

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting
Thursday May 24th, 6:30 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California

Garden Tour and Potluck
Sunday June 3rd
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May and June 2012
***Mini Show* and**
***Garden Tour* Edition**

Members' Mini Show
Show Us Your Bloomers!

SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS **Eureka Chapter Mini-Show and *Pizza Party*** **Thursday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m.**

The Thursday May 24th 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 \$100 for the*

Blue Ribbon winner selected as Best of Show and \$25 for all other Blue Ribbon winners, so it is well worth scouring your garden for a flower for each of the 9 classes. **See page 2 for rules**



May 2011 Mini-Show winners were, Tim Walsh, Steve and Margaret Cole, Don Wallace, Dee Spencer, Jamie Rogers and Michael Goodwill, Leon and Margaret Zlatkoff and Sue Tosten.

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SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS

Eureka Chapter Mini-show Rules

Show Date: Thursday, May 24th 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 Maddenii 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. *The Blue Ribbon winner selected as Best of Show winner shall receive a \$100 award. All other Blue Ribbon winners shall receive a \$25 award.*



Rh. 'Spring Fragrance'

Plant of the Month: *Rhododendron* 'Spring Fragrance'

By Don Wallace

Created by Frank Fujioka of Whidbey Island, and famous for being the creator of such award winning *Rhododendrons* as 'Seaview Sunset', 'Pomegranate Splash', and 'Starbright Champagne', and last month's Plant of the Month 'Pink Pinwheels'.

One of Frank's goals has been "excellent foliage", while another has been "fragrance". Here he has picked parents with both of these characteristics, and thus created a new hybrid with both. *Rhododendron* 'Spring Fragrance' is a cross of (*R. degonianum* ssp. *yakushmanum* x *Rhododendron* 'Loderi Venus') x *Rhododendron* 'Van Nes Sensation'. The species *Rhododendron yakushmanum* offers good foliage, tough as nails hardiness, and some dwarfing genes, while the *R. 'Loderi Venus'* is one of the most fragrant of all rhododendrons, giving fragrant genes. The hybrid *R. 'Van Nes Sensation'* has slight fragrance, good leaves, and a wonderful growth habit, being very full and lush all of its life. So the result of all of these chromosomes blending together is a plant with big luscious flower trusses having some fragrance, on a semi-dwarf sized rhododendron. The flowers have a light pink color that fades to white. *R. 'Spring Fragrance'* is quite hardy and will grow well in full sun or part shade, and is wind tolerant as well. We are fortunate to be able to acquire this newly registered rhododendron, in small sizes so we can share them with our members.

THANK YOU

by Tom and Mary Marking

As co chairs of the **40th ANNUAL RHODODENDRON SHOW** we would like to thank all the Chapter members who volunteer to help with the show. With everyone working together it made the our job easy and very enjoyable. Without your help the show and plant sale would not have been the success it was.

We would also like to thank everyone who placed entries in the show. Whether or not you won a ribbon your entry added to the success of the show. We would like to thank all the board members for the help this past year for their ideas and support with the show.

To **Don Wallace** and **Tim Walsh** for the plant sales, **Gayle Teter** for volunteers, **Bill Troiano** for trophy polishing, **Ellie Gayner** for publicity, **Nelda** and **Bruce Palmer** for judging/judges and **Jerry Reynolds** for rules, we could not have done it without you. And finally a special thanks you to **Nelda Palmer** for all the help and advice with this being our first year as co chairs.



Member Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Sunday June 3rd beginning at 10:00 AM

We have of 6 gardens to tour this year followed by a potluck at the last garden on tour. **“Gardens on the Prairie”** is the theme, as all of the gardens are out on the Dow’s Prairie in McKinleyville.

We will all meet at **Carol and Charles Ollivier’s** home at the end of Ollivier Rd. in McKinleyville. To get to Ollivier Rd. when traveling north from Arcata or Eureka, get off of hwy 101 at the Arcata/Eureka Airport Exit, pass by the Airport, keep going until you come to Central Avenue, at the stop sign. Make a right, then an immediate left onto Norton Rd. Drive up Norton Rd. past the golf course, past Blake Rd., then make a right onto Ollivier Rd. Go all the way to the end and park in the cul-de-sac. We will be caravanning 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 **Singing Tree Garden & Nursery** no later than **1:00** for our potluck.

10:00 AM - Ollivier Rd. Gardens; Starting at **Carol and Charles Ollivier’s** garden, we will see their lovely garden by the creek side, along with other neighbors’ gardens as well. We will see plantings of rhododendrons, azaleas mixed with other companion plants and trees. We should be preparing to leave to the next garden at 10:50. After departing the Ollivier Rd. gardens, go back to Dow’s Prairie Rd., and turn right. We will travel for approximately 1 mile to Archer Rd. Go right on Archer Rd. to the second house on right. This is the home of the Ravano’s. There is room for 4-5 cars to park inside the gate, otherwise park on the road where you can.

11:00 AM – Home and Gardens of Jim and Jackie Ravano 1882 Archer Rd.; The Ravano garden of a woodland garden with trails, sprinkled with many plantings of rhododendrons, azaleas and other interesting plants. Part of the garden is under the trees, while another part is in the sun, so you will see many different settings along your walk. We should be preparing to leave to the next garden at 11:45.

From the Ravano garden, go back to Dow’s Prairie Rd. Turn right and travel north for approximately 1 mile to Baird Rd. Turn right on Baird Rd. and go approximately ¼ mile to Aster Rd. Turn left on Aster and drive until you see the first small gravel road going to the right. The road is flanked by a berm with azaleas and heathers and rocks. Follow the road until it forks, going left through a gate with the letter “B” on it. This is the home of Tom and Irene Blackburn.

12:00 noon - Home and Gardens of Tom and Irene Blackburn; For over 20 years **Tom and Irene Blackburn** have gardened on this private part of the prairie. Their property is backed by the Forest Service, so is close to the wilds and all of the critters that come with that. They have deer fenced their property so it is protected and can even grow roses. Tom and Irene have planted many different kinds of trees and shrubs over the years, and have created a lovely garden. We will tour the garden for 40 minutes and be leaving to go to Singing Tree Gardens and Nursery around 12:40. After leaving the Blackburn's garden, go back out the drive, turn left on Aster, then right on Baird Rd. When you come to Dow's Prairie, turn right. We will travel for approximately 1 mile. As soon as you see Woody Rd. get ready to turn into the nursery's driveway 1/8 mile ahead on the right. Drive until you reach the nursery parking lot and park there. We will set up the potluck in the nursery gardens.

12:50 pm - Singing Tree Gardens & Nursery 5225 Dow's Prairie Rd; Established at the Dow's Prairie location in 2002, the nursery and display gardens feature mature specimens of rhododendrons, azaleas, heathers, dwarf conifers, ornamental grasses, and many other unusual plants from around the world. Please feel free to explore all of the gardens and plantings. If you have questions, Don will be glad to answer them. The potluck will conclude at 4pm. *(Photos below were submitted by Don Wallace)*

Need help on tour day? Call Don Wallace 707-845-1553 or Tim Walsh 707-498-2337





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Future Programs

June 3, 2011

Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

July and August...weed and dead head we will meet again September 27, 2012 for Pizza and Salad. Programs are subject to change.

September 27, 2012	Pizza and Potluck Salad
October 25, 2012	Program to be Announced
November	No meeting, Enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends
December 6, 2012	Holiday Potluck
January 24, 2013	Program to be Announced
February 28, 2013	Program to be Announced
March 28, 2013	Program to be Announced
April 25, 2013	Program to be Announced
April 26, 27 & 28	Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale
May 23, 2013	Members' Mini Show and Pizza
June 9, 2013	Members' Garden Tour and Potluck picnic

Programs and Program dates are subject to change.

Nominations for Eureka Chapter Officers and Board Members

September 2012 to June 2013

President, Bruce Palmer	Publicity, Ellie Gayner
Vice President, Tim Walsh	Past President, Betty Bottemiller
Secretary, Gail Ledbetter	Programs, Don Wallace
Directors at Large, Max Abrahamsen and Jerry Reynolds	Treasurer, June Walsh
Membership, Trish Ortiz	Show Committee, Nelda Palmer, Tom and Mary Marking

Nominations from the membership are open from now until the election at the May 24th Mini Show. Election will be May 24th, new officers begin their terms June 3, 2012.