



Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Meeting Time/Place

May 15 —7:00 pm
N. Bend Housing Authority
1700 Monroe Street
North Bend

Pre Meeting Dinner— 5:00 pm

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North Bend

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**“My seeds have sprouted—now
what?”**

Bob MacIntyre

Bob will demonstrate what to do once rhododendron seeds have sprouted. Then it is hands on. Try your luck at separating the seedlings and repotting them. Take them home and see what happens.

President's Message

Liz Hultin

What a wonderful show in spite of a week of rain. We actually made a considerable profit rather than our usual just breaking even. Special thanks to Pete and Candy and all the rest of you who made the show a success.

I won the sweepstakes award. The first time our chapter has had a regular member's name on the plaque. Gene Cockeram, an associate member, has won every previous year. The amount of work I put in to win brought home to me how much work Gene has done every year. He has contributed lavishly, not only to our shows, but to many others as well. Thank you Gene for bringing so many beautiful entries, some of them your own hybrids, to add so much.

Jack Hackett has generously provided a location, set up, and main course for our summer picnic for several years. He informed us at the last meeting that he would be willing to help with set up and provide the main course, but not in his yard. He is anticipating another bad mosquito summer. All the rest of us living in the Bandon area will probably have the same problem. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service are applying *Bacillus Thurengiensis Israelensis* the first weekend in May to kill the larvae. This *Bacillus* is the same used in MosquitoDunks. They hope this will provide effective control. (Mosquitoes of some brand are already flying and biting.) We hope they are right, but a volunteer to host the picnic out of the Bandon area would be appreciated. If no one can, ideas about alternative locations that could be obtained on short notice would be welcome.



OUR 2014 SHOW ~ START TO FINISH



TEAMWORK

IT TOOK MANY HANDS, PERFORMING A
MULTITUDE OF TASKS.



A JOB WELL DONE



THANK YOU, KUDOS, GRACIAS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A GREAT SHOW.



Ann's Corner

Ann Drake

Walking around the garden I realized how many rhododendrons are named after women. Will call them "ladies" because they are. I am a romantic and am assuming many of them are someone's love. The list in my garden includes Peggy Roberts, Mary Fleming, Mrs. Horace Fogg, Donna Totten, Phyllis Korn, Anna Cree, Suellen, Janet Blair, Lady de Rothschild, Mindy's Love, Ruby Bowman, Nancy Evans, Maxine Margaret, Martha Wright, Queen Nefertiti, Isabel Pierce, Patty Bee and many more. There is one I treasure when I visit it: Annie Rooney. The cross is Amber Gem x Ruby Bowman and it is the first cross Tom made. It really is not good enough to be registered but I treasure it because it is named after me! My dad always called me Annie Rooney. It has lingered as a nickname even now in the family. It is really an honor. So you hybridizers out there how about naming the next one after the one you love.



Best in Show—Kathy Jo,
Entered by Ann Drake



Across the Kitchen Table

Bob MacIntyre

Wow!! Where did spring season go?

Cool dry winter with some rain and mostly drizzle and warmer in March and rhody's blooming as much as 6 weeks early. There goes my show trusses. Then early April rain and hard winds knocking flowers off trusses. A moving flood of white, pink, yellow and red flowers across the yard with each heavy gust of wind. Those not knocked off were really beaten down with brown bruising or black and brown dark spots. However, not everyone had such destruction as evidenced by the spectacular blooms in the show. Over 400 entries in our show.

Both Florence and Southwestern chapters had quite the display at their show.

Ann Drake won the Best in Show and Liz Hultin took sweepstakes.

As warm weather approaches look for signs of azalea and rhododendron lace wing on your plants and treat accordingly. Don't forget the second application of fertilizer is due the end of the month. Continue to watch for slugs and snails and bait frequently.

Future events we will be participating in at Shore Acres: Mother's Day and June 7. Mother's Day is Rhododendron Days at Shore Acres and June 7 will be the garden event program with information tables, literature and display of blooms.

Future Events

- 2014 May 15—Southwestern Oregon regular meeting
May 20—Siuslaw Chapter Meeting

Conferences & Special Events

- May 10, 10 am—2 pm—Open House at Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport
May 18, 11 am to 4 pm—Coos County Master Gardener's Tomato-Rama, Pony Village Mall, North Bend
May 24, 10 am—2 pm—Open House at Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport
May 15-18, International Convention, Cleveland, OH
Sept. 26-28, Western Regional Conference, Everett, WA
October 20—15—New Zealand Rhododendron Conference, Dunedin, North Island, NZ

Show Dates

- May 17 & 18, Siuslaw Chapter Show, Florence Event Center

- 2015 May 6—10, ARS Annual Convention—70th Anniversary— Sidney, BC Canada

- 2016 April 20-13 ARS/ASA Annual Convention— Williamsburg, VA

