

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting
Thursday February 22, 7:00 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner 5:15
Marcelli's, 1323 5th Street
Eureka, Call Nelda, 707-443-8049
Reservation required
Family Style Fixed Price \$23



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Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

February 2018

Rhododendrons in Southern Chile

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Thursday, February 22, 2018. The meeting and program will be held at the Eureka Woman's Club 1531 J Street in Eureka beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The Eureka Chapter welcomes our February speakers are John Stephens and Steve McCormick from the Portland Chapter. Several Eureka Chapter members enjoyed their program at the Western Regional Conference on Newport, OR and invited them to give a program for our Chapter.

John's early professional career was devoted to university level instruction in geography and cartography, which was followed by management in two major publishing companies, and to his eventual position as Senior Director of Professional & Continuing Education at the University of Washington. Steve's professional life encompassed promotional marketing positions in the Los Angeles music industry, followed by account management for major broadcast companies and, finally, as a Senior Account Executive at CBS Broadcasting. John and Steve retired to Washington's Long Beach Peninsula in 2013. They purchased a retirement property on Willapa Bay which had been part of a rhododendron nursery created by Dr. J Harold Clarke, one of the early ARS Presidents and founding member of the Rhododendron Species Foundation.

Rhododendrons in Southern Chile: a recent travel itinerary took John and Steve to the Lake District of southern Chile in the southern hemisphere's late Spring. They suspected rhododendrons might flourish there due to the area's proximity to the Pacific and the similar latitude to their home environment in the Pacific Northwest. They were pleased to find a wide variety of rhododendrons in full bloom and will share what they learned on their return about the origins and status of rhododendrons in the region. Steve and John will introduce the talk with a brief history of their property in Long Beach and its relation to the ARS. *(submitted photo)*



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R. 'Owen Pierce'

Plant of the Month

By Don Wallace

Rhododendron 'Owen Pierce'; here is a lovely light-yellow flowering rhododendron that stays low but grows wide. An April bloomer, this plant will add a cheery, sunny brightness to a shady area. You can expect this plant to be 3 ft. tall and 4 ft. wide in 10 years. A member of the Maddenii family, which generally has fragrance, this cultivar does not. However, it is so floriferous, it is very worthwhile planting in your garden.

Check out Don's web site and sign up for his enlightening newsletter <https://www.singtree.com/>

*On the wind in February
Snowflakes float still,
Half inclined to turn to rain,
Nipping, dripping, chill.*
—Christina Rossetti (1830–94)

Check out the link below for a glowing travel report about Eureka from Australia! You too might want to plan a visit!

<http://www.traveller.com.au/california-us-where-to-find-the-tallest-trees-in-the-world-h0s29x>

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve Volunteers Wanted

Mary Lou Goodwin California Garden Clubs Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project chairman, and Eureka Chapter Member, would like to invite to make plans to visit the Azaleas, this coming spring. In April come help prune and then again in June to see them in all of their glory. The Reserve is forty acres of *Rhododendron occidentale*, the very beautiful Western Azalea.

Since car parking is some what limited, please make a reservation with Mary Lou for the dates you would like to come. She will provide wildflower tours, beverages and information.

The **volunteer** events are "Come work in the azaleas" ; the dates are **March 4, 17 and 31. from 10:00 to 1:00**

Bring a lunch, pruning shears or battery operated cutting devices and I will furnish the beverages.

A coupon for a free day at the Patrick's Point State Park, will be given to each worker.

The best **viewing** dates are **any day from June 1 to June 17**. The azaleas will be in full bloom. You can set your own time. Mary Lou will be available to be a tour guide.

Please RVSP, so Mary Lou can make sure there is enough room at each event for parking. 707-442-1387 or mlgoodwin@outlook.com



Stagecoach Hill *Rhododendron occidentale*



Work Party at Stagecoach Hill getting ready for the April 2017 International Convention hosted by the Eureka Chapter. Left to right, Eureka Chapter Members Mark Freitas, Mary Lou Goodwin and Maria Krenk.

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Future Programs

February 22, 2018

John Stephens and Steve McCormick

Rhododendrons in South America
SFBG at Strybing Arboretum

March 22, 2018

Jason Martinez

April 26, 2018

Ali Sarlak

Flora of Iran

April 27 to 29, 2018

Meeting and Annual Flower Show and Plant Sale

May 24, 2018

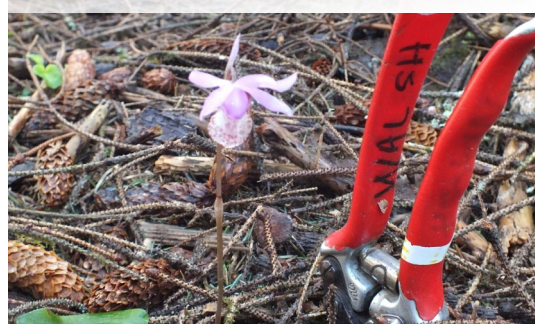
Member Mini Show

June 3, 2017

Member and Guest Garden Tour and Picnic

*The Sun, with all those planets revolving around it and
dependent upon it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as
if it had nothing else in the universe to do.*
Galileo Galilei (1564 to 1642)

Calypso bulbosa orchid at Stagecoach Hill
April 2017. Clipper shown for scale



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