

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

Pre Meeting Dinner 5:15 pm
Vista Del Mar
91 Commercial St.
Reservation required call
Lynne 707-362-1796

The next meeting
Thurs. March 27th 7:00 pm
Eureka Woman's Club
1531 J Street, Eureka CA



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American Rhododendron Society

Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

March 2025

Hendricks Park, Eugene, Oregon



The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Thursday, March 27, 2025. The meeting and program will be held at the Eureka Woman's Club 1531 J Street in Eureka beginning at 7:00 pm.

Your past-president and Rhodo-geek, Tim Walsh, fell hook, line and sinker for rhododendrons in Hendricks Park. Learn about the history of this fabulous place from Emily Aune at this month's meeting.

Emily Aune began working at Hendricks Park in 2009 and has served as the Head Gardener of the Rhododendron Garden for the past 11 years. With a total of 15 years at Hendricks Park, she has dedicated her career to maintaining and enhancing the beauty of this beloved community space.

Her passion for plants and the outdoors began in Bloomington, Indiana, where she spent summers working at a youth camp and later worked at a retail plant nursery

during high school. In 1999, she moved to Oregon to be closer to family and quickly fell in love with the state's mountains, streams, and lush forests.

In 2007, Emily joined the City of Eugene Parks Department, where she started on the Landscape crew. Her dedication and skills soon earned her a permanent assignment at Hendricks Park, where she began to specialize in maintaining the park's Rhododendron Garden.

In 2017, Emily joined the Eugene Chapter of the Rhododendron Society and became the society's secretary in 2019. She has contributed monthly articles to the society's newsletters, providing updates on Hendricks Park and other gardening topics. Two of her articles have also been published in the American Rhododendron Society Journal. Emily remains active in local gardening societies and continues to deepen her connections within the botanical community. To learn more about Emily and Hendricks Park click [here](#). Or, check out the link on the home page at EurekaRhody.org

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The lawn at Hendricks Park in Eugene Oregon

BE SILLY. BE HONEST. BE KIND.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Presents

Spring Plant Sale

One Day Only

1 gal size AZALEAS & RHODODENDRONS

Saturday , April 26th , 2025



**Pacific View Charter School
115 Henderson Street, Eureka
Saturday Only 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
May close earlier if plants are sold out
707-845-1553 FOR UPDATE.**

Know your soil Drainage

Before you go to the plant sales this spring!

Understanding the requirements of specific plants is necessary before planting can be done properly. For example, most rhododendrons require good drainage to prevent root rot, while other plants like Iris, Willow, or Gunnera all either tolerate or like wet soils. So, do some research and find out what your plants like or need before planting and you will increase your success dramatically.

The illustration below applies to plants that need good drainage. The root ball is above any hard pan or poor draining clay layer. This 'raised bed' type of planting is always the best choice for most all ornamental plants, as most need sharp drainage to thrive. If you don't know what kind of drainage you have, you might want to try the Drainage Test, below.

The Drainage Test - Step 1

A test you can perform to determine what kind of drainage you have starts by digging a hole 6 inches in diameter and 1 foot deep somewhere in your garden (preferably somewhere you suspect the drainage to be questionable, like at the bottom of a slope, or somewhere that plants have died more often than thrived). Use a post hole digger if you have one, as this makes the perfect sized hole.

The Drainage Test - Step 2

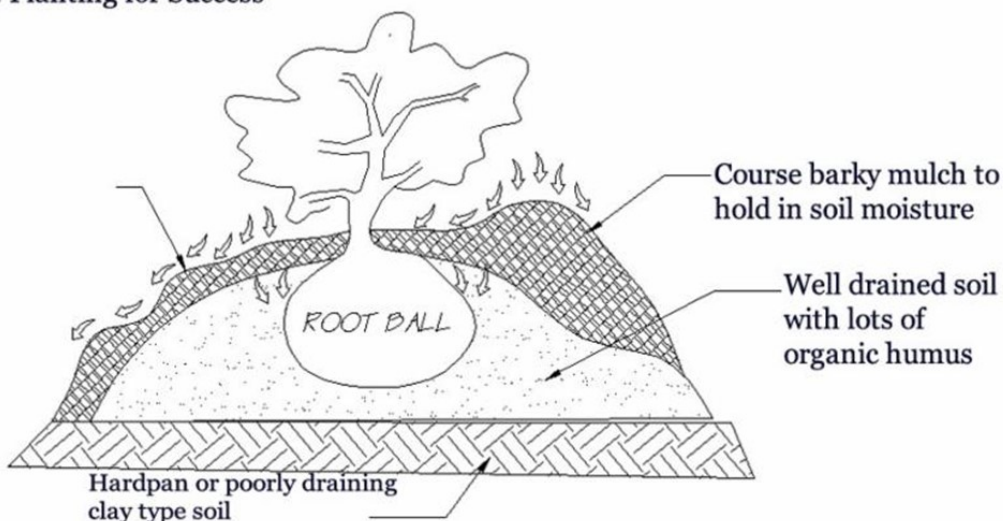
Fill the hole completely to the top with water. Wait until the water has completely drained out, then refill.

The Drainage Test - Step 3

If your hole takes less than 3 hours to drain out, then you have adequate drainage for plants to thrive. If the hole takes more than 4 hours to completely drain out, then you have poor drainage and will have to rely on other methods to obtain better drainage.



2. Planting for Success



Plant of the Month: *Rhododendron* 'Carnelian Candy'

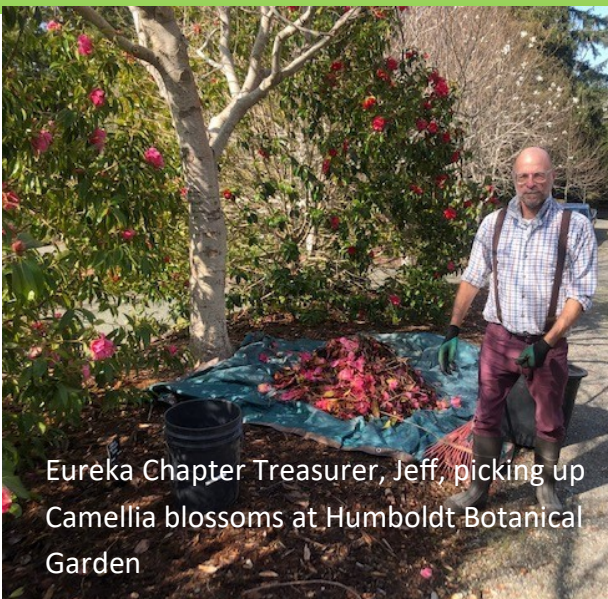
By ARS Silver Medal Honoree, Don Wallace

Here is one of my earlier crosses of (Naselle x Malemute) x Yellow Rolls Royce. The flowers are ruffled with a light peachy-pink color and a white border. I won the 'Best Bicolor Truss' category a few years ago for this hybrid. The foliage is quite different with rounded edges and is curved slightly, giving the plant a different look. The plant will be fairly large, growing to 6ft x 6ft in 10 years. It is very easy to grow, and buds up nicely every year. Blooming in late April into May.



*The little white clouds are racing over the sky,
And the fields are strewn with the gold of the flower of March,
The daffodil breaks under foot, and the tasseled larch
Sways and swings as the thrush goes hurrying by.*

—Oscar Wilde (1854–1900)



Eureka Chapter Treasurer, Jeff, picking up Camellia blossoms at Humboldt Botanical Garden

March and April a wonderful months to visit Humboldt Botanical Garden's Temperate Woodland Garden. The Maddenii Rhodos perfume the air, the tender big-leaf Rhodos, like *Rhododendron protistum* shown with Frank and Darci at right show off their huge flower trusses. Daffodils and Milk Maids bloom.



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Future Programs

The Eureka Chapter meets at the Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J Street, Eureka CA.

The Eureka Chapter Telephone-tree callers will be on the phone to keep you up-to-date with anything new. Tell them thank you for their calls!

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| March 27, 2025 | Emily Aune, Hendricks Park in Eugene, OR |
| April 24, 2025 | Marc Colombel, From Brittany, France! |
| April 26, 2025 | Eureka Rhody Plant Sale |
| May 2-3, 2025 | Humboldt Botanical Garden, Plant Sale |
| May 22, 2025 | Member Mini Show; Let us see your bloomers! |
| June 8, 2025 | Member Garden Tour |

All programs subject to change, but what in life isn't?

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 7 pm, all members are welcome, call or email June Walsh RhodyHostel@suddenlink.net or 707-443-0604