

Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Meeting Time/Place

May 17 —7:00 pm
N. Bend Housing Authority
1700 Monroe Street
North Bend

Pre Meeting Dinner—

5:00 pm
Coach House
604 6th Ave
Coos Bay

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Meeting Refreshments:

Candy Baumer

May Board Meeting

May 9th, 9:00 am
Minute Café, Bandon

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May Program

Marie Woodward will talk to us about Dahlias. She has been involved with the Bay Area Dahlia Society at almost all levels and is very knowledgeable.

President's Message

Ray Lee

Thank you – Jim and Sylvia Smith brought many trusses and gave great counsel on picking and preparing trusses to win ribbons at our flower shows. The possibility of winning a ribbon is one of the main reasons we have so many people bring flowers to our shows. Several of our members brought their trusses so we had at least thirty different varieties to admire and see what might be good enough to get a ribbon from the judges. It was a great program and perfectly timed to help us prepare for our show on April 28th and 29th.

Bushier plants – I believe it's time to get rid of single leaf buds on the rhododendrons in our garden. We've had a Sausalito for two years now with no flower buds. It also has all single buds except one branch that has two buds. I took pictures then snipped off every single bud to see if I can force it to put out multiple buds. See the photos elsewhere in the newsletter. I'm hoping it may force it to bloom as well. I guess it's also possible that I killed this year's growth. Looking at some of my other rhodies I see some that still have tiny leaf buds. I'll have to wait for a growth spurt before snipping out their buds. I wondered if the tiny buds were only on very late blooming plants so I looked and two of them are very late but one is a very

early bloomer. There are so many things to experiment with while I have fun learning about rhodies. I'll keep track and write about the results in a future article.

Other important dates for your calendar

May 12th - Hinsdale Garden open to the public at 10:00 AM

May 13th – Shore Acres Mother's Day Rhododendron Sunday from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Members from our Chapter are needed to staff an information table and bring trusses to educate the public.

May 16th – Hinsdale Garden open for ARS members at 10:00 AM

Next meeting – May 17th is our next meeting. Please come join us to talk about our April flower show and sale and talk about what a good time we had educating the public while making a few dollars to help us fund garden projects.

New member: We have a new member who signed up at the Show and Sale. She also purchased five rhodies today and about twenty last year. The new member is Britta Fink who had her daughter Lorilar with her helping to pick out the plants. Lorilar is an enthusiastic assistant. Welcome and thank you for joining our Chapter.



Show Wrap Up

Pete Baumer

Let me start at the finish line. Two hours after pulling down the gate at the mall the racks are home and put to bed for another year. Our judges were impressed with our trusses and we received many compliments about the number and assorted colors. Congratulations to our club!!!!!!

Now I can start at the beginning. If you are one of the many members who showed up at 4 pm for set up, WAY TO GO. Unloaded and set up in no time. Wow you guys are great. A special shout out to Tom Hultin who shows up every year to just help us. Many thanks. I have tried to thank each and everyone individually for all you do and I am sure that I missed some of you. For instance I didn't tell Robin thanks for stepping up and helping on one of the clerking teams, or Dick Jamsgard for rescuing me on Thursday when I felt over whelmed with how much I needed to deliver. Dick volunteered to pick things up and deliver. When you all have the chance don't forget to thank Dan Nickel and his son, James who were just willing to step in and help where ever needed.

Breakfast snacks were a big hit once again thanks to Marjene and Candy. I also believe that Cath and Dave Collier were involved with the breakfast. Cath for bringing all the things that Marjene forgot. And I know for sure that Dave was involved because I saw him eating (ha ha).

We couldn't have a show without the help of Sandi Jensen. Classifying plants and helping everybody get the numbers on the entry tags right. It is amazing how much easier it is on the group who are organizing the flowers when the plants are in the right category. To Candy, George and Cheryl who organized the truss arrangement, take such good care of our flowers and make the judging move smoothly. You make everything look so easy. Congrats to you all for making everything about our Rhody's look so inviting to the public.

My appreciation to the following: Mary Jo, as always the trophy display was outstanding. Many of you don't know that she collects gifts (trophies) from local business at no cost to our club. Also a thank you to our members who donated trophies. Mary Jo you are so valuable to the success of our show. Thank You!!!!

How about the job our clerking teams did? Not only keeping up with the judging, stapling ribbons, filling out the clerking sheets. My appreciation to Nora, Alice, Robin, Dan, Ron, and Ray. Nice Job!!!! Also a thank you to the number crunchers, Marjene and Karen. Thanks to them the sweepstakes is done and awarded.

We all need to thank Liz for her many hours of taking care of the cash box. Ray, your slide show was as impressive as ever. I heard many compliments about the pictures and noticed almost all the buyers looking at the different photos. To all of you who sold plants, you were amazing. While Ray and I were schmoozing the judges you nearly sold the tables bare. Tremendous effort!!!!!!!!!! Not only did you nearly clear the tables on Saturday you finished off on Sunday. We only had 13 plants left for the fire sale. Ten sold and the last 3 will be May door prizes.

Once again thanks to Lee and Vince for all you hours getting us ready for the plant show. Candy reminded me that the ladies from the Rose Society were real impressed with the signs for each of the plants and thanked us for the idea. The "us" is really the two of you.

Thank you Bob for being our source of knowledge, answering questions and just for being Bob.

Finally thank you Ann, most of you don't know how well she keeps me organized. She has a list, she checks it twice, and calls me and reminds me of the things that need to be done. Again this year she let me do the Worrying. I need to tell all of you that this is a job I don't like. Ann you are a wonderful Lady!!!

To All of YOU - THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SHOW.

Then from all of us just a note to tell Jan Lee it was nice to see you at the show and that we miss you.

Sincerely,

Pete



2012 Show Results

Class	Name	Won by	Trophy Donor
Best Species Azalea	Linearifolium	Ann Drake	Chapter
Best deciduous Azalea	Unknown	Dave Collier	Sven Blomquist & Garden Elements
Best Evergreen Azalea	Unknown	Gene Cockeram	Chapter
Best In Show Azalea	Unknown	Gene Cockeram	Coquille Garden
Best Lepidote Rhody Class 44-50	Milky Way	Candy Baumer	Ray Lee
Best Lepidote Rhody Class 48	Crater Lake	Candy Baumer	Ann Drake
Best Species Rhody	Spinuliferum	Paul Ziegelmeir	Pete Baumer and Books by the Bay
Best Species Spray	Augustinii	Ron Prchal	Liz Hultin
Best Elepidote			
Best White	Babylon	Gene Cockeram	Chapter
Best Pink/Rose		Gene Cockeram	
Best Red	Carmen	Larry Jensen	Liz Hultin
Best Lavender/Purple	Whidbey Island	Larry Jensen	Chapter
Best Yellow	Super Dog	Ann Drake	Coquille Supply and Colleen Rea for painting
Best Tricolor	Bodacious	Gene Cockeram	Prchal
Best r. maddenii	Taggianum	Bob MacIntyre	Agri Tech
Best Spray	Ruby Hart	Gene Cockeram	Coos Grange
Best Vireya	Lucy Sorenson	Larry Jensen	Farr's
Best Truss in Show	Spinuliferum	Paul Ziegelmeir	
Sweepstakes (total of all ribbon awards)		Gene Cockerum	



The Trophy Winners



The Judges

Larry Jensen, Kath Collier, Doug Furr, Mary Furr, Frances Burns, Dave Collier, Gordon Wylie

What a show. Over 400 trusses



Pull up a chair, relax and enjoy the show.

For more pictures and information about the show, go to our website www.sworegon-ars.org/



Across the Kitchen Table

Bob MacIntyre

Well my friends, our year is quickly drawing to a majestic and beautiful end. Show times have started with Siuslaw's early show last week with over 400 entries. In addition, there was an impressive display of rhody and azalea bonsai. Despite our less than optimal weather, the trusses were really quite nice. For a cold, wet spring the members found some very nice trusses and sprays to bring to the show.

The only drawback to the show is the many trusses that were downgraded due to poor preparation. The judges found everything from old mummified wasps to small spiders, leaves that had bites taken out of them that should have been removed, old dead scale buds that were not removed - - - and the list continues. Remember this when preparing your trusses.

Jim and Sylvia did an informative and educational program at our chapter meeting on preparing your trusses and sprays for a show.

As new growth starts to appear, watch for leaf rolling small green caterpillars and for large sections of leaves chewed out by slugs and snails. Also be on the alert for any signs of weevil presence by the notching of new leaves. If any signs appear,

take corrective action now to avoid further damage.

Deer are also starting to show up in a few yards and you may want to start your spraying to try to deter deer from using your yard as a salad bowl. Any number of products are on the market or available on-line. Deer fence and Plant Skyd and several others are common locally. Follow the manufacturer's directions don't use the same product for more than 2-3 months. The deer seem to get used to what you start with and it's loses its effectiveness.

Remember to be vigilant throughout the growing season for chewing and sucking bugs.

Have a great growing year and stay tuned for any information about our summer picnics and cutting party.

Our May program will veer away from rhododendrons. Marie Woodward will talk to us about Dahlias. She has been involved with the Bay Area Dahlia Society at almost all levels and is very knowledgeable. This is the time to plant new tubers and I believe she can help us get started on our garden color for July through October.

Future Events

- 2012 May 4-8—ARS Annual Convention, Asheville, NC
- May 12—Hinsdale Garden
- May 13—Rhododendron Day at Shore Acres
- May 16—Hinsdale Garden open for ARS members 10:00 am
- May 17—Marie Woodward—Dahlias
- May 19 & 20—Siuslaw Chapter Rhododendron Festival and Flower Show
- June 30—Chapter Picnic at Hackett's—details to be sent out later
- Sept. 21-23—Western Regional, Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo, BC

Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS holds its Festival Rhododendron and Azalea Flower Show on Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 5 pm and Sunday May 20 from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Florence Events Center. Information about rhododendrons with an exhibit of rhododendron leaves is featured. The Plant sales are from 10 am to 5 pm.

Enter flower trusses on Saturday, 7 am to 9 am for ribbons and trophies. Door prizes, Raffles and books.

Call 541-997-3082 for more information. Go to siuslawars.org.



Board of Directors—April Meeting Minutes

Pete Baumer

Rhody Board Meeting April 11, 2012

Attending: Liz Hultin, Pete Baumer, Ray Lee, Dan Nickel, Sven Blomquist, Ann Drake, Bob MacIntyre

Discussion about officer nominating Comm.: the following will be placed in nomination at the May Meeting - Ray Lee for President, Robin Hansen for Vice President, Liz Hultin for Treasurer and Pete Baumer for Secretary.

Treasurer's report – current balance = \$5,506.22 resulting from a deposit of \$1,923.44 from the Western Conference.

Rhody Show report: mass media press release was made and a letter sent to all the judges as a reminder of the up coming show. Ray Lee made contact with the reader boards in Coos Bay and North Bend. Ann Drake is making contact with the Myrtle Point and Coquille papers. Mary Jo Jamsgard has all the trophies taken care of. Thompson's Nursery plant pick up is set for April 24th.

Bob is planning an exhibit of Rhody's from seed. Also an exhibit of Rhody's or Azaleas in pots is planned. Anyone with a plant in a pot is encouraged to bring it to the show. Ray Lee will provide a slide show of Rhododendron's in bloom.

A motion to increase the mileage allowance for the judges was passed, \$100 per vehicle. Total cost will be \$400.

Discussion about garden visits was tabled and will be discussed at the April general meeting.

Discussion about the benefit of Bandon Cares. Motion to pay \$25 dues was made and passed.

Discussion about plant care, picking extra buds off plants. Bandon Parks and Recreation project is now a go for the fall. Further discussion later.

Bob discussed Dist. 4 meeting – currently there are two face to face meetings that costs each national board member upwards of \$1500. Your local board suggested that the ARS needs to update its budget and include more reimbursement for board members. Local board also said that there was a need for the face to face meeting and that electronic meetings would not be sufficient for them to get there work done.

Ann's Corner

Ann Drake

What a wonderful flower show! There were 442 blooms gracing our racks. There were several members of our sister chapter in Florence who drove down with racks of flowers. Some searching revealed that this is our 21st show. We awarded 20 trophies contributed by chapter members and the business community. We just get better and better. Pete Baumer is a masterful chairman and his better half Candy is a treasure. Members gave 3 days of hard work. The computer display of blooming rhodies that Ray Lee our president produced added a special touch. This is the second year he has done this. The plant sale went well. We only had 13 plants left and Pete had a "fire sale" and members bought them. Marjene and Candy provided a nice refreshment display for our judges and members.

Gene Cockeram was sweepstakes winner. He also brought several of his Pink Ribbon rhododendron and the money received from the sale of these plants is donated to the Susan Komen Cancer Foundation. Ziggy Ziegelmaier, an associate member from Florence won Best of Show with a spray of r. spinuliferum. Many of the people who visit the show do so every year and buy our plants. Gardeners are the best friends.

