

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting
Thursday May 26th, 6:30 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California

Garden Tour and Potluck
Sunday June 5th
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May and June 2011
Mini Show and
Garden Tour Edition

Members' Mini Show
Show off your Bloomers!

SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS

Eureka Chapter Mini-Show and Pizza Party

Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

The Thursday May 26th meeting of the Eureka Chapter will be the annual Mini-Show. YOU get to be the judges! For all the efforts you put into cutting and grooming your entries you will be rewarded with pizza provided by the chapter and potluck salads and desserts, brought by you, the members. The meeting will start at 6:30 so there will be time to fill out the entry tags for your 'Bloomers' and place them on the show tables. Everything will be provided, all you need to do is bring your flowers, your sense of humor, your potluck salad or dessert and a good appetite.

There will be a Judging Rhodo 101 show-and-tell explaining what to look for in blue ribbon winners as you select your favorite entries. The prizes are **\$25** for Blue Ribbons and **\$100** for the Blue Ribbon winner selected as Best of Show, so it is well worth scouring your garden for a flower for each of the 9 classes. See page 2 for rules and classes.



May 2010 Mini-Show winners were, Sue Tosten, Jamey Rogers, Michael Goodwill, Val and Dennis McKiver, Don Wallace, Pat and Ron Chaney

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SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS

Eureka Chapter Mini-show Rules

Show Date: Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

By Jerry Reynolds

This mini-show will give members a chance to see some late-blooming rhododendrons, as well as gain some practice in judging shows. 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.

Classes shall consist of the following:

Class 1: Lepidote (with leaf-scales) Rhododendron Species, regardless of color. (These include the Maddeniis and most small-leafed rhododendrons.)

Class 2: Elepidote (without leaf-scales) 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 drawing (using the sign-up list and the door-prize numbers) 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 shall receive a \$25 award. The Blue Ribbon winner selected as Best of Show winner shall receive a \$100 award.

Member Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Sunday June 5th beginning at 10:00 AM

We have of 5 gardens to tour this year followed by a potluck at the last garden on tour. All of these gardens are our *Eureka Chapter's Founding Members* gardens. Many of these gardens we have not seen or have not seen for several years and they promise to be great, even this late in the Rhodie year!

We will all meet at the parking lot of Safeway on Harris and Harrison in Eureka near St. Joseph Hospital **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 **Tosten's garden in Fortuna by no later than 2:00** for our potluck.

10:00 a.m. - 2520 Harris St. To make it easy we will meet at the **Safeway parking** lot on Harris St. and Harrison near St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka.

10:15 a.m. - Dr. Jon and Sharon Omev; 2461 Russ. We plan to leave Safeway no later than 10:15 AM and head down Harrison Ave. 2 blocks to Russ St. where we turn left and go one half block. This is the former home of Dr. Richard Anderson, one of the founders of the original Dr. Richard Anderson Rhododendron Club. While there are some Rhodies that you might recognize there are purportedly a number of plants that were grown from seed that was acquired from the relatively young American Rhododendron Society seed exchange.

11:00 a.m. - Dr. Hal and Denise Braflaadt; 4476 Excelsior Rd.; We plan to leave the Omev residence no later than 10:45 a.m. To get there to the Braafladt's go back towards Safeway and turn right on Harris St. Go up the hill 1 block and turn left on Dolbeer St. and follow it about ½ mile until it turns right and follow it one half-block more where you'll turn left onto Walnut Dr. Follow Walnut for another ½ mile or so, past Cutten School, to Holly St. where you'll turn right. Follow Holly until it ends at Excelsior Rd and turn left. About 2 blocks down on your right you'll come to a long driveway that looks like a lane with several houses on it. The Braflaadts' home is at the end of this “driveway”. We ask that you park along Excelsior Rd. and walk down the driveway. If you are not able to walk down the drive you may park at the bottom of the hill near the garage. Please note that there's not enough room for more than a couple of cars. We plan to leave the Braflaadts' no later than 11:30 AM.

Garden Tour Continued...

12:00 noon – Dr. Paul Anderson; 2042 Westwood Place; To get there, leave the Braflaadts' and continue down Excelsior until it ends at Campton Rd. Turn left on Campton and in about 2 blocks take the right-hand merge lane onto Walnut Dr. Follow Walnut about 1 mile to Westwood Place which will be on your right. Dr. Anderson's home is on the left side of the cul-de-sac at the end of Westwood. Our hosts here are Eureka Chapter members Greg and Carol Margart. Paul's garden has recently been renewed with beautiful stone walls and restored trails. Don't miss his HUGE Michelia which should still be blooming! We plan to leave Paul's home no later than 12:30

12:45 p.m. - Catherine Weeks, Westgate Gardens Nursery; 751 Westgate Dr.; You might want to bring along a checkbook or some cash as Catherine still has some really nice plants for sale. To get there you leave Paul's house and turn right on Walnut Dr. (the name will change to Ridgewood Dr. as it makes a sweeping right turn) and proceed for another ½ mile or so to Westgate Dr. which takes off to the right from Ridgewood shortly after you crest the hill and start heading down towards Elk River. Turn right onto the Westgate Dr. (look for Westgate Gardens sign) and go about 200 feet where it joins the main Westgate Dr. Follow it to the left and watch for the Westgate Gardens Nursery sign on the right another 250 ft. or so. There will be some parking available at the nursery but some may want to park along Westgate Dr. and walk the 100 ft or so to the nursery. We hope to leave here no later than 1:15 P.M. and head to Fortuna.

1:45 p.m. - Everett and Sue Tosten; 118 Boyden Lane, Fortuna; p.m. To get to the Tosten's continue down Westgate Dr. to where it will dead-end into Elk River Rd. Turn right on Elk River and follow it until it ends at Herrick Ave. Turn left on Herrick and take the Freeway entrance left across the overpass and head on down Hwy 101 to Fortuna, about 20 miles. Take the first Fortuna exit (Main St.) and follow it through downtown Fortuna to the Rohnerville Rd. exit (about ¾ of a mile from the Hwy. 101 exit) and take the Rohnerville Rd. exit to the left. Proceed down Rohnerville Rd. about 1/3 of a mile to Newburg Rd. on your left. Take Newburg just a short ½ block to where Franklin Ave. turns off to the left. Follow Franklin about ¼ mile to Boyden Ln. on your left. Sue and Everett's house will be on your right at #118.

We will enjoy our potluck picnic in the Tosten's garden. Bring your favorite picnic potluck main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share. Bring your own drinks, too. The chapter will provide plates, napkins and utensils. There will be plants for sale at special pricing. Guests are welcome.

The glittering leaves of the rhododendrons

Balance and vibrate in the cool air;

While in the sky above them

White clouds chase each other. –John Gould Fletcher (1886–1950)



Trophies



Happy Sue Tosten



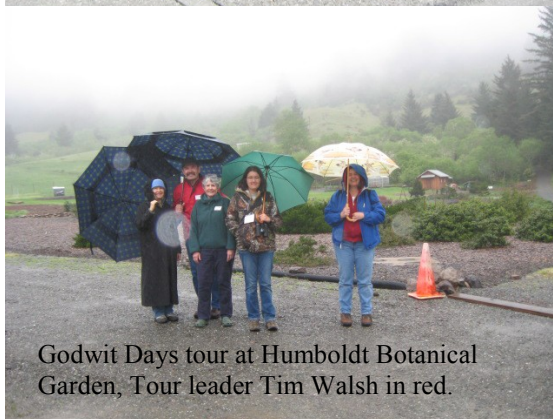
Smiling Carol Dunning



Ecstatic new members
Mark Sahlberg and wife



Rhody plant Sale



Godwit Days tour at Humboldt Botanical Garden, Tour leader Tim Walsh in red.



Max Abrahmsen and Tim Walsh take a snack break

Humboldt Botanical Garden to receive an American Rhododendron Society Endowment Grant

At the May 11, 2011 ARS Board meeting in Vancouver, WA Humboldt Botanical Garden was announced as the recipient of an Endowment grant for plant labeling.

BY Max Abrahamsen

American Rhododendron Society awards \$3,000 grant to Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation!

This report is submitted from the man who wears two hats: *HBGF development director* and proud member of the *ARS Eureka Chapter*.

On February 2nd, 2011 the Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation submitted a \$3,000 grant application to the American Rhododendron Society. The application process was authored by Bruce Palmer with support from Denise Lea (HBGF volunteer horticulturalist), Tim & June Walsh, Betty Bottemiller and yours truly, Max Abrahamsen.

I asked Bruce to help out because he has a remarkable success rate with grant applications. As I just discovered today (May 18, 2011), Bruce can add one more feather in his grant writing cap. The botanical gardens were awarded a \$3,000 grant from the ARS!

Grant writing can be a slippery process...as you must navigate around slugs and banana peels while paying strict attention to the application guidelines. In this case, HBGF applied for funds to help with the acquisition of an engraver and labeling supplies to begin the much needed plant labeling process at the gardens. Bruce did an exceptional job with the application. Our budget for a new engraver and plant labels (based on 3,000 labels) is approximately \$11,000. This assumes purchase of a new engraver. We have not ruled out getting a good used one, which would be considerably less in cost. HBGF will be submitting a grant application to the Ben Cheney Foundation for \$7,500 to help cover the balance of the budget. I met with them in Tacoma, Washington in March and they left me with a positive feeling about getting the funds. Bruce and I are also working on other grant application possibilities that could help bridge the gap.

So, my most sincere thanks to the members of the local ARS Eureka Chapter for your overwhelming support of the botanical gardens. First section to be labeled will be the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden with all its many Rhododendron species and hybrids. I promise to keep everyone informed as we proceed with this very, very important task of labeling plants (a requirement for any botanical garden).

Thank you so much!

Max Abrahamsen, Development Director
Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation

May 2011 ARS Convention Vancouver, WA



Above, Tim Walsh, Paul Anderson, Don Wallace, June Walsh, Jim Gayner, Bruce Palmer, Marty Anderson, Ellie Gayner and Nelda Palmer.
Below, Allee of giant Sequoias at Mike and Maria Stewart's nursery.



Above, Marilyn Martino
Below, Gail Ledbetter



Convention Chairman Mike Stewart



Left, Portland Japanese Garden. Right, Acer griseum



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Future Programs

May 26, 2011	Mini- Show and Pizza
June 5, 2011	Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic
<i>July and August...weed and dead head we will meet again September 22 , 2011 for Pizza and Salad. Programs are subject to change.</i>	
September 22, 2011	Pizza and Potluck Salad
October 27, 2011	Program to be Announced
November	No meeting, Enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends
December 8, 2011	Holiday Potluck
January 26, 2012	Program to be Announced
February 23, 2012	Program to be Announced
March 22, 2012	Program to be Announced
April 26, 2012	Program to be Announced
April 28 & 29	Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale
May 24, 2012	Members' Mini Show and Pizza
June 10, 2012	Members' Garden Tour and Potluck picnic

Programs and Program dates are subject to change.

Nominations for Eureka Chapter Officers and Board Members

September 2011 to June 2012

President, Bruce Palmer	Publicity, Ellie Gayner
Vice President, Tim Walsh	Past President, Betty Bottemiller
Secretary, Gail Ledbetter	Directors at Large, Doug Batt and Jerry Reynolds
Membership, Trish Ortiz	Programs, Don Wallace

Treasurer, June Walsh

Show Committee, Bruce and Nelda Palmer, Tom and Mary Marking

Nominations from the membership are open from now until the election at the May 26th

Mini Show. Election will be May 26th, new officers begin their terms June 5, 2011.