group as the garden owners may not be at their garden all day long waiting for individuals/“stragglers”! We will try to view each garden for a reasonable amount of time before leaving to the next with the goal of being at the **Humboldt Botanical Garden by no later than 2:30** for our potluck.

The gardens on tour this year are as follows with directions from Redwood Acres:

- **Dorothy Dilling** – Proceed east past Redwood Acres along Hall Ave to Myrtle Ave.; turn right onto Myrtle and go about 1 ¼ miles to Pigeon Point Road and turn right. Proceed up Pigeon Point Rd. approx. ¾ mile to 2969 which will be on your left. Please park along Pigeon Pt. Rd unless you are not able to walk up Dorothy’s Driveway in which case pull into the driveway and park near the house.
- **Larry and Ann Wieland** – Backtrack from Dorothy’s along Myrtle Ave. the way you just came almost to where we started. Turn left off of Myrtle Ave. back onto Hall Ave., go one block to Wellington St. and turn left. Go down to the end of Wellington St. (one block) to Pleasant Avenue (it dead-ends into Pleasant Ave.), turn right along Pleasant Ave. to the end at 2775 Pleasant Ave. Again, please park along Pleasant Ave. and not in Larry’s and Ann’s driveway.
- **Westgate Gardens Nursery, Catherine Weeks, .** – Depart the Wieland's back to Hall Ave. and turn left. As you’ve probably noticed, Hall Ave. becomes Harris St. as it rounds the corner to Redwood Acres. Proceed down Harris St., past the Safeway on your left to Dolbeer (about 1 mile from Redwood Acres); turn left. Follow Dolbeer about ½ mile and after it makes a right-hand turn, go about ½ block and turn left on to Walnut Dr. *Continued next page*

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Stay on Walnut for about 3 miles and it becomes Ridgewood Dr. as it bends right towards the ocean. Stay on Ridgewood another $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. and turn right on Westgate Dr. Follow Westgate about 4 blocks and look for the Westgate Nursery sign at 751 Westgate Dr, on the right. There's room for maybe 5 cars in the parking area so pull in and see if there's parking room but don't block the driveway. If there's no parking room then please pull back out onto Westgate and park there.

- **Loleta Cheese Factory**, – Leave Westgate Nursery and turn right. Proceed down Westgate until it runs into Elk River Rd. (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.). Turn right onto Elk River Rd. and follow it about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to the stop sign on Herrick; turn left on Herrick and then down to the U.S. Hwy 101 South on-ramp, about 2 blocks. Head South on Hwy. 101 for $8\frac{3}{4}$ mi. to the Loleta exit (exit 694) and proceed down Loleta Dr. about 1 mi. to 252 Loleta Dr. the Loleta Cheese Factory on your left. You are welcome to enter the factory, taste and purchase some of their great cheeses! The garden adjoins the retail store. There are rest-rooms here.

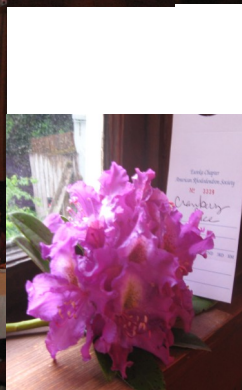
- **Janet King's** garden, Fernbridge. – Retrace your trip back to Hwy. 101 and take the Hwy. 101 South on-ramp and go about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to the Fernbridge/Ferndale exit (exit 692). And follow along Fernbridge Dr. to beautiful downtown Fernbridge. Proceed through Fernbridge along Fernbridge Dr. towards Fortuna to 931 Fernbridge Dr., about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on your left. Pull up into the driveway and park along the side if possible being sure not to block the ability of another car getting past you. If there's no room to park please drive up to the house and loop around back down to Fernbridge Dr. where there's room to park on the south side. This is a hillside garden and not recommended for you to wander through unless you are steady on your feet.

- **Humboldt Botanical Garden** and potluck time! Proceed back the way you came to Hwy. 101 north and proceed to the College of the Redwoods exit (exit 698) about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. From the stop sign after you exit go about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to the North entrance to College of the Redwoods. IF the gate is locked (it's not supposed to be) then we will proceed past the North entrance to the main entrance to CR another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile down the way and wander through the campus to the HBG which is behind (north of) the CR campus.

Tim & June Walsh will be happy to take anyone for a tour of any/all of the gardens at HBG!

While it's still a bit early for a weather forecast (...what a weather year!) the outlook is for partial sunshine on Sunday, but you may want to bring along your umbrella just in case. On the off-chance that there is rain, we will have our potluck inside the nice warm and dry greenhouse at HBG.

This is a potluck and as always you are urged to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or appetizer or dish of "whatever you do best" to share. The chapter will provide plates and plastic ware, sausages and hotdogs, coffee and tea. You may want to bring other beverages. We will have a barbecue for anyone wanting to create their own special BBQ magic as well. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



May Mini-Show winners are, Sue Tosten, Jamey Rogers, Michael Goodwill, Val and Dennis McKiver, Don Wallace, Pat and Ron Chaney

- The Mini-Show Blue Ribbon cash prizes will be awarded at the June 13th tour and potluck
- The April Rhododendron Festival Show Trophies will be awarded at the June 13th tour and potluck
- The April Rhododendron Festival Show exhibitors raffle drawing will be at the June 13th tour and potluck

May Mini-Show Winners

By Jerry Reynolds

Dennis and Valerie McKiver of Fort Bragg won the Best of show top prize in Eureka Chapter's Mini-Show. The award-winning truss was R. 'Trudy Webster' x R. 'Holy Moses.'

It was selected by **Ellie Gayner**, who was called on to make the choice because of a tie in the voting. Ellie was picked when her name on the attendance roster matched the number of the ball spit out by the door-prize machine.

Oddly enough, the **McKiver** entry and one by **Pat and Ron Chaney** had previously tied for first place in Class 4 (Pink Hybrids). They each received the same number of votes in the Best of Show judging.

Other Blue Ribbon winners included:

Class 1 (Species – *Lepidotes*) – **Don Wallace**, R. *lindleyi*.

Class 2 (Species – *Elepidotes*) – **Dennis and Valerie McKiver**, R. *fortuneii*.

Class 3 (Hybrids – Red) – **Don Wallace**, R. 'Black Magic.'

Class 5 (Hybrids – White) – **Sue Tosten**, R. 'Emily Alison.'

Class 6 (Hybrids – Purple, Lavender or Blue) – **Jamey Rogers**, R. 'Black Eye.'

Class 7 (Hybrids – Yellow, Orange or Apricot) – **Sue Tosten**, R. 'Pestes' Firelight.'

Class 8 (Hybrids – Bicolor) – **Sue Tosten**, R. 'Melrose Flash.'

Class 9 (Hybrids – Fragrance) – **Don Wallace**, R. *maddenii*.

Each blue ribbon is worth \$25, and the Best of Show award is \$100.

Other winners include:

Class 1: **June Walsh**, R. *occidentale* 'Picotee,' second; **Jerry Reynolds**, R. *maddenii*, third.

Class 2: **Margaret Zlatkoff**, R. *glomerulatum*, second; **Marilyn Batt**, third.

Class 3: **Dennis and Valerie McKiver**, R. 'Red Walloper,' second; **Tom and Mary Marking**, third.

Class 4: **Marilyn Morris**, R. 'Arnold Piper,' second; **Sue Tosten**, R. 'Anna Rose Whitney,' third.

Class 5: **Dennis and Valerie McKiver**, R. 'Patricia Marie,' second; **Don Wallace**, R. 'Award,' third.

Class 6: **Ron and Pat Chaney**, second; **Marilyn Batt**, R. 'Purple Passion,' third.

Class 7: **Carol Dunning**, rR 'Nancy Evans,' second; **Paula Trinoskey**, R. 'Horizon Monarch,' third.

Class 8: Tie -- **Jerry Reynolds**, R. 'Point Defiance,' and **Dee Spencer and Loie Cabeceira**, R. 'Point Defiance,' second; **Margaret Zlatkoff**, R. 'Fantstica,' third.

Class 9: **Jerry Reynolds**, R. *edgeworthii*, second; **Bruce and Nelda Palmer**, R. 'Southern Cloud,' third.

In all, there were 121 entries in the show.

Thanks to everyone for making it a very successful Mini-Show.



Dedication of the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Gardens on May 23, 2010
Pictures at left is Nelda Palmer, in the white jacket and hat. Pictures at right are Jim and Abby Wasetis

Plant of the Month: *R. occidentale* – Western Azalea. This is the only species of Azalea that is found west of The Rocky Mountains. It was discovered by the expedition of Capt. Beechy in 1827 and called *A. calendulacea*. Later in 1855, the plant was recognized as a distinct species *A. californica*, but a year later changed to *A. occidentale*. The species is found growing in isolated populations from southern California to parts of Oregon and Washington. This species has been found associated with soils having a high concentration of serpentine. The species can grow as large as 15 ft. tall, and blooms in late May and into June. It is hardy to -12 F and is quite fragrant with the perfume being detected many yards away. It is generally unsuccessful in regions of the country with warm humid summers.

One of the largest stands of *R. occidentale* is here in Humboldt County on Stagecoach Hill just above Big Lagoon. Many collectors from all over the U.S. come every year to photograph this beautiful species and to collect seed. There have been many unique forms found, including 'Pistil Packin' Mama', 'Leonard Frisbie', and 'Picotee'.



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Future Programs

Sunday June 13, 2010
July and August

Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic
No meetings, everyone is busy dead-heading and weeding!

September 23, 2010

Dave Eckerdt, "Gardens and Plants of New Zealand"

October 28, 2010

Program TBA

November 2010

No meeting, enjoy Thanksgiving

December 9, 2010

Holiday Potluck

January 27, 2011

Happy New Year, Program TBA

February 24, 2011

Program TBA

Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence. -Hal Borland, journalist (1900-1978)

Eureka Chapter Officers and Board Members

September 2009 to June 2010

Election of Officers Will be June 13th

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