

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

The next meeting

*Thursday September 26, 6:00 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California*

POTLUCK Dinner at 6:00 PM

*Chapter will provide fajita bar main dish, you bring veg, sides, dessert, **BYOB**. Plates and utensils provided.*



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Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

September 2019

Elaine Sedlack Visits Maples of Westonbirt

*The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Thursday, **September 26 2019**. The meeting and program will be held at the Eureka Woman's Club 1531 J Street in Eureka beginning at 6:00 P.M. with a potluck. Sue Hemmann will be putting together a fajita bar, all you need to bring is a side, veg or dessert to share. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M. program. All are welcome, members are invited to bring a guest and get a free plant. Please let us know you will have a guest.*

An Autumn Visit to the Maples of Westonbirt – England's National Arboretum

Westonbirt Arboretum is Mecca for anyone who loves trees, especially maples! Here in the mild climate of southwest England are found the UK's National Collections of both Japanese maple cultivars and species maples. Some have achieved great stature, since this 500 acre estate was first planted in the 1850's. Elaine's presentation will include many unusual forms of species maples as well as a selection of cultivars, illustrating the incredible diversity of these beautiful and graceful trees.



Elaine Sedlack has gardened her whole life, most recently retiring from the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley. She spent 31 years there caring for and developing the Asian collection. She belongs to numerous horticultural organizations, has published articles and traveled internationally in the course of her career, notably to China and Japan. She moved to Eugene in 2015, where she gardens under the watchful eye of her cat Samara.

This is a great program to invite your garden-enthusiast family and friends to join you at a meeting. The public is always welcome!

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September is Membership Renewal Time

... Joining or Re-joining time if you are a lapsed member.

You will find enclosed in this newsletter a self-addressed STAMPED envelope to enclose your membership payment. Our Membership Chief is Ellen Gill, who will need your encouragement to complete her work on your behalf.

If you are a member, we will be continuing our very popular program;

BRING-A-GUEST-GET-A-PLANT

(new guests only for free plant)

Bring family and friends, you will get a plant and your guest will have a great time.

NEW MEMBERS GET A FREE PLANT, too! If you receive this newsletter by email and are not a member, please consider JOINING the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society today. I have included a membership application form for you.

Become a member ON LINE, for NEW members only.

<https://www.rhododendron.org/joincc.asp>

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Plant of the Month

Rhododendron 'Blue Baron'

Rarely does a rhododendron that has 'blue' in its name, actually look blue. However, this one really does! A hybrid consisting of the species *Rhododendron angustinii*, *Rhododendron rusatum*, and *Rhododendron minus*, the plant will be low growing with small leaves. The winter foliage color is dark bronze, so is its least attractive time of the year. After blooming the foliage is a nice bright green. The plant will grow

wider than tall, only 2.5 feet by 3 feet. An attractive combination would be to plant in mass with yellow or orange flowering rhododendrons.



Eucryphia X 'Nymansensis' in the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. August and September bloom. Come see them NOW, while the bees are buzzing and before the bloom is off!

Eucryphia X 'Nymansensis' this wonderful, large, evergreen shrub, grows upright to 20' tall and 6-8' wide over time.

It has large, glossy green leaves and in late summer to early autumn produces large, handsome, fragrant white flowers. It is a magnet for bees and butterflies. It is a naturally occurring hybrid of two Chilean species, *E. glutinosa* and *E. cordifolia*.

They enjoy bright light in part shade or full sun on the coast with regular summer water. It is accepting of somewhat heavy soils. Easily frost hardy to USDA Zone 8.



We are still looking for some intrepid volunteers to care for the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. If you have a few hours a week/month to spare please call June 707-443-0604 to volunteer.

At membership renewal time we give you the opportunity to make gift contributions to several American Rhododendron Society projects and a few projects close to the Eureka Chapter's members' interests. Last year Eureka Chapter members made additional gifts of over \$1000!

Eureka Chapter: General Fund, this fund pays for the newsletter printing and postage for those who get their newsletter by snail instead of email, supplies and food for potlucks, meeting room rental.

American Rhododendron Society: General Fund, this fund pays for ARS support, the Journal, the web site **Research Foundation,** this fund scientific research projects. Information derived from the projects yield practical benefits for growing or enjoying rhododendrons, or yield new insights into the biology, geographical distribution or history of rhododendrons.

Endowment Fund, income from this fund is used to provide grants to worthwhile projects and activities in accordance with the Society's mission.

Seed Exchange: helps support the collection and dissemination of seed.

Humboldt Botanical Garden, Moss Temperate Woodland Garden: donations to this fund are used for maintenance, irrigation and new plantings.

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden: one of the largest collections of Rhododendrons from around the world. Scientific research, plant collection and protection of the environments in which rhododendrons grow.

Hospice of Humboldt: Starting in December 2018 the Eureka Chapter planted a rhododendron garden and installed irrigation near the inpatient rooms. This fund is for the next phases of the garden.

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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. Htg1anderg@gmail.com

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

September 26, 2019

October 24, 2019

November

December 5, 2019

January 23, 2020

February 27, 2020

March 26, 2020

April 23, 2020

April 24-26, 2020

April 29—May 3, 2020

May 28, 2020

June 7, 2020

All programs subject to change

Elaine Sedlack, Maples of Westonbrit

THE very famous, Mike Bones

Feasting, Family and Friends

Holiday Potluck

Paula Trinoskey

To be Announced

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Rhodo Flower Show and Sale

75th Annual ARS Convention Portland OR.

Member Mini Show, Let Us See Your Bloomers!

Member Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic

*While the bright radiant sun in center glows,
The earth in annual motion round it goes;
At the same time on its own axis reels,
And gives us change of seasons as it wheels.*

—The 1793 Old Farmer's Almanac

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Glorious fall red fruit of *Magnolia denudata* at Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden in Humboldt Botanical Garden

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