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Eureka Chapter

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September Newsletter



Eureka Chapter
American Rhododendron Society

Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

June 2017

Convention Special Edition



The May 2017 Mini-Show winners were: L to R Carol, Ollivier, Don Wallace, Sandy Slonim and Dennis McKiver. See complete results on Page 10.

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Eureka Chapter's Excellent Adventure – Preparing for the 2017 ARS Convention

Words by Bruce Palmer; pictures by Nelda Palmer

The adventure began with an offhand remark by Jerry Reynolds. In 2014 he asked the board: “Are we ready to host a national convention?” We discussed the idea but nothing came of it until our District Five Director Tim Walsh committed us to host the 2017 American Rhododendron Society's National Convention at a national board meeting in 2015. We got right to work and the excellent results speak for themselves.



We scope out the Humboldt Room at the Red Lion for art, photos and registration

By November 2015, we had ruled out Fortuna's River Lodge and the surrounding motels as a venue and narrowed the choices to the Bear River Casino and the Red Lion Hotel. June Walsh and the Palmers visited both sites and concluded that the Red Lion Hotel in conjunction with the new Sequoia Conference Center would be the best choice. At the December 2, 2015 board meeting, June announced that contracts had been signed with the Red Lion Hotel and with the Sequoia Conference Center.

Serious planning began at the January, 2016 board meeting. June Walsh formally took on the chairmanship with Bruce and Nelda Palmer as “dogsbodyes”. Max Abrahamson took on the task of overseeing the finances, Ellen Gill volunteered to be Registrar, Diane Larkin would be Volunteer Coordinator, Ellie Gayner would do publicity and Don Wallace would chair the plant sale.

As 2016 progressed, planning heated up and many more people and projects came to the fore. In late January the Walshes, the Palmers and Ellie Gayner met with the Humboldt Convention and Visitors' Bureau to ask for advertising support. The outcome of that initial meeting resulted later on in a \$10,000 grant from the Humboldt Lodging alliance snagged by the Walshes.

Planning for the meals, the tour lunches and the break refreshments went smoothly thanks to the collective efforts of June Walsh, Nelda Palmer, Diane Larkin and Charles Cunningham. Joe Ortiz oversaw preparations for the Photo Contest. Dolores Terry and Steve Lemke drummed up interest for an art show and sale among the local artists; Steve chaired the preparations for the art event. Ibbe Gerner and Sue Hemmann took over responsibility for the Silent Auction. Richard and Paula Grabowski organized preparations for the flower show. Dennis McKiver (Noyo Chapter President) volunteered to help with the plant sale. Terry Henderson (Eugene Chapter) got right to work growing plants for the sale and for table favors. John and Susan Winding (Noyo Chapter) offered to oversee the cash and credit card intake for all sales at the convention. Karen Angel successfully solicited significant support from local sponsors. Margaret Cole snagged Dr. Steve Sillett from Humboldt State University to talk about redwood forest ecology and Max Abrahamson tagged Dr. Peter Raven from the Missouri Botanical Garden as the Friday keynote speaker.



Terry Henderson put his heart and soul into growing plants for our convention.

Perhaps the most vexing early problems arose with planning the tours. There are no local tour bus companies, so Margaret Cole worked with Humboldt State to use their buses. That wasn't going to work out, so we began researching bus companies out of the area without much luck. We were rescued by Kathy Burtchett. She spotted a Thunderstar bus out of Santa Rosa. Between Bruce Palmer and June Walsh we negotiated a contract with Thunderstar. We planned for Friday and Saturday tours to the north and south and an architectural tour on Saturday. The Palmers and the Burtchetts scouted and timed the north and south tours. Two bus drivers from Thunderstar came in early April 2017 to confirm the routes. *(continued on page 3)*



We planned over dinner all during 2016. Here we are at Max's home in Redway.

Harry and Ursula Lowther agreed to sponsor a breakfast and tour of the Carson Mansion as part of the architectural tour. The architectural tour was organized jointly by Nelda Palmer, June Walsh and Mary Ann McCulloch. Mary Ann guided the Eureka portion of the tour and Nelda arranged for two members of the Ferndale Garden Club to guide the Ferndale tour.

During all of 2016, we kept up a steady stream of advertising to the American Rhododendron Society. Bruce Palmer, Don Wallace and Max Abrahamsen, supervised and edited by Ellie Gayner, produced a brochure for the Walshes to take to the 2016 National Convention in Williamsburg Virginia, an article for each issue of the Journal American Rhododendron Society, a brochure to take to the 2016 Western Regional Rhododendron Conference in Newport Oregon and five pages of information and registration forms for the

journal. The blitz seems to have worked well; we snagged more than 275 registrants, nearly ten per cent of the total membership of the American Rhododendron Society. The constant updating of the Eureka Chapter's web site by Max Abrahamsen and Wyatt Ledbetter kept current information available for potential registrants and helped to boost the attendance.

The final year before the convention was a blur of activity with a majority of chapter members contributing to various aspects of planning and preparation. A few names stand out as major players. June Walsh, with backup from Tim, chaired the entire operation and took care of the constant drumbeat of minute details, meeting and solving each problem, task or deadline as it arose. Max Abrahamsen created and continually tweaked and updated the registration form and the budget. The two real heroes of the last six months before the convention were Registrar Ellen Gill and Volunteer Coordinator Diane Larkin. Ellen, with her experience as registrar for histology conventions, created all the forms and spreadsheets needed to keep track of registrations and created and oversaw the distribution of correct registration materials to each attendee. Diane, longtime Volunteer Coordinator for the Eureka Chapter, created a list of all tasks needed before and during the convention. She managed to persuade people to volunteer for each task. All of the volunteers, a list too long to detail here, did their jobs quite well; no visible volunteer-induced problem went wrong before or during the convention.

A month before the convention everything was on track. Wouldn't you know it? Our near-record wet winter threw us a curve. We tend to get landslides on the access roads to Humboldt County every winter and this year was no exception. What was exceptional was that a week before the convention a major slide closed Highway 101 south of us. The first estimates for opening were mid-May. Many of our attendees were driving from the south and our tour buses were coming from Santa Rosa. Panic! What to do? Ellen Gill and June e-mailed registrants with alternate routing information. Thunderstar came to Eureka by way of Redding. Everything worked out and Highway 101 South was open by the time the convention ended.

Eureka Chapter's Excellent Adventure culminated with a highly successful convention; we have received many appreciative comments. None of us are ready to do it again any time soon but all of us, whether we had a larger or smaller role in preparation and presentation can be proud of the result. Let's hear it for Eureka Chapter, American Rhododendron Society!



Two months before the big event we check out the Sequoia Conference Center again. June is still smiling!

Spring 2017 Eureka

By Dee Daneri

It won't be news to any of the members of the Eureka Chapter of the ARS that Humboldt County has always been known as the home of some of the world's tallest *Sequoia sempervirens*. Members from afar who attended the Spring Conference were able to visit Founders Grove and celebrate the majesty of these great creations, much to the earlier credit of the Save the Redwoods League.

A close relative to our beloved rhododendrons, *Arbutus menziesii*, was discovered in Ettersburg, California in 1902. At a height of 96 feet, and width an unbelievable 113 feet width, the Council Madrona was known as the World's largest *Arbutus menziesii*. The tree was finally brought down by a force of nature in 2000, having shown gradual decline since about 1980. It was thought to be about 500 years old.

Appropriately named as a county "Behind the Redwood Curtain", Humboldt County did not disappoint in her dependable efforts to ask mankind to please just go away as road closures challenged guests to get to Eureka for this year's ARS conference. Upon my arrival on Wednesday evening the conversation was not about rhododendrons, but rather the many unexpected challenges of how we finally arrived at our destination. We were as impressed with ourselves as the Maryville covered-wagon Settlers must have been when they finally made it to the Mattole Valley.

Very early on Thursday, the Eureka Chapter volunteers were already hard at work. Packets were organized, as well as the photo exhibit, plant sale and show, etc. etc., and while I will refrain from mentioning names, I can attest to the fact that I saw many dedicated members working lots of over-time. June Walsh was cleverly cloned for the occasion, as she was everywhere needed, and whenever needed. The dependable crew knew their jobs well.

Our ARS Board meeting took place Thursday morning. I started attending these meetings in 1997, and as I reflected on twenty years, I wondered how many of these devoted people and those chapter members who dedicate themselves to this beautiful bonding, all for the love of rhododendrons, realized what a difference they really do make.

Thursday evening's programs welcomed our guests and set the theme for the conference. Tim Walsh is also our great ambassador, balanced by a bit of science by Bruce Palmer. Mike Stewart reminded us of the diplomatic corps the ARS offers in our work abroad.

The organizers created a brilliant two-day tour which allowed our guests to discover much of the beauty of Humboldt County. Tours north included the Morrison-Magnuson Garden, Singing Tree Garden, The Wells Garden, a visit to Big Lagoon and the celebrated Stagecoach Hill, where the ARS plays a major part in the preservation of this azalea preserve. Southbound visitors were treated to a visit to Founders Grove, the oriental garden of the Trinoskey's, and the Anderson Garden. There was also a visit to Humboldt Botanical Gardens, which again, without the devoted members of the ARS would simply not exist. Several visitors opted for breakfast at the Carson Mansion, and a chance to learn more about Victorian Eureka. The afternoons included programs by Paula Trinoskey and Gisele Schoniger Don Wallace and Marc Columbel. One could stay busy learning and sharing.

Friday evening, the celebrated Dr. Peter Raven presented us with a message on biodiversity that was so powerful, it served as a reminder to all of us that it must be our mission to educate and speak out for the Plant Kingdom wherever we see the opportunity.

Remember the most enjoyable presentation by Steve Hootman on Saturday evening, discovering those rarest of the rare needles in haystacks. Many of those needles have led to the expansion of the rhododendron collection at the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Here was another reminder that it is only mankind who can preserve our Plant Kingdom and protect it from ourselves.

The banquet facilities proved to work well at the Sequoia Conference Center, and transportation was excellent.

By Sunday morning, cars were starting to look like greenhouses, as plants were leaving the plant sale and heading to new garden homes. Silent auctions and show awards were bringing new treasures and gratification, and guests were leaving with memories of a few days in Humboldt where the weather is always perfect! There was just enough time to have a leadership meeting held by ARS Treasurer David Banks, followed by a critical update about our electronics communications, by Bob Weissman. The finale was held by Don Wallace, all about the real reason for the meeting - rhododendrons. *Continued Page 5*



The Zanone House, tour host Nelda Palmer, Home owner Ron Kuhnel

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As quickly as the roads through the Redwood Curtain had closed earlier in the week, Humboldt County opened the road just in time to let us out. Even for those who don't make their homes in beautiful Humboldt County, as the planet goes, it's definitely a great destination.



Nelda Palmer welcomes Hideo Matsukawa to Eureka



Susan and John Winding managed the plant sale



Nan Ray, Red and Karen Cavender enjoy Founders' Grove Redwood Park



Above, Trinoskey Garden

Architectural Tour, *By Nelda Palmer*

The tour, hosted by Nelda Palmer, started with the breakfast at The Ingomar Club in the Carson Mansion, built in 1884. Eureka Chapter members Ursula and Harry Lowther who are Ingomar Club members were the tour sponsors. There were 2 guides so the group broke up and one toured the building while the other did the rose and herb gardens. Breakfast was served buffet style in the dining area. Mary Ann McCulloch, from the Eureka Heritage Society, started us off with a description of the Carson Mansion's original color of "Carson Red". She showed us the original home of the Carson family before the building of the mansion. She then led the group through Eureka's Old Town and drove past most of Second Street's special buildings. The Rhododendron Festival parade had to be by-passed so we saw some of the less lovely parts of town. Wabash Avenue was driven up to see former Carson houses. Mary Ann showed us the home she and her family lived in which was one of the Carson homes. The tour continued to The Zanone House built in 1886, at Wabash and G Streets in Eureka, which is the home of Ron and Melanie Kuhnel. Seeing the original wallpaper and the copy made was of particular interest as was the leaded glass front of the built-in china cabinet. We could have spent another half hour seeing the house and the gardens. The area from the house to Wabash Avenue has been seeded with a mixture of plants that would have been found on the original grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhnel were very generous with their time and information and invited us back when we were in the area.



Gingerbread House in Ferndale



View of Old Town Eureka from the Carson Mansion, the house in the foreground is the Pink Lady

The tour then headed down Wabash to 101 and on to Ferndale. We picked up our guides, Mary Enos and Irene Bryant at the Ferndale Museum and immediately went on to the Fireman's Park for lunch. The park has been renovated with benches baseball and bocce ball courts. We then drove the short distance to the Gingerbread Mansion, a bed and breakfast that has tours and serves high tea. Half the group took the house and garden tour while the rest did the town. We were able to give our driver a few minutes between town tours to see the house. The town tour included the Carnegie Library, the High School, the Fairgrounds and several houses once owned by Guy Fieri and the Palmers. A brief discription of the 1964 flood and its events was heard.

The bus headed back to Eureka and arrived there almost on time. From the letters we have received, the tour was well thought of and added much to the convention. *Photos by David Anderson*

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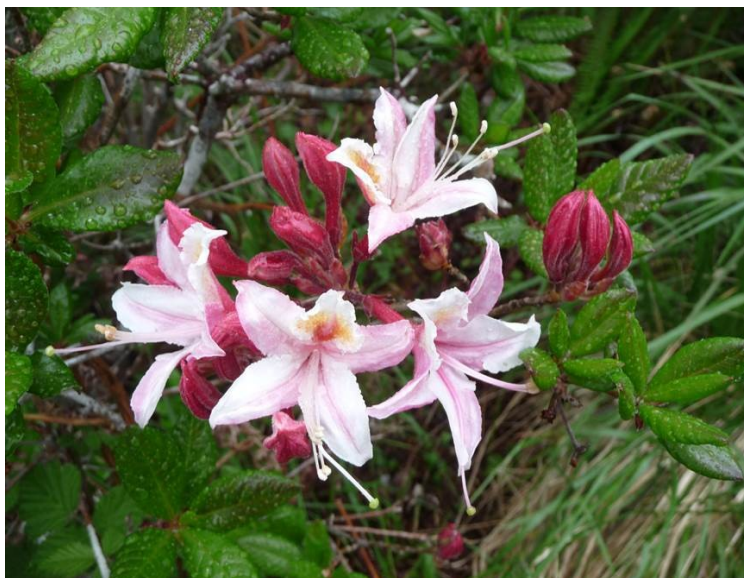
MEANING:

adjective. Swampy; slimy; slippery.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin uligo (moisture). Earliest documented use: 1576.

Mike McCullough enjoys Birthday Cake at Stagecoach Hill during the 2017 ARS Convention hosted by the Eureka Chapter.



Mike McCullough reports from Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve

A few of the flowers on *Rhododendron occidentale* SM DD 12 (pictured at left). Note the rain drops on the foliage. The twenty fifth of April was not a day for six legged pollinators, or two legged pollinators. In some of my seed collecting trips I have occasionally found very little seed at Stagecoach Hill and at other locations. To increase my chances on finding seed for the American Rhododendron Society Seed Exchange I act as a two legged pollinator. *photos by Mike McCullough*

Salute to Convention Volunteers

By Diane Larkin

The 2017 Rhododendrons In The Redwoods ARS Convention has come and gone. Hosting the convention was quite an experience for our Eureka Chapter. I was the Volunteer Coordinator for the event and wish to send out a big THANK YOU to all those who assisted us in making this a great success. Along with our hardworking Eureka Chapter volunteers, we also had members from the Noyo Chapter and Eugene Chapter who willingly stepped in to help. Several Rhody members from afar, as well as local garden members, and non-Rhody members volunteered to make this a grand convention. Getting to know the volunteers and convention attendees was my favorite part of the entire experience. I'm so very glad to be an American Rhododendron Society member!

Shine on, O moon of summer.

Shine to the leaves of grass, catalpa and oak,

All silver under your rain to-night.

—Carl Sandburg (1878–1967)

2017 ARS Convention

by Karen Angel

Early in the year I volunteered to help the Eureka Chapter raise money to support the 2017 International American Rhododendron Society Convention.

When I mentioned the Convention to friends, I received the following response: *"What! An INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Eureka?"* "Yes," I responded, *"The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is hosting the 2017 ARS International Convention."*

The first thing I needed to do before sending funding requests to people, was to do research about the American Rhododendron Society and why the Convention is intentional. (Please see the associated article) Having worked in the not-for-profit sector all of my professional life, it was always part of my job description to raise money. Usually my job title was "Executive Director," one time I was an "Executive Director of Development." Whatever my title, my work always involved raising money to support the organization.

I have never had difficulty asking people to donate to the mission of an organization. The reason is that I have always believed in the missions of the organizations I worked or volunteered to assist. If you don't believe in the mission, you should not be doing the job.

The task of raising money and in-kind gifts to support the Convention was made much easier because the Eureka Chapter had received a \$10,000.00 grant, authored by Bruce Palmer, from the Humboldt Lodging Alliance in June 2016. Having a substantial grant in hand paved the way for new donors to join the party. Thank you Bruce Palmer for your brilliant grant writing skills.

The response to the letters that I sent to people on behalf of the Eureka Chapter was extraordinarily gratifying. Over forty (40) percent of the individuals and businesses that received letters responded with a donation without additional communications. In the world of fundraising, this is an excellent response.

It is clear that individuals and businesses in the Humboldt Region appreciate ornamental horticulture in all its forms – botanical gardens, display gardens, garden clubs, botanical reserves, home gardening, etc. The Eureka Chapter of the ARS thank the individuals and businesses who so generously responded to the request to support the 2017 ARS Convention

A Brief History Why the 2017 ARS Convention is International

World War II helped bring the American Rhododendron Society (ARS) into the world, because it interrupted most British rhododendron activities, on which the founders of the ARS living in the Pacific Northwest were quite dependent for their Rhododendron seeds and plants.

George Grace and John Henny travelled up and down the coast of the Pacific Northwest in 1942 and 1943 talking to rhododendron growers trying to kindle interest in a rhododendron society. As ARS Editor Rudolph Henny recalled it, "The founding members had met on the day of the great invasion of Europe (June 6, 1944)" for the purpose of forming an organization to promote the growing and culture of this remarkable plant group. As word of this embryonic organization filtered throughout the United States many requests came in from ardent admirers of the Rhododendron that this newly formed organization be made a National Society rather than a local or State unit. At the fall meeting the name of "The American Rhododendron Society" was adopted and under this name the ARS was incorporated in Portland, Oregon as a 501(c) (3) non-profit public benefit organization early in 1945.

From its inception the ARS has grown first from a tiny nucleus of a few local enthusiasts on the coast of the Pacific Northwest to a well-rounded organization of international fame. With the growth of the organization it became necessary to establish Chapters where increased membership is centralized. Currently there are sixty-one (61) Chapters divided into twelve (12) Districts. The Eureka Chapter is in District 5 which includes all of California and the State of Hawaii

The ARS's purpose is to encourage interest in and to disseminate information about the genus Rhododendron. Members' experience ranges from novice to expert. Society activities include public education, plant sales, flower shows, seed exchanges, and scientific research.

The ARS provides a medium through which people interested in rhododendrons and azaleas can communicate and cooperate with others via its publications, events, local and regional meetings and international conferences. ARS chapters are located throughout the United States and Canada, and in Denmark, Finland, Holland, Scotland, Sweden and Sikkim. "At-large" members reside in countries around the globe, including Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brazil, France, Germany, Latvia, Poland, Russia, and South Africa. *Continued on*

Continued from Page 8 In its early history the Eureka Chapter of the ARS was known as the Dr. Richard Anderson Rhododendron Club. It was founded by Richard Anderson, M.D., and Hal Braafladt, M.D., of Eureka. The Club participated in annual flower shows held in conjunction with Eureka's Rhododendron Festival. The Dr. Richard Anderson Rhododendron Grove was planted in Sequoia Park near the Duck Pond. Today, some of the Rhododendrons in the grove, (several are big-leaf species from Asia), are over thirty feet tall. In 1984 the Eureka Chapter voted to join the ARS as a chapter and in 1985 had a flower show again with the Rhododendron Festival.

Since 1984, the Eureka Chapter has grown to become one of the largest chapters internationally and in the United States. www.EurekaRhody.org.

The Eureka Chapter hosted the Western Regional ARS Conventions in 1993 and 1999 in Eureka. The Western Regional includes British Columbia, Canada, Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii. In 2007, the Eureka Chapter co-hosted, with California, De Anza, Monterey and Noyo Chapters, the Annual National/International ARS Convention in San Francisco. Ten years later, the 2017 ARS Annual National/International Convention was hosted by the Eureka Chapter in Eureka, California, April 17-30.

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*Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.*
—Mark Twain (1835–1910)

The sweet fragrance of *R. maddenii* at Humboldt Botanical Garden on a June afternoon.



Board of Directors New Officers/Worker Bees!

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At-Large, Sue Hemmann
At-Large, Ellen Gill
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If you would like contact information for any of your Worker Bees, please call June 707-443-0604 or email RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net

Board meetings are general held the First Wednesday of the month, all members are welcome. Contact June Walsh for full information.

May Mini– Show Results

Margaret Cole was our Mini-Show Chairman. She had ballots, entry forms and class signs all ready to go, members just had to use their best *judgment* to choose the winners.

Classes consisted of the following:

Class 1: Lepidote Rhododendron Species, regardless of color. (These include the Maddenii and most small-leaved 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.

And The Winners Were (see their pictures on Page 1):

Class 1: Dennis McKiver, *Rhododendron dalhousiae* ssp *rabdotum*

Class 2: Dennis McKiver, *Rhododendron arboreum*

Class 3: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Lyena Vrateve'

Class 4: Dennis McKiver, *Rhododendron* 'Point Defiance'

Class 5: Carol Ollivier, *Rhododendron* 'Award'

Class 6: Sandy Slonim, *Rhododendron* Unknown

Class 7: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Nickel Creek'

Class 8: Dennis McKiver, *Rhododendron* 'Whirlaway'

Class 9: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Jennifer Rothrocks'

Best Of Show: Class 1 Dennis McKiver. *Rhododendron dalhousiae* ssp *rhabdotum*

Runners-up Were;

Class 1: Dee Spencer, *Rhododendron calophytum*

Class 2: Sue Hemmann, *Rhododendron ponticum*

Class 3: John Winding, *Rhododendron* 'Radium'

Class 4: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Pink Lemonade'

Class 5: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron excellens*

Class 6: Verne Trinoskey, *Rhododendron* 'Grandma's Hat'

Class 7: Paula Trinoskey, *Rhododendron* 'Fabia Tangerine'

Class 8: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Carnival'

Class 9: Bruce Palmer, *Rhododendron maddenii*

Best of Show second place: Class 7: Don Wallace, *Rhododendron* 'Nickel Creek'

The Last Page but one of the most important pages

The Eureka Chapter came out in the BLACK from our American Rhododendron Society International Convention. We would like to give Eureka Chapter members and Society members an opportunity to suggest lasting and important ways we could spend some of the money. In addition to the Convention Funds Our Friend and Eureka Chapter President Jerry Reynolds passed away November 17, 2016. Jerry Reynolds left a generous legacy to the Eureka Chapter upon his death.

Please use this sheet to give your Eureka Chapter Board your thoughts on how these funds might be disbursed. You may circle the project(s) you endorse, number most important, and *return this form to June Walsh*. Your board will consider your thoughts and report on any decisions that are made.

\$2000, 10% of convention net proceeds was sent to the American Rhododendron Society General Fund, this is customary when a chapter hosts a convention.

Remaining Funds distribution suggestions. Please mark your preferences with #1 being your most important consideration #7 the least.

_____ ARS Endowment fund, The Eureka Chapter has written and received 3 grants from this fund for the Humboldt Botanical Garden, Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden mostly for species Rhododendrons and signage

_____ ARS Research Foundation, grants for scientific projects regarding Rhodos

_____ Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, Eureka Chapter/HBG has received many tender Rhodos and other rare plants which cannot be grown outside at RSBG

_____ HBG Temperate Woodland Garden for irrigation. The current drip irrigation system is not adequate to the task

_____ for a GOOD sound system for Womans' Club, and maybe a big pull down screen, too.

_____ establish a scholarship fund in Jerry Reynolds' name for an annual Journalism major at College of the Redwoods or Humboldt State University. The scholarship would require applicants write an article about Rhododendron culture, history, plant hunters, science or uses. In addition to a cash award the winning selection would be published in the Eureka Chapter newsletter and submitted to the *ARS Journal*

_____ Other, give us your recommendation _____



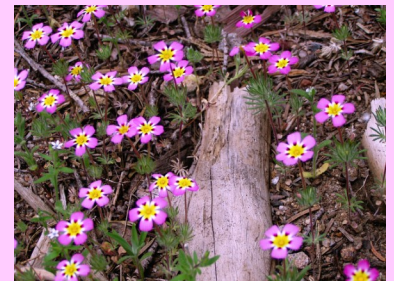
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Future Programs

September 28, 2017	Don Selcer	Plant Exploring in the Sierras
October 26, 2017	Dennis Bottemiller	Rhodo-
	dendron Species Botanical Garden	
December 7, 2017	Holiday Potluck	
January 25, 2018	TBA	
February 22, 2018	John Stephens and Steve McCormick	
		Rhododendrons in South America
March 22, 2018	Jason Martinez	SFBG at Strybing Arboretum
April 26 to 29, 2018	Meeting and Annual Flower Show and Plant Sale	
May 24, 2018	Member Mini Show	



Above, Sierra wild flowers: Are *Leptosiphon montanus*-mustang clover, in Redwood Canyon (Kings Canyon NP, Don Selcer



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