

# Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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APRIL 2013



## April Program

Jim & Sylvia Smith— Preparing your trusses for a show

### Meeting Time/Place

April 18 —7:00 pm  
N. Bend Housing Authority  
1700 Monroe Street  
North Bend

### Pre Meeting Dinner— 5:00 pm

Tai's Dynasty  
1388 Virginia Ave  
North Bend

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### Meeting Refreshments:

Liz Hultin & Ann Toth

### March Board Meeting

April 6—9:00 am  
Minute Café, Bandon

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## President's Message

*Ray Lee*

**Thank you, Sandi** – Your program on the Fuchsias you grow was great. Your passion for the hundreds of different varieties you grow was evident in the slide show. Oh, nice job learning Powerpoint so you could put together the program for us! We appreciate it.

**Officers** –The nominating committee of Ray Lee, Jack Hackett, Liz Hultin and Marjene MacIntyre has met once to plan calls to our members. The offices that need to be filled at our May meeting are President and Secretary. Please consider serving the Chapter in a leadership role. One of the nominating committee members will be contacting you to encourage you to volunteer as an Officer of the Chapter. The final vote isn't until May so we have some time. Now we just need someone to say "O.K., I'll do it!" Remember, our Chapter needs officers in order to continue to function.

**Appreciation** - I received a thank you card and nice photo of the PJMs blooming in Bandon City Park a few days ago. The card is from the Bandon Parks and Recreation Commission thanking the Southwestern Oregon Chapter for our planting project in City

Park. I believe all of our volunteers who helped with this project are pleased with what we've created. It is nice though, to have someone take the time to say thanks for what we've done to improve City Park.

**Shows Coming** – The Siuslaw Chapter in Florence is holding their early Rhododendron Flower Show and Sale April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Florence Events Center behind Safeway. This is an opportunity to find trusses you like and perhaps find plants to add to your garden. They also welcome entries to their Show from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturday.

The Southwestern Oregon Chapter Flower Show and Sale is April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Pony Village Mall. Setup for the show is Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Please come help. We need all of the help we can round up. Our tear down after the Show is Sunday at 4:00 pm. Your Chapter Officers appreciate all of your help and support.

The Siuslaw Chapter late Flower Show and Sale is May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival. Entries to their Show are welcomed from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturday. This event is the peak of Rhododendron fever on the Oregon Coast. You should plan to attend if



## President's Corner (continued)

Ray Lee

just to watch the parade at noon down highway 101 on Sunday. It's the best parade on the Oregon coast.

**Summer Picnic** – Jack and Wanda Hackett have graciously agreed to host our Chapter's summer pot-luck again. The date is July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for arrival and lunch at noon. Put it on your calendar! More de-

**It is spring!**

*The rhododendrons are starting to bloom!*

*Thank you for the beautiful plantings at  
City Park!*

**The Bandon Parks & Recreation Commission**

*Donny Goddard, Thomas Jefferson, Ollie Jones, Linda Olsen,  
Troy Russell, Harv Schubothe, and Esther Williams*



## ***RHODODENDRON SHOW***

**APRIL 27 & 28, 2013**

### **Important things to remember:**

In advance let me thank all of you for your help in making our show a success.

- ⇒ **Trophies:** If you are going to donate to the trophy fund please contact Mary Jo Jamsgard 541-759-3332.
- ⇒ **Judge's Lunch:** Our judges lunch will be catered by Cone Nine in the mall, If you wish to have a plate of Lasagna, minestrone soup, salad, bread and dessert, contact Pete 541-396-3528. Cone Nine will need to know how many people they will be serving.
- ⇒ **Show Entries:** Remember to invite you friends and neighbors to enter trusses and or come to the mall and enjoy our show and "sale."
- ⇒ **Youth Entries:** Also there will be a youth, 18 and under, non judged table of entries. So encourage any all students who you know to enter Rhody and Azalea trusses.
- ⇒ We need everyone's help on **Friday, April 26** setting up the show. Set up will begin at 4:00 p.m. We will be setting up in the same area as last year. We will need help setting up tables, display racks and transporting plants from the parking lot.
- ⇒ **Saturday morning, April 27** is a very important day. Blooms start arriving at 7:00 am and will be received until 9:00 am. Help is needed with classifying, placing blooms in the racks, hospitality, plant sales, clerking, ribbons, and taking care of the main table. Once judging starts we need a group of members to provide security so people do not get in the way of the judging. We will need people to sell plants during the judging. There is a job for everyone. If you have not been assigned something to do please ask.
- ⇒ During the day we need people to man the front table, handing out brochures, signing up new members, checking the tubes for water. Selling plants is very important. If you see someone looking at the plants, do go over and help them.
- ⇒ **We need everyone to enter trusses and/or trusses from your friends and neighbors.**
- ⇒ Remember to groom your trusses in advance, fill out your plant tags before you arrive and to make this task even easier use your pre-made address labels. Do encourage your friends and neighbors that anyone can enter blooms. The more blooms the better the show. Any questions?? Call Pete or Candy Baumer 396-3528 or Ray Lee 267-4176



## Across the Kitchen Table

*Bob MacIntyre*

April so soon? The year seems to be moving by very fast.

Our program this month is a talk and demonstration of how to prepare your thody trusses for the upcoming show.

Jim and Sylvia Smith have done this before and each time there has been a big improvement in the quality of the entries in the rhododendron's on display at the show.

The show is our one big event to educate the public about the American Rhododendron Society, so let's put on a big display. It will also be the first time to have a youth display section. If you know anyone with children under 18, encourage them to enter our show. Also plant sale where they reasonable prices.

This is the time of year active and after walking several early bloomers foliage. Start yhour we will greatly reduce being destroyed. I gen- and Snail bait, but there choose from. While damage, also check for ly, but I have found a



remind friends about our rhody can get good quality plants at very

for slugs and snails to become around the garden I have noticed with slug damage on the new yearly control program now and the potential for a perfect truss erally prefer to use Cory's Slug are a number of good products to checking for any slug and snail weevil damage. It may seem ear- few on my plants.

I have included a photo of a camellia in our yard where one half of the plant is deep green and the other half is not. My brother-in-law soaked his hand in Epsom salts after removing a large splinter. I sprinkled the water on the camellia and apparently did not cover the entire plant. This is proof that it does work.

A better grade of fir bark mulch was added to the rhody's planted at City Park and then fertilized. It seems to be working. The PJM's are a blue island of color near the Park Host site.

Our yard is headed to the down side of the early blooming yellow species and hybrids. The early-mid season reds are now starting to show color as the garden transitions itself.

## Hinsdale Update

Gordon Wylie

### HINSDALE GARDEN

**REMEMBER:**

Saturday, April 20, 2013  
Saturday, May 11, 2013

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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February is often a dreadfully dreary month hereabouts with lowering skies and drizzle to fierce rain or even snow as winter struggles to seemingly strengthen, not loosen, its hold. Will the downhill slide following the holidays ever come to an end? Time to hibernate with a good book or perhaps snooze to the mindless offerings on television. Thus, though I looked forward to the meeting itself as another important phase in the Hinsdale Garden recovery, the early February drive would likely be something to endure.

But by golly, soon after turning off toward Drain, "Scenic Highway" 38 began living up to its officially designated status. Not only was the day benign in place of what late winter storm systems often fling our way, the sun was just right to reveal signs of nature's renewal. Swelling buds on roadside deciduous trees, bright green shoots from low growing plants—even some crocus blooms—all provided a tantalizing foretaste of Spring 2013.

Reedsport area residents, a half dozen ARS members and BLM staff thus gathered at the old ranch house east of the elk viewing area to explore the future of nearby O. Howard Hinsdale Garden. The reason for assembling this group is an ongoing push for formal organization of a community based 'Friends' group to add broad public support to the garden in perpetuity. Of course more immediate topics like enjoying the garden during this year's bloom season also drew comment as everyone took turns with remarks, questions and ideas.

Out of this came two more days during the crowded April/May period to red letter on your calendar: April 20 and May 11. We'll get started at ten each morning and continue until done, probably sometime in the afternoon.

A major goal for the April date, which won't be widely advertised, is a relaxed sort of learning (and enjoying) day for participants. Lists will be provided keyed to numbered tags on each garden specimen. Community members will also be eager to learn other things about our favorite ornamental plants from us 'experts' in all things rhododendron. They will then be better able to begin taking on a role as docents during open garden days and maybe we'll even get some new members on ARS rosters. May 11 will be far more generally advertised as this year's open garden date for the general public.

Please feel welcome to come on one or both dates, even if only briefly. Each visit to this beautiful riverside location yields personal pleasure, and brings nearer the time when the O. Howard Hinsdale Garden will be open throughout the blooming season in display of its historic role of rhododendrons in Pacific Northwest gardens.

## Ann's Corner

*Ann Drake*



We always know spring is here when fragrant Else Frye opens up. She is a favorite. Snow, hail, freezing rain never stops her from showing her pretty face. Dr. Paul Bowman from Fort Bragg received a small plant from Else Frye who lived in the Seattle area. He registered it in 1963. She has a fairly long blooming period and is quite hardy. The plant we have is the original one we purchased at least 20 years ago. Easy to grow cuttings from her. Dr. Bowman also registered California Gold, another tender fragrant rhododendron and a cross of *R. taronense* and Else he named Reine Long. We are so fortunate to live in an area is mild enough to grow these beauties. Because there is also a magnolia named Else Frye and a heather named Else Frye Michael did some research for me. Her husband was a professor at the University specializing in kelp and liverworts.etc. I imagine she was a generous and sharing person as most rhododendron gardeners are. Our plant of Else Frye will be available for cuttings this fall.

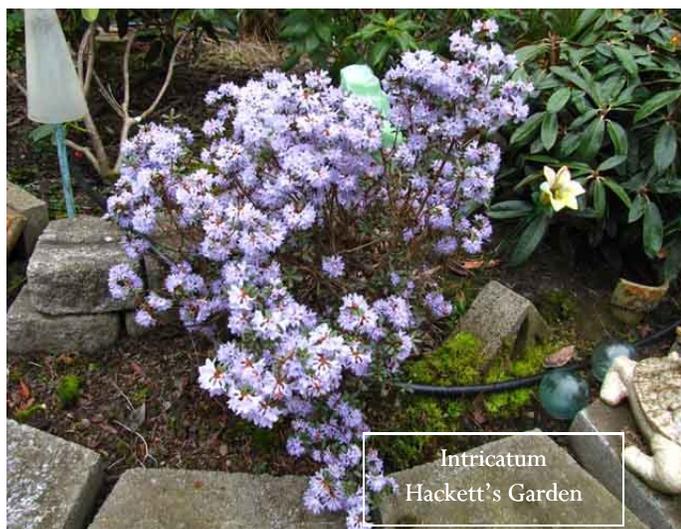




PJM—Bandon City Park



Ibex  
Hackett's Garden



Intricatum  
Hackett's Garden



Spinuliferum  
Hackett's Garden

## Future Events

2013

April 18—regular meeting—Jim & Sylvia Smith. Preparing your trusses for a show

April 26, 27, 28—Southwestern Oregon Chapter Annual Show

May 1—5—ARS Annual Convention, Seattle, WA

July 13—Summer picnic at Jack & Wanda Hackett's

Sept. 27-29—ARS Western Regional Conference, Newport OR

Oct. 4-6—ARS Eastern Regional Conference, Dartmouth NS Canada

