

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

Pre Meeting Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Gallagher's, in the Eagle House
139 2nd Street, Old Town
Reservation is required
call Lynne at (707) 362-1796

The next meeting,
Thursday October 22, 2026
Eureka Woman's Club



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American Rhododendron Society

Rhododendrons
in the Redwoods

October 2026

Building a Legacy Humboldt Botanical Garden

The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. 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 Rhody guest speaker for October is Tim Walsh who has been a member of the Eureka Chapter since 1987. He has served in many capacities since then, never far from having his trowel in the workings.

In 1991 a Eureka lady (Irene Van Natter) called all the garden and plant societies together to see if there were enough people interested in exploring making a botanical garden in Humboldt County. Tim was on the first board of directors for the newly-formed Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation. Tim and his wife June have been very actively involved at all levels of the Humboldt Botanical Garden, both at the board and at the most satisfying "hands-in-the-dirt" level. Each year they spend more than 600 hours volunteering. They are the co-curators of the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden named for former Eureka Rhody President Larry Moss and major HBG benefactor. We hope you will enjoy Tim's program on the new Humboldt Botanical Garden, just possibly the best place anywhere to grow Rhododendrons (...and a few other special plants as well)!

Come see the progress the garden has made since its first planting in 2003.

Tim received the American Rhododendron Society's Silver Medal in 2007. He is also the recipient of the ARS Gold Medal in 2025. Tim is a University of California Extension Service Platinum Badge Master Gardener.



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Ground Breaking August 2003



Nelda Palmer and Bruce



Eureka Rhody tour of bare garden



Planting starts 2008



Naked weedy ground,
plants in pots Fall 2008



Eureka Rhody tour June 2009



Grand Opening of Moss Temperate
Woodland Garden May 2010

It takes a community of Legacy builders to make a public garden flourish!

Many, many Eureka Rhody members have contributed time, money, plants, muscle, brain and brawn to the construction, building and maintenance of the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. Here are some of those visionaries, some gone on to the “*big garden*” but many still getting dirty and managing big and small projects. Eureka Rhody members have been a vital source of support for Humboldt Botanical Garden since 1991.

Max Abramensen, Karen Angel, Larry Moss, Chuck Miller, Maria Krennek, Bruce and Nelda Palmer, Beth Powell, Barbara and Philip O’HayDee Daneri, Tim Walsh, Doug and Marilyn Batt, Jim Bauml and Stacy Schaefer, Don Wallace, Kathy and George Burtchett, Mary Gearheart, Jeff Clark, Ellen and Tom Gill, Charles Cunningham, Trish and Joe Ortiz, Steve Davidson, Bob White, Tom and Aileen Martin, June Walsh, Annalee Veach, Frank Bickner, Darci Short, Raul Ruis, Jerry Reynolds, Sandra Dupret, Ibbey Gerner, April Goess, Denise Braafladt, Richard and Paula Grabowski, Sue Silva, Chuck Goodwin, Terry Henderson, Diane Larkin, Steve Lemke, Jim and Gay Morrison, Harold Johnson, Rebecca Wilcox, Cathy Bonser, Jean Durbin.

Your editor sincerely apologizes if I left YOU off the list. Please let me know so a correction may be made.



Eureka Chapter/American Rhododendron Society

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Submissions from members are encouraged and should be sent to June Walsh, Newsletter Editor, by email at RhodyHostel@gmail.com

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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!

October 22 2026 Tim Walsh, Building a Legacy, Humboldt Botanical Garden

November No meeting Enjoy your family friends and Gardens

December 3, 2026 Holiday Potluck and Garden Glimpses with Ann Wieland and Steve Durham, Vancouver Island, Canada

Meeting location change! January and February 2027 will be held at the:

Humboldt Grange

Humboldt Hill Road

January 28, 2027 Marie Antoine, Tales from the Tree Tops– 25 years of Coast Red woods canopy research

February 25, 2027 TBD

March 25, 2027 Will Clausen, Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

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

"A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small, silly presents every so often-just to save it from drying out completely". Pam Brown

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