

American Rhododendron Society

EUGENE CHAPTER

May/June Newsletter

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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT



JUNE 27 PICNIC

**JOIN US AT JACK & SANDIE OLSON'S
BEAUTIFUL GARDEN
IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADES**

See Page 7 for Details & Directions!



Rh. 'George's Delight'

Photo by Rudy Fecteau

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last letter as president of the Eugene Chapter, ARS. It has been fun and frustrating at the same time but I have had a lot of help. The board members have attended board meetings with new ideas, critiques and "I'll do it!" attitudes. Thank you for being there. Paula Hewitt, as Secretary, has had the hardest job of all – keeping track of who says what and then making sense of it in the minutes for the next board meeting. Ted Hewitt was an outstanding vice-president and a great communicator, always there when needed and sometimes ahead of me. THANK YOU, Ted.

Thanks to the members who came to meetings, brought cookies, and helped with parties, picnics and shows. We added a few new members and, sadly, lost a few. There were changes at our Early Show Awards Banquet. A ticket was given for each truss entered and a drawing was held for a free dinner. Appropriately, Leonard Frojen, Show Chairman, was the winner. Instead of having three judges, each person was given a score card and picked the entry he or she thought was the best, giving everyone a chance to look at and talk about all the entries.

Leonard and the Show Committee did a good job of organizing the May Show. There was a lot of help both days. It was great to see new members entering flowers in the show; several entries in the Novice Class. Thank you, Leonard, and all the members who helped and all who had entries. Plans are being made for the coming year.

Ted will make a great president, but he will need the support of members. Ideas for programs and so on will be appreciated by him and the board.

Remember the picnic at Jack and Sandie Olson's home and garden on June 27. See you there!

Ye Prez, *Helen*

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Watching Nolan Blansit's plants bloom is "like opening a box of chocolates". The centers on these blooms melted to gold, like 'Riplet'.

A Garden is a thing of Beauty

And a Job Forever

Richard Briers

EDITOR'S BYTE

FRANCES BURNS

Like the hoot of a Spotted Owl in the wilderness – unheard – I quietly mentioned for years that I had taken *Rhododendrons 101* forward, backwards and sideways – and it was long past due for *Rhododendrons 401* to be offered. When Ron Knight of Vancouver Chapter sent word of the April Conference on the University of British Columbia campus, offering 2 levels of instruction, Destiny called, I sent my tuition and enrolled early on for the advanced class taught by Douglas Justice, Curator of the University of British Columbia Gardens and a professor at the University.

Justice kept his students on course for three days, whether in the classroom or at full speed through a maze of garden paths to observe the subject at hand. Keeping up with a six-foot plus man on a mission was a bit taxing for an octogenarian with a mid-December knee replacement. I toppled only once, however – into the arms of a big bushy rhododendron – with no injury to either party. Lodging was spendy, but excellent adventurous meals were easy to find in the evenings, and two healthy delicious lunches were provided at the week-end classes. The weather? Only perfect (!) as was the hospitality.

Surprisingly, only half a dozen folks attended from Oregon, Washington and California. Going and returning across the border, customs officers were astonished that there was an entire conference on rhododendrons, a *flower*, **anywhere**, let alone in Canada! How little they knew about Plant Lust!

No fertilizers or insecticides are used in the gardens. A quote I remember vividly was, "If you kill the moss, you are shooting yourself in the foot!" Two rhododendron problems visited on site were *phytophthora ramorum* and root weevils. On the theory that *phytophthora* in rhododendrons may be caused by a heavy accumulation of rotting mulch over time which denies plant roots needed oxygen. Suggestion: try digging the plant up and replanting it in a well drained location (slopes are good) and apply mulch sparingly. For root weevil, in addition to nematodes, we were encouraged to welcome ground-feeding birds (Ed. Note: towhees, juncos, varied thrush, quail, pheasants, tree sparrows, song sparrows, white-crowned and chipping sparrows, jays, etc. (See *Feed the Birds* by Helen Witty & Dick Witty.) Birds, frogs, toads, shrews, ground beetles and hedgehogs all munch on root weevils. Long may they live!

A root weevil by any of 5 names in the PNW is still a root weevil that can adapt to insecticides – some weevils are resistant to all insecticides used for their control. In addition, insecticides kill the weevils' ground beetle predators and are therefore counterproductive to eradication of root weevils.

It's been a great ride with Helen Baxter at the helm as President. She accepted the challenge when no one else would and took charge with humor and purpose. Thank you, Helen! We look forward July 1 to the incoming President, Ted Hewitt; if his work ethic as "Veep" is a harbinger of his term as President, we are in for an adventurous two years.

What a long strange spring this has been. The sun flashes its radiance on gold green leaves just long enough to lure us outside, tools in hand. Wind and clouds blow in, ones hat flies off in a gust, and hail pelts us as we run for the house. *Fiddle dee dee!* sums it up. However, a whole new rhododendron section has piqued my curiosity. I've always had azaleas in the garden, but never really got *into* them that much. See Page 7 for an azalea musing.

YAKKING AT THE OLD TOOL SHED **Douglas Furr**

Nobody climbs mountains for scientific reasons. Science is used to raise money for the expeditions, but you really climb for the hell of it. *Edmund Hillary*

After reading several articles on the remarkable Sir Joseph Banks, unofficial director of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, England, a great friend of King George III, and involved in many of England's Voyages of Discovery, I wanted to look at the writings of one of his prodigies involved in some of those discoveries, namely, Archibald Menzies, who among other scientific research, was the first to really explore the Pacific Northwest. His account of exploration in the PNW was what I wanted to find, and on a website of 'American Journeys', there it was, plus the entire 'Menzies Journal of Vancouver's Voyage April to October 1792', both available for download.

William Jackson Hooker succeeded Joseph Banks as the first official director of Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. Most live specimens did not survive the rigorous hardships because of the length of time (years) and because of failure of maintenance, lack of water, light, food, etc. His son, Joseph Dalton Hooker, was sent with special orders from his father, on a Journey of Discovery expedition commanded by Captain James Clark Ross, aboard the HMS *Erubus*. Joseph Dalton Hooker used a relatively new discovery to send specimens back to his father, thanks to the efforts of one Dr. Nathaniel Ward, who, in 1829 had collected a moth pupa and some of its natural surrounding and stored it all in a glass jar. He later discovered some plant growth in the airless jar.

During the next decade studies were conducted by noted scientists such as George Loddiges who successfully sent and received live plants to and from Australia. After much success the phenomenal "Wardian Case" began to transform modern science. William Jackson Hooker, one of Dr. Ward's correspondents, was very familiar with the cases and sent several of the Wardian cases with his son on his voyage to the Antarctic with Captain Ross. During the voyage Joseph met and became great friends with Charles Darwin, who was a great admirer of the Loddiges gardens. In 1842 Dr. Ward published his studies in 'On the Growth of Plants in Closely Glazed Cases'. He had a chapter 'The Conveyance of Plants', that proscribed the necessities of controlling the environment and on page 72, (yes this is also available online!) he wrote, "*My late venerable friend, Mr. Menzies, informed me that on his return from his last voyage round the world with Vancouver, he lost the whole of his plants from the last cause.*" We can only wonder if that catastrophic loss of all of his live specimens would not have occurred had Dr. Ward discovered his "Wardian Case" fifty years earlier.

When Archibald Menzies made that wonderful voyage to the PNW, only a dozen species of rhododendron were known in England. In his journal he describes native rhododendrons and is credited with discovery of our great native *R. macrophyllum* where seeds were sent to Kew in 1850 by William Lobb. When one thinks of the close knit society of the early plant pioneers and their willingness to bestow knowledge and share plants with one another, one really begins to appreciate the American Rhododendron Society where most members share the same excitement that their famous predecessors knew. Another note of interest is that Joseph succeeded his father as director of Kew. For over a century Kew was under the direction of only three (great) men, Joseph Banks, William Hooker and his son Joseph!

Questions? Comments? E-mail me, Douglas Furr, at garden.projects@hotmail.com

TIPS FROM THE OLD TOOL SHED:

'Journeys of Discovery' can occur closer than most think. I have thought of different rendezvous, roundups, and the like, and have decided to check into what I have coined *R. cubed*, or simply a rhododendron roundup rendezvous. Perhaps the first could be held at Rhododendron Lake, British Columbia in 2011! R³

Good Gardening is very simple, really -
You just have to think Like a vegetable.

Paraphrasing Barbara Damrosch

APRIL & MAY SHOW WINNERS

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS AT THE APRIL SHOW WERE:

Congratulations

To All

Trophy Winners

Azalea: Harold Greer - Az. 'Sylvester'
Elepidote: Gene Cockeram R. 'Viennese Waltz'
Lepidote: Terry Henderson - *R. russatum*
Species: Larry Jensen - *R. Tsariense*

Congratulations

To All Who

Won Ribbons

MAY 2010 SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

1. Best Cut Specimen, Deciduous Azalea Hybrid— **Orange Mollis – Harold Greer** (classes 1-14)
2. Best Cut Specimen, Evergreen Azalea Hybrid — **'Concho' – Terry Henderson** (classes 19-42)
3. Best Cut Specimen, Species Azalea — ***R. calendulaceum* – Leonard Frojen** (classes 15-18, 43-46)
4. Best Yellow Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'Phyllis Korn' – Jack Olson** (classes 47-52)
5. Best Orange Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'MaBell's Star' – Harold Greer** (classes 53-61)
6. Best Red Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'Martian King' - Jack Olson** (classes 62-69)
7. Best Pink Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'Viennese Waltz' – Galen Baxter** (classes 70-81)
8. Best Blue/Purple Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'Black Eye' – Terry Henderson** (classes 82-92)
9. Best White Hybrid Truss, Hymenanthus — **'Art C' - Jack Olson** (classes 93-96)
10. Best Cut Specimen Species, Subgenus Hymenanthus — ***R. orbiculare* - Jack Olson** (classes 97-109)
11. Best Cut Specimen Species, Subgenus Rhododendron or — ***R. keiskei* – Leonard Frojen**
any Subgenus except Hymenanthus (classes 126-135, 137-144)
12. Best New Genus Rhododendron or Azalea Truss or Spray — **'Jean Marie ' x 'Kiliminjaro' – Harold Greer** (classes 146-149)
13. Best Previously Shown New Genus Rhododendron or Azalea — **'Kubla Khan' x 'Cream Glory' – Harold Greer** (classes 150-153)
Truss or Spray
14. Best Species *R. degronianum* ssp. *yakushmanum* Truss — ***R. yakushmanum* "Mist Maiden" – Harold Greer** (classes 107 A & B)
15. Best Hybrid Truss with One Species Parent — **'Shogun' – Harold Greer** (classes 183-194)
16. Best Subgenus Rhododendron Hybrid— **'Arctic Tern' – Harold Greer** (classes 110-125)
17. Best Elepidote (Hymenanthus) Spray— **'True Blue' – Galen Baxter** (classes 174-179)
18. Best Novice Truss or Spray — **'Cynthia' - Chris Johnson** (classes 208-212)
19. OVERALL - Best Truss in Show— **'Art C' - Jack Olson**
20. OVERALL - Best Spray in Show— **'True Blue' – Galen Baxter** (Trophy 1-3, 11)
21. SWEEPSTAKES - Most Points in Show— **Harold Greer** (Classes 1-14)
- 22a Best Artistic Design, Amateur – **Eldoris Cobban** 22b Best Artistic Design, Open—**Lorene Martinson**

PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE

THE CECIL AND MOLLY SMITH GARDEN OPEN DAYS, Saturday and Sunday May 22 & 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at 5055 Ray Bell Road, St. Paul, OR this wonderful garden located not far south of Newberg. An admission charge of \$3 is asked for the benefit of the garden. ARS members are admitted free. Group tours of more than 10 may be scheduled; call Karen Cavender at 503-625-6331. Directions and map are available at www.rhodies.org/smith/directions.htm or phone Ginny Mapes at 503-647-2896.

HINSDALE GARDEN OPEN TO ARS MAY 27

WHEN: Thursday, May 27, 2010, Noon – 4:00 PM

WHO: ARS Members, Friends & Family

WHERE: Approximately 5 miles east of Reedsport on Hwy 38, opposite the elk viewing area. Parking area along the south bank of the Umpqua River reached by a single lane road immediately east of the garden.

OTHER: Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The eastern portion of the garden is a fairly easy walk from the parking area. The larger 'island' part of the garden is not ADA accessible, and will require walking inside the highway guardrail, negotiating concrete steps and crossing a low footbridge.

GENERAL: Well over fifty years in the making, this garden is one of the oldest large rhododendron collections in Oregon. Restoration is underway with major investments by the Bureau of Land Management, advice and some physical assistance by our members, and financial support for plant replacement from the ARS Endowment Fund. Not yet open to the general public, continued progress is bolstered by ARS attendance at this special opportunity to visit Hinsdale Garden.

Gordon Wylie

SOMEONE AT THE EARLY SHOW WAS ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON R. 'BREI'.

The original plant is in my garden, a gift from Maxine Childers. It was hybridized by Arthur Childers; I registered it for Maxine after his death (JARS Fall 97, pg 228). Parentage is R. *fortunei* yellow selection #3 x (CIS X Lem's Goal), and it's a beautiful buff yellow on a heavy blooming plant. Not a shade-loving plant, but thrives in 50-50 morning sun and afternoon filtered shade. Frances Burns, rebfeb@gmail.com

GARDENING FOR A LIFETIME:

HOW TO GARDEN WISER AS YOU GROW OLDER

Another pleasurable gardening book by Sydney Eddison; available online in hardback and paperback.

AN ADVENTURE WAITING FOR YOU?

ARE YOU A GARDEN ADVENTURER?

"MUSEUM OF RHODODENDRONS" SEEKS CARING SOMEONE

Peter Schick was awarded a gold medal at the last San Francisco ARS Convention – twelve people of merit in the rhododendron world wrote glowing letters extolling the wonderful deeds done by the man who was one of the founders of the Mendocino Coast Botanic Garden in Ft. Bragg, CA <http://www.gardenbythesea.org>

He donated plants, helped plan and raise money for the garden. Many others were encouraged to donate plants, according Red Cavender, another donor. He is quite sure Pete also helped establish the Hawaii Chapter and inspired many in the Islands to grow vireyas, sharing seeds, cuttings, plants, and wisdom.

Cavender first met Pete on a road trip with Tom Tatum and Frank Mossman in the late 1970's. One of the first to grow Vireyas successfully, Pete grew many in his garden and in structures. He was very generous with cuttings and many people benefited from his generosity. Red has a number of Vireyas that originated with Pete and is sure Bovees Nursery does as well. He has a Grevillia and a Strawberry Guava that were cuttings from Pete's garden, as well as two large Lapageria (Chilean Bell Flower), that Pete grew from seed – now about 35 years old, still growing and flowering well, but must be popped into the polyhouse in winter.

They met again at a convention in Wollongong, Australia, where Pete asked Red to check out all the women's restrooms so that when he got home Pete could install similar state of the art restrooms at the MBG! Despite this extraordinary assignment, Red has always regarded Pete as a really GREAT guy; and feels enormous remorse that the rare vireya seeds Pete gave him to grow on for him did the unthinkable; they died!

Over the years Pete passed on and his garden, filled with so many rhododendrons and interesting plants, declined without his TLC. The house needs lots of work, but is cleaned up and appraised at \$450,000 – primarily for the value of the land, and not including the value of the plantings. The tree service man says "It's a symphony waiting to happen". This time of year it is exceptionally beautiful though nothing blooms as it did when Pete cared for the plants. The family would love to see the place go to someone who appreciates what's there. Many "big leaves" are blooming right now!

If this sounds like your idea of the adventure of a lifetime, Peter Schick's daughter would love to hear from you!

Linda's e-mail: dickinsn@mcn.org

THE ULTIMATE RHODODENDRON CONFERENCE TED HEWITT

A year ago, Paula and I happened to have lunch with Ron and Carla Knight at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden while on a field trip in conjunction with the 2009 ARS National Convention. As a long-time active member of the ARS Vancouver Chapter, Ron mentioned that he was thinking of sponsoring a teaching conference with limited enrollment at the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden and was wondering if we thought there would be interest in such a conference with ARS members in the Pacific Northwest. Consequently, when we heard last fall that Ron was partnering with Douglas Justice to offer this conference in April of 2010, we thought it would be a good excuse to visit the beautiful city of Vancouver, BC.

The week before the conference was cold and rainy throughout the Northwest and we feared that we would be exploring the botanical garden in our rain gear but, as we drove north from Seattle on a Thursday afternoon, the skies cleared and we could see the skyline of Vancouver with a backdrop of spectacularly snow-covered mountains. To our joy, the clear, dry and relatively mild weather would last through the long weekend. Located on a peninsula jutting into the Strait of Georgia west and a bit south of downtown Vancouver, the University of British Columbia and its botanical garden enjoy a moderate climate with the marine influence.

Friday morning, after the conference introduction, we had a good introductory tour of the UBC Botanical Garden with Douglas Justice, the Curator of Plant Collections, including a brief look at the large David C. Lam Asian Garden and the more exposed gardens to the east that include the E. H. Alpine Garden. After the tour, we had the rest of the morning to explore the Asian Garden concentrating on the species rhododendrons that do so well in the natural, forested setting of Douglas Fir, hemlock, and cedar trees. Most of the rhododendrons, as well as companion plants, are well-labeled making them quite easy to identify. After lunch at the pleasant restaurant that overlooks the Van Dusen Botanical Garden, we had time to enjoy a bit of the 55-acre garden that first opened to the public in 1975 featuring plants from around the world. The current head gardener took us for a tour of the Sino-Himalayan Garden that features the species rhododendrons but in a much more cultivated setting than the UBC Botanical Garden. It was interesting to note that the smaller lepidotes do better in this colder garden. However, the *R. augustinii* were in their prime at both gardens. The Rhododendron Walk of the garden features mature hybrid rhododendrons.

On Day 2, Saturday, the 100 conference participants were divided into two levels, according to their experience with rhododendrons. Level 1 was appropriate for newer gardeners and concentrated on the cultural aspects of growing rhododendrons in the garden while Level 2 included the topics of classification and identification of species as well as propagation and hybridization. In addition to his role as Curator of Plant Collections, Douglas Justice is also a UBC instructor and researcher and is a very fine teacher - organized, articulate, knowledgeable, and fun - which made for a fine experience with the six sessions over two days.

Session 1, "Douglas' 25 "Best" Species and How to Grow Them" began with a quick, though concise, description (with pictures) of each of the 25, pointing out little bits of good information. For me, this was a good session for reinforcing what I knew about some of the species and introducing me to ones with which I was not familiar. As would be the case in sessions to come, Douglas wanted to get us into the garden as often as possible so we also had time to see some of his "Best" 25 as they were growing outside. Session 2 dealt with "The Importance of Soil pH and Micronutrients"; having a good handout made it possible to concentrate on the lecture which was interesting but very much at a higher level.

For Session 3, Douglas and a helper had gathered blooming samples from the garden for us to begin the task of learning to use a dichotomous key for identifying species rhododendrons and using a hand lens to see the scales on the leaves of the lepidotes. For me, this was an exciting event to see, for the first time, not just the scales but the color and different shapes of scales. Working in groups, it was helpful to discuss things like identifying the leaf shapes and flower types and to have the terms begin to make more sense. On Sunday, Session 4 consisted of a lecture on "Propagating Rhododendrons from Seed or Cuttings", again at a fairly high level for someone (like me) who has done a little propagating with cuttings but without understanding what was happening botanically with the cells of the plant. (Ah, the light is getting better!)

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EUGENE CHAPTER PICNIC JUNE 27 ~

The ARS Eugene Chapter cordially invites members of District 4 chapters to join us for our annual June picnic on Sunday, June 27, at the home of Jack and Sandie Olson. Many of you have been to Jack and Sandie's beautiful country garden and know that it is a treat any time of the year. Please come about noon for a walk around the garden; We plan to eat lunch at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish for 10 to share (main dish, salad, or dessert), your favorite drink though we will have soft drinks and water available, your own table service, and your own chair if you can. The chapter will serve baked ham as well.

Following lunch we will have a plant exchange for those interested so bring a plant (rhododendron or companion plant) of a quality that you would enjoy having in your own garden, and you will go home with a new treasure.

Please RSVP to Paula or Ted Hewitt at (541) 687-8119 or e-mail ted.hewitt@comcast.net by June 22. Thanks.

Jack and Sandie live about 45 minutes east of Eugene.

Driving instructions from I-5 are:

- Take I-105 / Hwy 126 east to Springfield's Main St. (Hwy 126 E)
- Continue through the intersection onto Bob Straub Pkwy for 21 miles.
- Continue onto Jasper Rd for 1.6 miles.
- Continue onto Jasper - Lowell Rd for 3.9 miles.
- Turn left to stay on Jasper -Lowell Rd for 2.3 miles.
- Continue onto Little Fall Creek Rd for 3.0 miles.
- Turn left on Renegade Lane.
- Follow the gravel lane up the hill for about 0.5 mile.
- Turn right at 89543 amidst the rhodies.
- Follow the driveway uphill to park near the house.

If you get lost, the Olson phone number is 541-988-9133.

Hope to see you for a pleasant, early summer visit.

Sincerely, Ted Hewitt, Vice President, ARS Eugene Chapter

ULTIMATE RHODO CONFERENCE

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Session 5, entitled "Ten Common Problems of Rhododendron Culture and are", had another good take-home handout and was a good time to get us out in the garden to see each of the ten problems in the field and to talk about how to handle the problem. The UBC Botanical Garden has a "no chemical spray" policy so the solution must be organic or environmental. The problems discussed ranged from root rot to vine weevils to nutrition problems to environmental problems - certainly a good session for us all.

The final session, Session 6, "Species Identification" dealt with using the dichotomous key in the James Cullen book *Hardy Rhododendron Species: A Guide to Identification* to attempt to identify one or two specimens from the garden. This was difficult due to the size of the group and the fact that there was only one instructor from whom to seek guidance. However, seeing scales and hairs with a high quality microscope was exciting.

In the end, I cannot say enough about Douglas Justice as an instructor, the quality of the David C. Lam Asian Garden, the organization of the conference schedule, and the idea of having one quality instructor for all the sessions. It is a different type of format for a conference that resulted from having run a 6 week class for Vancouver area people a few years ago.

In the evenings, Paula and I enjoyed our dinners with Frances at local restaurants in one of the Vancouver neighborhoods near the UBC campus which made for a relaxing time to talk about the day at the conference.

So what were my favorite rhododendrons? A large *R. concinnum* covered with purplish-pink blossoms; a brilliant pink *R. rubiginosum* 'Wake-hurst'; the beautiful lavender lax truss of *R. huianum*; a brilliant red *R. thomsonii* with a nice calyx; a particularly nice pink, large-leafed *R. kesangiae*; a nice yellow *R. campylocarpum* with a red blotch deep in the throat; and the many forms of *R. augustinii*.

The Royal Azalea from Korea, Kurofune (Black Ship), known to us as *R. schlippenbachii*, was included in *Kinshu Makura*, the first treatise on azaleas anywhere in the world. Written in five volumes in 1692 by a Japanese nurseryman, Ito Ihei, it reveals that wild azalea species were well known and revered in Japan and China 200 years before their discovery by the Western World. Translated in 1976 under the supervision of Yotaro Tsukamoto, it was first published in Japan and later in New York in 1984 as *A Brocade Pillow*, and may still be found on the internet and in used book stores - an essential reference for those who love azaleas - beautifully illustrated with 164 wood blockprints.

With large leaves shaped like the daimyo oak (*Quercus dentata*) and very large cherry-blossom pink flowers, branches of *schlippenbachii* are delightful in floral arrangements. After this loathe-to-leave winter, I found the azaleas bloomed with perfection among frost bitten elepidote blooms; and azaleas came into focus in a new way - a new world to explore - 'Tsutsuji', as azaleas are called in Japan! FB

No winter lasts forever,
no spring skips its turn.
April is a promise that
May is bound to keep...

Hal Berland



Douglas Justice, UBC Gardens Curator



Identifying Species Rhododendrons



The Remains of the Day

EUGENE CHAPTER 2010 CALENDAR

May 27 O. Howard Hinsdale Garden Visit: 12 noon to 4 PM (See pg 5)

Jun 27 Picnic Jack and Sandie Olson's home and garden. Plant Exchange. (See pg 7)

Aug ? Picnic, Look for date and location in August Newsletter