

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

## Eureka Chapter

Thursday May 28th , 6:00 pm

Woman's Club

1531 J Street

Eureka, California

*Garden Tour and Picnic*

*Sunday June 7th*

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Eureka Chapter  
American Rhododendron Society

Rhododendrons  
in the Redwoods

May and June  
2026

Mini Show and  
Garden Tour

**Members' Mini Show**  
*Let us See Your Bloomers!*

### ***SHOW US YOUR BLOOMERS***

***Eureka Chapter Mini-Show and Potluck Party***

***Thursday, May 28th at 6:00 pm***

***The Thursday May 28th meeting of the Eureka Chapter will be the annual Mini-Show. YOU get to be the judges! For all the efforts you put into cutting and grooming your entries, you will be rewarded with potluck and bragging rights!***

***Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salads and desserts to share with your fellow members. The meeting will start at 6:00 so there will be time to fill out the entry tags for your 'Bloomers' and to place them on the show tables. Everything will be provided (plates, utensils, cups, etc.), all you need to do is bring your flowers, your sense of humor, your potluck dish and a good appetite.***

***There will be a Judging Rhodo 101 show-and-tell explaining what to look for in blue ribbon winners as you select your favorite entries.***

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## Eureka Chapter Mini-Show Rules

**Date: Thursday, May 28th, 6:00 pm**

The **mini-show** takes place at the May 28th meeting. Entries are limited to those of members (Life, Regular, Associate, etc.) of the American Rhododendron Society's Eureka Chapter.

Members are **limited to one entry in each class**. Entries must be rhododendron trusses. No sprays or hammerheads (2 or more trusses on one stem) will be judged. Entries are based largely on color, but members are encouraged to include the name of the species or hybrid on the entry card for the benefit of other members.

Trusses may be groomed and prepared according to the rules for the regular Eureka Chapter Truss Show.

Classes shall consist of the following:

**Class 1: Lepidote Rhododendron Species**, regardless of color.

(These include the *Maddenii* and most small-leafed rhododendrons.)

**Class 2: Elepidote Rhododendron Species**, regardless of color.

**Class 3: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, Red.

**Class 4: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, Pink.

**Class 5: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, White.

**Class 6: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, Purple, lavender or blue.

**Class 7: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, Yellow, orange or apricot.

**Class 8: Hybrid Rhododendrons**, Bicolor.

**Class 9: Any Rhododendron truss entered for fragrance.**

**Class 10: Any Azalea**

Judging shall be done by the members and guests attending the show. Each member and



guest shall receive a ballot and may vote for one truss in each class by writing the entry-tag number on the ballot. Ties shall be broken by a member randomly selected by the show chair to cast a tiebreaking vote. Once a winner has been selected in each class, members and guests will vote for the Best of Show on the Best of Show Ballot from among the first-place winners in each class.

## Eureka Rhody Garden Tour June 7th, 2026

South Gardens—Ferndale and Beatrice (“bee-AT-tris”)

Be prepared for Humboldt weather; sun, wind, rain, drizzle, mud. Wear gardening shoes or boots, bring a hat and glasses in case of passing sun. A raincoat and a tank top, and just in case, as the Irish say “t’won’t rain” if you have an umbrella. Garden pathways may be wet and slippery - be cautious.

***Please do not go to the gardens before or after the designated time, our hosts may be on tour with us.***

***NO DOGS in the gardens, please.***

Tell our hosts “thank you” for sharing their gardens with us!

Carpool option, for people coming from Eureka north. Meet at College of the Redwoods North Gate parking lot at 10:30. Those who will drive will meet with those who want a ride.

### **11:00 am to 11:30 am Garden 1, The Hadley Garden, 655 Main Street, Ferndale**



The Hadley Garden in Ferndale, CA was created by the Willis D Hadley Foundation with the mission to enhance, restore, and protect wildlife and native plant communities. The garden was designed to highlight some of the unique and ecologically important habitats of the north coast such as coastal dunes, coastal prairie, riparian forest, and coastal bluffs.

### **11:40 am to 12:15 pm Garden 2, Julie and Doug Hadley (no relation to the above), 479 Eugene Street, Ferndale (cross street is Berding). Green house on the corner.**

This garden was designed and installed by Ryan Scott, formerly of Singing Tree Gardens. The garden is a jewel box of colorful dwarf conifers and heathers, there is no lawn, but poppies and pansies add flowers along the side garden. Be sure to look through the front door to the a perfectly framed garden picture.



### **12:45 pm Garden 3, Wendy Wahlund and Ben Shepherd, 6945 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka (or for old Humboldters, Beatrice (“Be-AT-ris”). Look for the BIG green wheels.**

The park-like setting of this garden will be the perfect place to stop, reflect and enjoy your picnic lunch. Bring your own picnic, please pack out what you pack in. Enjoy the manicured lawns and lovely woods as well as the colorful garden beds.

### **2:00 pm Optional Garden 4, Humboldt Botanical Garden, 7707 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka.**

Just north of Wahlund-Shepherd garden. North Gate at College of the Redwoods. Tim and June Walsh will be your guides. This is a concert day - HBG members pay \$5, non members pay the gate fee. <https://hbgf.org/hours-admission/> for prices.

Soft petals of white,  
Such delicate embrace,  
Sweet Rhododendron,  
You fill my garden space.  
A picture of beauty,  
In full bloom you stand,  
The bees just adore you,  
Your looking so grand,  
The sun shines upon you,  
Nature divine,  
A true masterpiece,  
In this garden of mine.

Jayne Davies



Through March, *Rhododendron taronense*  
sweetly scents the pathway through Humboldt  
Botanical Garden, Moss Family Temperate  
Woodland Garden

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society Presents

# Rhododendron Plant Sale 1gal size \$20 each

**Saturday May 30th, 2026**



**Eureka Home & Garden Show**  
**Redwood Acres Fairground**  
**Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

## Rock Hounding and Gathering with Eureka Rhody, June 20th

Eureka Chapter's new President, Steven Durham, will lead a rock collecting expedition to the Klamath River on June 20th. His cell phone is; **707-616-4072**

Steve says, "We will assemble in front of **Harbor Freight in Valley West shopping center** in Arcata at 10 am. You will have a chance to gather ice and picnic supplies at Ray's grocery next door. We will leave at 10:30 am. You can follow me in my dark blue Nissan Frontier with black dump trailer. We will reassemble at approximately 12:30 pm just off **HIGHWAY 96 at Bluff Creek**. This location is approximately 12 miles east of Weitchpec, normally less than a two hour drive and is easy to spot with a sign saying **Bluff Creek** as you go over the bridge. You can gather rock on the adjacent river bars or drive up on adjacent forest service roads and gather rock. Trucks and other high clearance vehicles are best. I will scout out the area the week before and let you know where to go for best gathering. You can use my trailer to load some rocks; however, I expect most people will arrange to transport their own rocks. The back of my trailer will have wood pallets lightly covered with wood chips such that the rocks will rest there and will likely not break up. I will camp somewhere near there that night and return the next day. Note that that telephone/internet service is very sketchy up there. You probably know to bring boots and water shoes to be safe and to wade in the water. Looking forward to a good time. **Let's rock out!**"



## Cal Poly Humboldt Library Tour Invitation

June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

The Eureka Chapter has again made an award of \$1,500 to the Cal Poly Humboldt Library's 3D herbarium project which is lead by Library Dean Cyril Oberlander. This award was made in honor of Eureka Chapter's long time friend and member Jerry Reynolds who taught Journalism at then Humboldt State University.

Join Eureka Rhody members as we tour the library with Dean Oberlander on June 11th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Paid parking is adjacent to the library. We will meet at the Arcata Safeway parking lot at 4:30 for those who want to car pool.

<https://www.humboldt.edu/transportation-parking/parking-permits-fees>

The plan is a brief tour of the Library (Special Collections, The Press, etc.) and focusing on the Hall of Simulation and Innovation Hub - where the 3D Herbarium photogrammetry and annotations are made, with demonstrations. This will be an opportunity to see how Eureka Rhody's donations over the years have been spent.



### Plant of the Month

*Rhododendron* 'Noyo Star'

*By Don Wallace*

*Rhododendron* 'Noyo Star' was created by the talented hybridizer Ken Jones of Fort Bragg. Sadly, Ken is no longer with us, but his rhododendron creations are his legacy.

Ken used *R. Grandma's Hat*' and *R. Red Eye*' as parents for this one. It is very striking with a white star inside of a purplish border, and a gold flare in the upper lobe.

This one is in demand in the Fort Bragg area. As a truss it was entered into the annual Noyo Chapter flower show, and many saw and wanted it.

The plant is a large and strong grower, being 6 ft tall in 10 years, but growing larger over time. The foliage is dark green and attractive. I am happy that Ken's legacy will be in the trade for a long time due to its quality. As a side note, the photo is of the truss entered into the Noyo Chapter's May 2026 flower show. In my opinion, it was the best flower in the show.

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

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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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| <i>May 28, 2026</i>       | <i>Member Mini-Show and Potluck, Let Us See Your Bloomers!</i>                                     |
| <i>May 30, 2026</i>       | <i>Eureka Home and Garden Show, Rhody Plant Sale<br/>Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 10 am - 5 pm</i>   |
| <i>June 7, 2026</i>       | <i>Member Garden Tour and Potluck Picnic</i>   |
| <i>July and August</i>    | <i>Try to keep up with weeds, sit on the porch and enjoy summer</i>                                |
| <i>September 24, 2026</i> | <i>The NEW Rhodo year begins with a potluck, friendships to renew<br/>and new things to learn.</i> |
| <i>October 22, 2026</i>   | <i>Program to be announced</i>   |
| <i>December 3, 2026</i>   | <i>Holiday Potluck</i>   |
| <i>January 28, 2027</i>   | <i>Marie Antoine, Tales from the Treetops— 25 years of coast<br/>redwood canopy research</i>       |

*All programs subject to change...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 p.m. all members are welcome, call or email June Walsh 707-498-2337 [RhodyHostel@gmail.com](mailto:RhodyHostel@gmail.com)