The American Rhododendron Society

Eureka Chapter



Next meeting:
Thurs. December 3
Potluck at 6:00 pm
Program at 7:00 pm

Location:
Eureka Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, CA

Holiday Potluck

Thursday December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
Woman's Club, 1531 J Street, Eureka

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society meeting and program will be held at the Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J Street in Eureka on December 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Members and guests should bring their favorite potluck main dish, salad, vegetable, side dish, or dessert. The Chapter will provide coffee, tea, juice, plates, napkins, cups, and utensils. BYOB (wine/beer) if you wish. The public is welcome...bring a friend.

After the meal we will enjoy a program given by Eureka Chapter members Ann Wieland and Steve Durham about the American Rhododendron Society spring 2026 convention held on Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada. The convention organizers held several days of members' garden tours up and down the island.

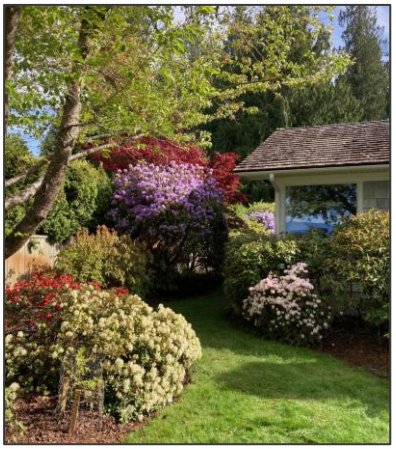
Upcoming Events in 2027

January 28: Marie Antoine, Tales from the Redwood Treetops
February 25: Frank Bickner, Humboldt Geology: Moving and Shaking!
March 25: Will Clausen, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, Ericaceae of the Pacific Northwest
April 22: Mini-show with dessert and beverages
April 24: ARS-Eureka Plant Sale
April 25: Member Garden Tour
May 1: Humboldt Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale (April 30 for HBG members)
June 6: Stagecoach Hill Tour
All programs are subject to change…but what in life isn't?

Sneak Preview of Dec. 3 Program by Ann Wieland & Steve Durham

Photos on this page by Ann Wieland





We will be having our holiday potluck dinner on December 3rd. Members Steve Durham and Ann Wieland will give the presentation after the meal. Last April, Steve and Ann (along with several other chapter members) attended the American Rhododendron Society Convention on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia. They visited 22 spectacular gardens, and they will be presenting a slide show of inspiring garden highlights—so you can savor these gardens as well.

Visitors at the convention were hosted by the Victoria Rhododendron Society, the Cowichan Valley Rhododendron Society, and the Nanaimo Rhododendron Society. They served fabulous lunches, and gardens were filled with mature rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, conifers, and many other plants. Visitors were amazed that so many Rhododendron Society members opened their gardens for viewing! What a lot of work they did to prepare their gardens for convention tours! We are fortunate to get a peek at the gardens Ann and Steve viewed.



Plant of the Month

By Don Wallace

Rhododendron ‘Goldprinz’ is getting the reputation as one of the very best yellow flowering rhododendrons. It is the result of repeated crossbreeding by the Hachmann Nursery in Germany. This exciting new rhododendron is compact in growing habit, and hardy to USDA zone 6. The flowers cover the plant fully and last longer than most rhododendrons. Each truss has 15-17 florets which open reddish orange, then change to an intense yellow with a wine-red throat and red spots in the upper petal. The foliage is dark-green and shiny, broadly elliptic, and cover the shrub fully to make a very handsome plant year-round. Climates with severe winters should provide some protection. Coming from the Hachmann Nursery means that it will be a great performer, as they have been producing new rhododendrons for generations. At Singing Tree Gardens, we have been trying to get large numbers of these from a tissue culture grower, and we finally have them.



Photo by Don Wallace

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

The Eureka Chapter is a chapter of the Americal Rhododendron Society, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Visit our website at
www. EurekaRhody.org.

Eureka Chapter Officers and Board Members

Members are welcome to attend board meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Any member wishing to attend a board meeting or find board member contact information may contact June Walsh at (707) 498-2337 or RhodyHostel@gmail.com.

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Late October bloom at Humboldt Botanical Garden. Photo by Rebecca Wilcox.