

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting

*Thursday January 27th , 7:00 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California*

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner 5:15

***Roy's Club @ 2nd and D Streets
Eureka, Call Nelda, 707-443-8049
For a reservation so there will be enough
seating, **There is limited seating*****



January 2011

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden Asian Collection

The Eureka Chapter's January 27th meeting will feature a program by Elaine Sedlack. Elaine was born in Oakland, California and grew up in the Bay Area. She was interested in fine art and lithography, until coming to the University of California Botanical Garden (UCBG) on a plant taxonomy field trip. From that point she has enjoyed working in a different medium; digging in the dirt! She had a landscaping company for 15 years, called "Weed it and Reap". In 1984 the opportunity presented itself to work at the UCBG where she has enjoyed taking care of the Asian collection and the two herb gardens.

During her years of tending the garden she has become especially appreciative of the different seasonal changes and the pleasure of watching the garden develop. Isn't this why we all garden?

In addition to her work at the UCBG she is the President of the California (Cal) Chapter



of the American Rhododendron Society and has a great affinity for Japanese maples. She has traveled to Europe and Asia in search of new plant and culture knowledge. In addition to her extensive garden knowledge she also enjoys making costumes and reading.

Elaine will present an overview of all the Garden's collections, with a special focus on the Asian plants throughout the year.

This will be a great program to bring a guest and get a plant. Also, members who have paid their dues and did not get their FREE plant at the December meeting can pick up their free plant at this meeting.

The picture of the Golden Gate at the distance was provided by Elaine Sedlack; it was taken from the top of UC Berkeley Botanical garden's Asian section.

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**Eureka Chapter, American Rhododendron Society
General Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by **President Betty Bottemiller** with a call to begin serving dinner. Potluck dishes and desserts were brought by the members.

Nelda Palmer announced that she needs volunteers to bring refreshments for the February and March general meetings.

Guests: Member **Carol Ollivier** brought guests **Shelley and Eric Mortenson**; **Don Wallace** brought **Chris Hamer**; **Marilyn Martino** brought **Susie Laraine**; and **Wilma Bilderback** brought **Jo Bilderback**.

Don Wallace previewed the raffle and sale plants with pictures and descriptions.

Tim Walsh gave a talk on his visit to **Frank Fujioka's** place. **Don** gave a talk on new hybrids.

Raffle winners:

Steve Cole
Betty Bottemiller
Carol Dunning
Marilyn Martino

Raffle Prizes:

Gold Flimmer
Jonathan Shaw
Bodacious
Eruption
Pomegranate Splash
Honeybutter
Rodale Landscape Problem Solver
Book on Rhododendrons
Sunset magazines

Ron Chaney

Kelly Alaniz
Carol Olivier

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

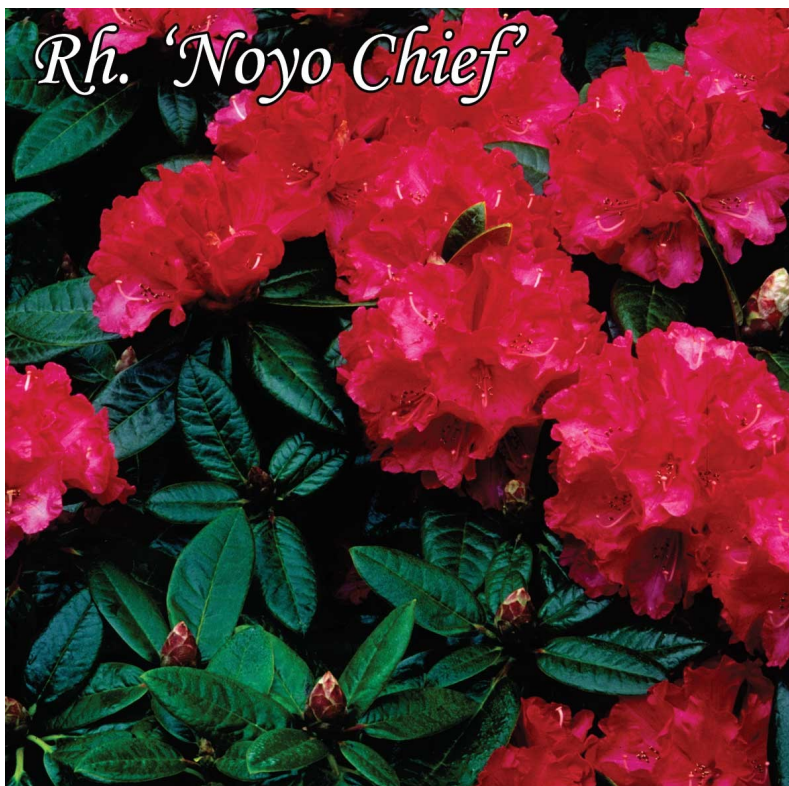
Trish Gidding-Ortiz, Secretary

Master Gardener Class Being Offered

The University of California Cooperative Extension office in Eureka is taking applications for its 2011 Master Gardener Course. The course is 13 weeks of extensive gardening classes taught by Deborah Giraud, the Farm Advisor, and many lecturers from UC Davis and local gardening experts. Topics include soil science, weed, disease and insect management, fruit and ornamental trees, composting, vegetables, gopher and mole management and much more.

Classes begin Wednesday February 23rd and are held every Wednesday from 1 to 5 pm at the Humboldt County Agriculture Center located at the bottom of Humboldt Hill in Eureka. After completion of the course Master Gardeners are asked to volunteer 50 hours in the next year. This is a highly regarded education/volunteer program for gardeners of all backgrounds. Several Eureka Chapter members completed the class in 2010 and have put their hours to work in the community including the Humboldt County Fair, Ryan's House and Humboldt Botanical Garden.

Space is limited so please call and register soon (707-445-7351) or check on line at <http://cebumboldt.ucdavis.edu>



Plant of the Month
Rhododendron 'Noyo Chief'
By Don Wallace

Very shiny and heavily textured foliage makes this rhododendron really “shine” in your garden. The bright red flowers are a bonus in early spring, adding to its beauty. Over time, this plant has been used by hybridizers to create such favorites as *Rhododendron 'Rubicon'*, *Rhododendron 'Noyo Brave'*, and *Rhododendron 'Pink Pinwheels'*. All have inherited the excellent foliage of *R. 'Noyo Chief'*. *R. 'Noyo Chief'* is a clone/selection/cultivated form of the wild species: *R. arboreum* ssp. *nilagiricum*, previously known as *R. kingianum*. The plant first originated at the Reuthe Nursery in Eng-

land, was raised by the American nurseryman Lester E. Brandt, then was named and registered by Dr. & Mrs. P.J. Bowman of Fort Bragg, CA in 1966. *R. 'Noyo Chief'* has larger leaves than the species *R. arboreum* ssp. *nilagiricum*, and grows into a larger plant, so it is assumed that it was a selection from a batch of seedlings. The plant has very shiny, bullate leaves that are remarkably sun tolerant. The flowers are clear rose red in full trusses of 16.

The World in Your Garden

Rhododendrons 2011

The annual Convention of Rhody-Geeks is just up the road near Portland, Oregon in Vancouver WA. May 11 through 15, 2011. The Chairmen are Harold Greer and Mike Stewart, with them at the helm it is sure to be a great convention. There will be garden tours, plant sale and informative talks.

A Convention schedule and registration form can be found at:

www.ARS2011Convention.com Also see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFnM0fAlcNc> for a video about the conference.

We hope you will all take advantage of this great gathering. Conventions are really fun and the tours are outstanding. It is not too early to start planning.

The Eureka Chapter's Rhodie Year 2010 in Review

See some pictures on the next page.

- *Rhododendrons have great flowers but they can also have fabulous leaves as in the newly opening cluster of *R. sino-nuttallii* on the next page.
- *The Humboldt Botanical Garden has an extensive collection of Rhododendrons planted by Eureka Chapter members.
- *We took a trip with Denis Hughes to visit our world-famous stand of *R. occidentale* on Stagecoach Hill above Big Lagoon in early May. Denis is a well-known New Zealand nurseryman famous for his Azalea hybrids and he was delighted to be able to visit the object of his passion in “the raw”!
- *A new, as yet unnamed hybrid in by Frank Fujioka, is pictured on the title page.
- *Dennis Hughes graciously offered to give us a program about his garden and nursery in New Zealand and we had a quickly organized potluck at Don Wallace's home.
- *Eureka Chapter members have been instrumental in the design, construction and maintenance of the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. Pictured on the next page are Ellie Gayner, Bruce Palmer, Doug Batt and June Walsh helping spread mulch with Irene Van Natter, a founding member of the Humboldt Botanical Garden.
- *Meconopsis “Lingholm”, a hybrid of the Fabled Himalayan Blue Poppy, can be grown near Humboldt Bay and here it is in its first year at the HBG.
- *Our garden tour in 2010 took us to Dorothy Dilling's beautiful garden out on Pigeon

Point Drive. Dorothy does an amazing job of not only maintaining but expanding her large garden and she does nearly all of it herself!

*Some nice trophies were awarded for some exceptional trusses in 2010. Don Wallace introduced the public to show award-winning old-time favorites as well as a number of his new hybrids.

*Who says you have to be old-timers to win flower shows? George and Cathy Burchett are nearly-new members who took home lots of silver in 2010!

*Gayle Teter entered trusses for both herself and her sister, Glenda Alexander; Glenda won Big!

*Leon and Margaret Zlatkoff always make our meetings and shows interesting! They took home a couple of silver bowls this year.

*The Dedekham Ornamental Terrace (shown top left) at the HBG put on a spectacular display again this year with Roses, Geum and Coreopsis leading the charge as the Rhodie show begins to fade in late May.

*Who says species Rhododendrons are “finicky” or “boring”? They obviously haven't been introduced to *R. lindleyi* (shown bottom left). To top it off, *lindleyi* has a super sweet fragrance!

*Larry and Ann Wieland invited the Chapter to their amazing garden. WOW!





Denis Hughes from New Zealand visited the Eureka Chapter and toured Stage Coach Azalea Reserve. Larry and Ann Wieland welcomed the Eureka Chapter to their garden.



Eureka members at work at HBG



R. Sino nuttallii



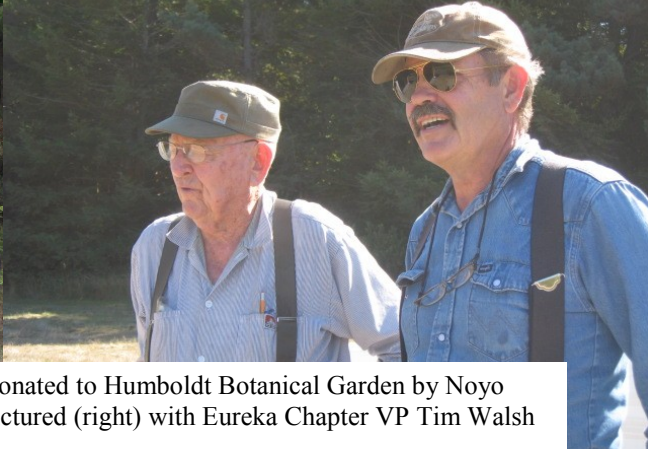
Eureka Chapter at Florence Conference



Eureka Chapter members potluck at Don Wallace's. Meconopsis poppy at Humboldt Botanical Garden



Max Abrahamsen and Diane Larkin off load plants donated to Humboldt Botanical Garden by Noyo Chapter member Bob Boddy of Desconso Nursery pictured (right) with Eureka Chapter VP Tim Walsh





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Future Programs

January 27, 2011	Elaine Sedlack, UC Berkeley Botanical Garden
February 24, 2011	Asian collection throughout the year
March 24, 2011	Don Wallace, "Hybridizing for Beginners"
April 28, 2011	Keith White, MD, "China Expeditions"
April 29, 30 and May 1	Bill Hicks, "Lepidote Rhododendrons"
May 11 –15, 2011	Rhododendron Show and Sale
May 26, 2011	ARS Annual Convention, Vancouver WA
June 5, 2011	Mini– Show and Pizza
	Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Programs are subject to change.

Oh, what a goodly and a glorious show!

The stately trees have decked themselves with white,

And stand transfigured in a robe of light;

Wearing for each lost leaf a flake of snow.

–Rev. Richard Wilton (1827–1903)



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