

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting
Thursday April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California

Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner 5:15
Rita's 1111 5th Street, Eureka
Taco Bar \$22 Tax & Tip included
Call June, 707-443-0604
For a reservation **REQUIRED**



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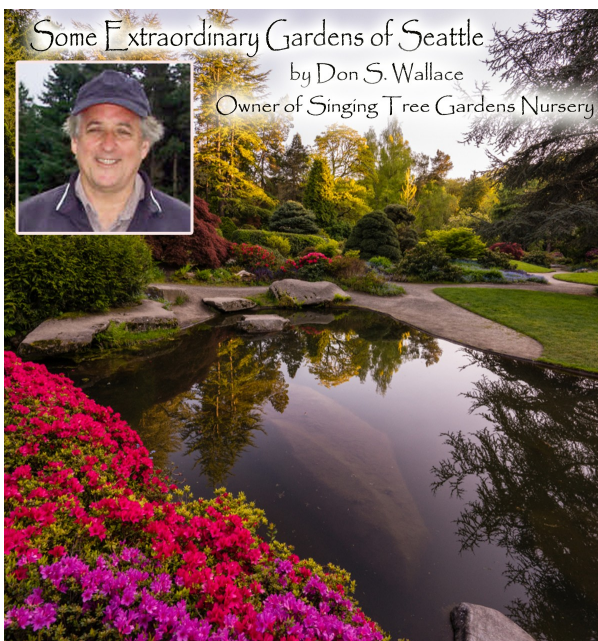
Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

April 2019

Extraordinary Gardens of Seattle

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2019. 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's April program will be presented by Don Wallace, the owner of Singing Tree Gardens & Nursery, a small retail nursery, located in McKinleyville, California. Over the past 25 years Don has planted, propagated, hybridized, and grown from seed many rhododendrons. He is the past president of the Eureka chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, and participated as one of the Show Chairmen at the Western Regional Conference in Eureka back in 1999 and again in 2017 for the International Convention. Don has been involved in photography for 25 years, and travels each year to photograph many gardens up and down the Pacific coast. Currently, Don is active in hybridizing rhododendrons for fragrance, as well as new and exciting colors of flowers. He has been adding more varieties of plants to his nursery every year, including Dwarf Conifers, Heaths and Heather, Flowering Trees, unusual shrubs and perennials. The nursery's website www.singtree.com ships plants year round to all states except Hawaii and Alaska.



Don traveled to the Seattle area last May, 2018 to tour several extraordinary gardens. His program is a travelogue highlighting some of the most memorable gardens there. Starting at the Rhododendron Species Garden in Federal Way, he was a bit late for most of the rhododendron species, but still was able to see many in bloom. He traveled next to the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. This world-class garden is considered to be in the top 10 of all gardens in the US. Don would agree! He traveled to the Meerkerk Gardens on Whidbey Island, and had a short tour of a few private gardens in the area. He finished the tour visiting the Washington State Arboretum and the Kubota Gardens in South Seattle. Don will be bringing some special plants for sale as well.

Don has also been honored by the Eureka Chapter with the Bronze Medal for his outstanding commitment to the Chapter and has received the American Rhododendron Society Silver Medal for his outreach to help people learn about growing Rhododendrons and adding them to their landscapes.

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47th Annual Rhododendron Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 27th & Sunday April 28th, 2019

By Ann Wieland and Lynne Sarty, Show Co-Chairs (707) 502-7858

ARS members and community members are encouraged to bring flowers, plants, arrangements and photos for display at the **47th Annual Rhody Flower Show**.

You can enter your trusses on **Friday April 26th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm** at Miles Hall, Pacific View Charter School (formally St. Bernard's)—115 Henderson Street, Eureka, and on **April 27th from 8:00am to 9:00am**. No entries will be accepted after 9am on Saturday.

The **plant sale** will have two locations **Saturday 10am-3:00pm at Miles Hall**, and **Carson Park Between H and I entering on Carson Street from 11:00am-4:00pm** (but may close earlier if plants are sold out). And **Sunday from 10am-2pm at Miles Hall**. There will be no member pre-sale on Friday night. Special member prices will be available at all plant sale locations. **Please bring your member cards. Member prices will be \$10 for 1-gal plants, and \$20 for 3-gal plants.** Non-member prices will be \$15 for 1-gal and \$25 for 3-gal plants. If 5 or more 1-gal are purchased they will be \$12 each.



Plant of the Month: R. 'Marissa'

By Don Wallace

Rhododendron 'Marissa' exhibits impeccable foliage and large ruffled flowers of white, shading to light pink with a cherry red throat and perfect, large show-quality trusses. We love 'Marissa' for its stunning presentation in the garden, as it has large very dark-green leaves on a very lush and full plant.

This new hybrid from the master hybridizer Jim Barlup of Bellevue Washington is one of the best there is. The blooms appear in mid-April and the plant will only be 3-4 ft tall and wide in 10 years.

This is a *R. degonianum* ssp. *yakushimanum* hybrid, so you know the leaves will be perfect.

It is Nominations and Election Time for the Eureka Chapter

March Nominating Committee – For 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

Max Abrahamsen, Ibby Gerner, Ellie Gayner

April Slate of Candidates -The Nominating Committee presents their Slate of Candidates at the regular April meeting. The Committee shall solicit nominations from the floor at that time.

May Election—The nominating committee presents the final list of candidates from the April meeting at the May meeting for election. The Nominating Committee conducts the election.

Proposed Slate of Candidates

President; Max Abrahamsen

Treasurer; Tim Walsh

At-Large; Diane Larkin

At-Large; Ellen Gill

At-Large; Don Wallace

At-Large; Ann Wieland

Past President; Ellie Gayner

Vice President; Nelda Palmer

Secretary; Gail Ledbetter

At-Large; Sue Hemmann

At-Large; Charles Cunningham

At-Large; Margaret Cole

At-Large; Ibby Gerner

The Board shall assign the duties of **Committee Chairmanships** as defined in the Chapter Bylaws. The board appoints chairs for following committees (note Executive Committee always consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer):

Committees

Show and Sale; Ann Wieland and Lynne Sarty

Membership; Ellen Gill

Programs and Member Tour; Don Wallace

Newsletter; June Walsh

Publicity; Ellie Gayner

Volunteer Coordinator; Diane Larkin

Finance; Max Abrahamsen, Sue Hemmann, Tim Walsh

If you would like to contact any of these members please call or email June Walsh 707-443-0604 or

RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net. You can also send a message through the Web site at www.EurekaRhody.org



What are Those Weeds!!???

Creeping woodsorrel (*Oxalis corniculata*)

Creeping woodsorrel is a low growing perennial broadleaf plant with shamrock-like leaves. It grows throughout California to 8200 feet (2500 m) and inhabits agricultural land, greenhouse and other disturbed sites. It is related to, and closely resembles Bermuda buttercup (buttercup oxalis). Both species contain variable levels of oxalate compounds that when eaten in quantity, can cause death in livestock.

It grows in yards, gardens, turf, landscaped areas, urban places, orchards, vineyards, fields, and agricultural crops, and nursery and greenhouse grounds and containers.

The mature plant is low growing. Its creeping, aboveground horizontal stems grow to about 12 inches (30 cm) long and root at the stem joints (nodes) allowing it to invade new areas. Leaves resemble those of clover and range from green to dark purple-tinged (the same color as red-wood bark mulch).

Flowers are present almost year-round. Two to five yellow flowers form a cluster that develops where leaf stalks and stem meet (leaf axil). The small flowers have five yellow petals. When seeds mature, capsules open explosively, often spreading seeds 10 feet (300 cm) or more. Plants reproduce by seeds and creeping aboveground horizontal stems that root at stem joints (nodes).

Oxalis can be removed by hand or dug up using a hoe or spade. To prevent spreading seed throughout your garden, plants should be removed while they're still young and developing, before the flowers and seed capsules form. The entire root system must be removed or the plant will grow back from **any** pieces left in the soil. Source: http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/creeping_woodsorrel.html

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Submissions from members are encouraged and should be sent to June Walsh, Newsletter Editor, by email RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net
Membership information and applications are available from Ellen Gill. Htglander@suddenlink.net

Eureka Chapter is a member of the **Humboldt Botanical Gardens**, Eureka, CA and **The Rhododendron Species Botanical**, Federal Way, WA.

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Future Programs

April 25, 2019

April 26 to 28, 2019

May 23, 2019

June 2, 2019

July and August

September 19, 2019

October 24, 2019

November

December 5, 2019

Gardens of Seattle, Don Wallace

47th Annual Rhododendron Show and Sale

Member's Mini Show, Let us See Your Bloomers

Members' Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

Weed, Dead head, Mow, BBQ

TBA

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Feasting, Family and Friends

Holiday Potluck

Bring flowers to enter in the Rhododendron Show ask your neighbors and friends to enter, or enter for them. See page 2 Enter Rhododendron and Azalea flowers, plants. Flower arrangements using Rhododendrons or Azaleas, Pictures of Rhododendrons and/or Azaleas in landscapes, with people and pets, with wild life as still life. Come after the formal judges are done and vote for your favorites with the People's Choice Ballots, vote early and often!
Come buy Rhododendrons, azaleas and a limited number of companion plants. **Members always get great prices.**

Eureka Chapter Officers and Board Members

For board member contact information or if you are interested in attending a board meeting which are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM, call or email June Walsh 707-443-0604