

# Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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MAY 2015



## **Meeting Time/Place**

May 21 —7:00 pm  
N. Bend Housing Authority  
1700 Monroe Street  
North Bend

## **Pre Meeting Dinner— 5:00 pm**

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## May Program

Business Meeting—election of officers, recap of Show, summer plans

## President's Message

*Liz Hultin*

**P**ete and Candy Baumer you have done it again. You have provided the direction, organization, and a lot of hard work to bring off another successful show. Special thanks also to Ann Drake and Mary Jo Jamsgard for taking care of the awards and Lee and Vince Vincent for providing the pictures and descriptions of the sale plants. Thank you too to the judges who made sometimes difficult decisions. This does not downplay the efforts of all of the rest of you who pitched in wherever things needed to be done. It takes us all working together. Thank you. Great appreciation also goes to Pony Village Mall for allowing us to use their facilities at no cost. It means we can show a profit on our plant sale.

Boy was I fooled. In the previous newsletter I speculated that my usual entries would all be bloomed out. Then the weather changed, becoming cool, and things shut down. Some that I usually bring were not in bloom at all.

There seem to be two very distinct philosophies about entries. Mine is to bring anything that has even a slim chance of a ribbon with the thought that it looks good at a distance and adds to the mass of color. The other is to bring only the best to show to the public. What ever your belief, thanks for bringing entries.

Mother's day, May 10th, we will have an information table and rhododendron display at Shore Acres. Set up will be at 10 AM. Hope you can come for a while.

Jack and Wanda Hackett will host the summer picnic this year. They will provide the main course and we will bring potluck. We will begin eating at 12:00. Jack thinks that July would be better than June, less likely to rain. We can discuss it at the May meeting. See you there.



## Our Show

*Pete Baumer*

**T**he success of our show was once again in the hands of all the members. You all worked together to put the show together, you brought in trusses, you came with a great work ethic and most important, the ability to work together. Your attention to our goal, which is to educate the public on the beauty of Rhododendrons and Azaleas, came through with flying colors. You all took a page from my brothers book on how to run a business it is all about customer service. You made each person who came to see the show feel special, they came, they saw and they bought and they left with little more knowledge about our passion for Rhododendrons. We all owe a special thanks to George Guthrie, Tom Hultin and Michael Drake, who spent countless hours, helping set up, helping tear down, handling trusses and helping in any way they could. We also couldn't run the show with out the help of Sandi Jensen and Sandi Hennig. A special thanks from me to all of the SWORS members. If I haven't told you individually, You are the best!!!! Many thanks Pete

**Best in Show—A Thousand Butterflies—submitted by Liz Hultin**

**Sweepstakes Winner—Liz Hultin**



# Our Show 2015



Pictures courtesy of Ray Lee



## *Special May Program*

### *Restoration of Older Scottish Gardens*

*Speaker: John Hammond*

*1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19*

*Program at 1:30*

*at the Summerfield Estates Clubhouse*

*Summerfield Ave. in Eugene*

#### **Driving Directions:**

- Beltline to Barger Drive
- West on Barger to Terry St.
- South (left) one block on Terry to Summerfield Ave
- Right on Summerfield to the club house

John Hammond, an associate member of the Eugene Chapter and a member of the ARS Scottish Chapter, will present this program based on a lecture that he gave at St . Andrews University in Scot land last fall . There are many large rhododendron gardens on Scotland’s rugged and mountainous West Coast and, surprisingly, among these are some that garden tours don’t vi s i t . His program will provide us an opportunity to see some very interesting and most unusual gardens. The program takes a look at the historical background, and the challenges faced by their founders around a century ago, to develop four major and very different gardens. He will discuss why they have become candidates for restoration, and then will outline some of the work that the Rhododendron Species Conservation Group is working on in liaison with the garden owners in terms of both restoration and conservation. We hope that you can join us for this interesting special program at a different time and place than we usually meet.

Ted Hewitt

ARS Eugene Chapter

## Future Events

- 2015    May 10—Mother’s Day at Shore Acres  
           May 6-10—ARS Annual Convention—70th Anniversary, Sidney, BC Canada  
           May 16 & 17—Siuslaw Rhody Festival & Flower Show  
           October 16-18—Rhododendron Conference, Long Island, New York
- 2016    April 20-24—ARS/ASA Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA

