



**SPRING SHOW & BANQUET**

**APRIL 27, THE HILTON GARDEN INN**

As you may have read in the last newsletter, Mookies, the venue for the past two shows and banquettes, closed in February, so we have found a new location and a new date for the 2013 Spring Rhododendron Show. We invite you to join us to celebrate the rhododendrons that we grow in our gardens on Saturday, April 27, at the Hilton Garden Inn located on Gateway St., just north of Beltline Rd, in Springfield. Bring blooming trusses and sprays, samples of interesting foliage, photos that you have taken, and bonsai or vireyas that you are growing and come for an afternoon of enjoyment of our favorite genus.

The show will look a lot like the very successful one from last year, though we have expanded the number of classes from six to seven - still keeping it nice and simple. Entries will be accepted between 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. with the voting at 5:00. The classes will be: Deciduous Azaleas (A), Evergreen Azaleas (B), Pink Elepidotes (Cp), Red Elepidotes (Cr), White Elepidotes (Cw), Other-colored Elepidotes (Co), and Lepidotes (D) - with each category having the hybrids and species separated.

At the entries table, each entry will receive a number to be written on the entry form in the upper right corner. Also, on the entry form, include the name of the rhododendron, your name, and the Class letters (see above). Each entry will entitle you to one ticket that will be entered in a drawing to win a free dinner for the evening. Terry has been the lucky winner of the free dinner for each of the past two years. We will have people at the classification table to help identify the plant and to place it in the correct rack.

Since foliage is such an interesting aspect of rhododendrons, we invite you to bring samples from your garden to share on a display table. Also, it would be interesting to see other items that you enjoy such as rhododendrons grown as bonsai, rhododendrons grown in pots, photos of rhododendrons that you have taken, or vireyas that you grow in your house or greenhouse.

## SHOW & BANQUET (CONT.)

Labels will be available to identify what you have brought. The idea is to broaden the display of how we enjoy our rhododendrons.

At 5:00 ballots will be distributed so that each attendee can be part of the judging. This seems to generate a lot of discussion and careful observation of the entries and is fun as well. On the ballot, you simply need to write the entry number for what you deem to be the best entry in the categories: - Azalea (deciduous or evergreen),

Pink Elepidote,  
Red Elepidote,  
White Elepidote,  
Other-colored Elepidote, Lepidote,  
Best Species (azalea, elepidote, or lepidote).

The ballots will be collected at 5:45 with trophies awarded just before dinner at 6:00.

### THE DINNER WILL BE A BUFFET AFFAIR FEATURING MANY WONDERFUL CHOICES:

Tossed green salad with tomato, cucumber, carrot and croutons,  
Spinach salad with mushrooms, onion, and feta cheese,  
Broccoli-hazelnut salad,  
Stuffed chicken/w spinach and mushroom stuffing topped with pan jus,  
Baked salmon filet topped with fennel and cilantro,  
Prime rib topped with pan jus,  
Rice pilaf,  
Fresh vegetables,  
Freshly baked rolls and butter,  
Assortment of freshly made desserts,  
Coffee, decaf, and tea.  
A no-host bar will be available for beer, wine, or mixed drinks.

The cost of dinner will be \$25.00 per person including the gratuity. We need to let the restaurant know ahead of time how many people will be attending so we ask you to RSVP to Harold Greer at (541) 686-1540 or (541) 686-8266 or by e-mail at [hgreer@greergardens.com](mailto:hgreer@greergardens.com) by April 20. You may pay for dinner and the plants you purchase with **cash or check** made out to ARS Eugene Chapter (no credit cards since the chapter pays the restaurant directly for the evening).

The evening program on *Species Azaleas of North America* will be presented by Mike Stewart. As many of you know, Mike is an outstanding speaker, has been ARS President, is an ARS Gold Medal recipient, is currently Vice-President of the Rhododendron Species Foundation, and, with his wife, Maria, owns and operates Dover Nursery in Sandy. Mike last spoke to our group on his plant explorations in China.

One of the fun parts of the afternoon and evening together is always the chance to add some special plants to our gardens so we will again have a spirited plant auction, a silent auction, and an exciting plant raffle. Bring your checkbooks or lots of cash, enjoy seeing some beautiful flowers and foliage, dine on a delicious dinner, learn about native azaleas, take home some choice new plants, and, most of all, enjoy the camaraderie of our friendships and discussions about this extraordinary genus. *Ted Hewitt*

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 to complete Nancy Burns term

MANY THANKS FOR NEW LEADERSHIP.

**REMEMBER**

Call Harold Greer by April 20 for reservations to April 27 banquet (541) 686-1540 (541) 686-8266 or by e-mail at [hgreer@greergardens.com](mailto:hgreer@greergardens.com)

AND

*to bring entries for the rhododendron show!!*

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VISIT Hendricks Park often to see the passing parade of rhododendrons and be sure to take time to smell a *fortune*.

A sack lunch sounds about right. Leonard Frojen may have suggestions for gourmet fare! suggestions!

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PERHAPS ask your weatherperson why the sun shines when it is supposed to rain, and the rain falls when the sun is supposed to shine? PERHAPS (or not) quote Dick Van Dyke in one of his movies: *"I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!"*

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On the other hand, Lucretius took the edge off with an oblique comment, *"The drops of rain make a hole in the stone, not by violence, but by oft falling."*



**EARLY SPRING AT THE PRESIDENT'S GARDEN ALI SARLAK**



R. 'Pink Snow Flakes'



R. 'Cilpinense'



Foliage R. *yakushimanum* 'White Velvet'

THE BEST VISION IS INSIGHT.  
 MALCOM FORBES

The country is full of good coaches.  
 What it takes to win is a bunch of interested players.  
 Don Coryell

## HINSDALE GARDEN

REMEMBER: MORE INFORMATION:

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Gordon Wylie

Saturday, May 11, 2013 – 541 895-2864 or [lgwone@gmail.com](mailto:lgwone@gmail.com)

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 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.



## PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE, AND PLANTS TO BUY

### HARDY PLANT GROUP APRIL 9 MEETING

John Elsley, a prominent horticultural lecturer, will discuss the great gardeners and nurserymen who influenced his work over the years. His talk *MENTORS AND MAESTROS* will range from the likes of Beth Chatto and Graham Stuart Thomas to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, England, the Park Seed Company in South Carolina, Wayside Gardens, Song Sparrow Nurseries, and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Elsley has, in his career, covered horticulture in all its facets. He lectures widely at garden symposiums, plant society and professional trade events, and has appeared on segments of NBC's "Today Show" and WOR Radio's "Garden Hotline" in New York.

The program will be at Campbell Center, 155 High Street, Eugene at 7:00. Come at 6:30 to view books for sale (cash only) and see what's blooming now.

### HARDY PLANT GROUP 21ST ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**AT THE LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**May 11 In the Auditorium Building.**

The sale has 24 specialty vendors and non-profit groups selling both new and familiar perennials, trees, shrubs, grasses, hostas, rock garden plants, peonies, heather, clematis, fuchsias, succulents, rhododendrons, ferns, native plants, food plants and herbs of all kinds. There will also be a collection of birdhouses and feeders for sale, as well as information about butterfly gardens.

The Hardy Plant Sale is always an exciting event and is a great way to meet new vendors and buy unusual plants of all kinds. Rain or shine, join us for this great annual event in the Auditorium building at the Fairgrounds. Park free at the Fairgrounds. Help will be available to move plants from the check out area to cars.

Proceeds from the sale support the Hardy Plant Group's Speaker Fund as well as the activities of Healing Harvest.

For more information about this event, contact Pam Perryman at 541-344-0896 or visit [www.thehardyplantgroup.org](http://www.thehardyplantgroup.org).

### THE CECIL & MOLLY SMITH OPEN GARDEN DAYS

World renowned for its collection of species and hybrid rhododendrons, this garden will be open during the blooming season, Saturdays and Sundays, April 6 through May 19, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This three-acre natural woodland setting also features choice trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and bulbs, including Cyclamen, Trillium, Erythronium and Narcissus which complement the over 600 rhododendrons and azaleas. Established in the early 1950's, the garden contains many rare species grown by Cecil Smith from seeds Imported from China and cuttings from England, as well as hybrids he developed.

The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society purchased the garden in 1983 and, along with the Willamette and Tualatin Valley Chapters, now manages and maintains it. A selection of plants featured in the garden are available for purchase.

There is a modest admission fee of \$3.00. Due to the sloping site the garden is not considered handicap accessible. The garden is located at 5065 Raybell Road, St. Paul, Oregon, 97137. 7/10ths of a mile west of Highway 219 between St. Paul and Newberg. Turn west on Champoeg Road (look for the blue Heirloom Roses sign) and continue straight on to Raybell Road to the garden. Parking and entrance are on the right just past the house with the garden address. For more information, call Ginny Mapes at 503-647-2896 or see <http://smithgarden.org> This spring, don't miss this hidden gem which has been featured in Horticulture magazine and several television programs.

Many thanks to our president, Ali Sarlak the great "provisions" he provided for the refreshment counter at the March meeting!

There is no regular meeting in April, but a wonderful show and banquet on April 27. See page 1 for details.

FOR THOSE WHO'D LIKE TO TO BE FIVE PLACES AT ONCE

Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14

ARS SIUSLAW CHAPTER EARLY SHOW in Florence.

Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st April

INTERNATIONAL RHODODENDRON SPECIES CONSERVATION CONFERENCE at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland with the theme 'The Red List of Rhododendrons : Where do we go from Here?', supported by 17 speakers from just about every country in the world that is the custodian of wild Rhododendrons. This event is unlikely to be replicated for many years. Don't miss it! See www.rscg.org.uk

Saturday, April 20th, 1:30 PM.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR NEW RHODODENDRON HILLSIDE IN BUSH'S PASTURE PARK, Salem, Oregon to honor the donor and view the Hillside. Location is just north of the intersection of Leffelle St. and Winter St. SE in Salem, Oregon.

Saturday, April 20th @ 11:00am

CELEBRATION OF NEW RHODODENDRON HYBRIDS hosted by WellsMedina Nursery. Their address is 8300 NE 24th St., Medina, WA 98039, and phone is 425.454.1853 Visit Facebook or Twitter for a look at a gorgeous copyrighted picture.

Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE AT THE RHODODENDRON SPECIES BOTANICAL GARDEN in Federal Way Washington. Make a trip to see the RSBG at its peak and shop for unusual plants at the large plant sale.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 19-21

ARS WILLAMETTE CHAPTER TRUSS SHOW AND PLANT SALE in conjunction with the Friends of Bush Gardens Plant Sale in Bush's Pasture Park. More info at www.arswillamette.org/current.htm

Saturday, April 27

ARS EUGENE CHAPTER SPRING RHODODENDRON SHOW AND BANQUET. Details page 1.

Saturday, April 27

ARS SOUTHWEST OREGON CHAPTER SHOW in Coos Bay

May 2-5

ARS ANNUAL CONVENTION AT SEATAC MARRIOTT HOTEL south of Seattle. Details ARS Winter Journal.

Saturday, May 11

ARS EUGENE CHAPTER PLANT SALE in conjunction with the WVHPG Annual Sale at the Lane County Fairgrounds. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call Helen Baxter if you can help with this.

Saturday, May 11

OREGON PLANT FAIR sponsored by the Avid Gardeners and the Eugene Garden Club at Alton Baker Park.

Saturday and Sunday May 18 and 19

ARS SIUSLAW CHAPTER MAY SHOW in Florence.



Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations. Faith Baldwin



## MEET THESE LITTLE GUYS AT OUR SHOW APRIL 27

Dwarf conifers are a great attraction to any garden. They come in different shapes; narrow, broadly conical, round, sometimes flat and even weeping. Colors vary from many shades of green and blue to silver, golden and variegated. Needles, buds and cones as well as growth habits are uniquely different from each other.

Dwarf conifers can occupy a space and not outgrow it for a long time and provide year round interest. A nice mossy rock accents conifers well.

I would like to introduce to you three Bosnian pines:

*Pinus leucodermis* (aka *P. heidreichii*) 'Irish Bell' The name describes this plant well. It makes a nice compact slightly broad conical shape, growing about 6" a year.

*Pinus leucodermis* 'Schmidtii' (aka *Pinus heidreichii* 'Schmidtii') is a very dwarf pine that originated in Bosnia. It has a long light green needle and dark brown buds that stand out. In addition, the tree grows about 1-2" a year making a compact mound.

*Pinus leucodermis* 'Compact Gem') is an upright tree that is conical but not wide. A full tree but not extremely thick branching. It grows about 6 to 8" a year and is a medium green color.

Visit [DansDwarfConifers.etsy.com](https://DansDwarfConifers.etsy.com) to see additional conifers available

Questions? email [DansDwarfConifer@aol.com](mailto:DansDwarfConifer@aol.com)

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'Irish Bell'



'Schmidtii'



'Compact Gem'

AS TIME PASSES WE ALL GET BETTER AT BLAZING A TRAIL THROUGH THE THICKET OF ADVICE.

- Margot Benning

Jane Goodall, whom we all know from her work with chimpanzees in Africa, wrote in the March, 2013 Smithsonian Magazine of her lifelong love of trees and nature. “Of all the trees in the world, the one I would most like to meet, whose location is top-secret, is the Wollemi pine. It was discovered by David Noble, a New South Wales parks and wildlife officer, who was leading an exploration group in 1994, about 100 miles northwest of Sydney, Australia. They were searching for new canyons when they came across a particularly wild and gloomy one that David couldn’t resist exploring. After rappelling down beside a deep gorge and trekking through the remote forest below, David and his group came upon a tree with unusual-looking bark. David picked a few leaves, stuck them in his backpack and showed them to some botanists after he got home. For several weeks the excitement grew, as the leaves could not be identified by any of the experts. The mystery was solved when it was discovered that the leaves matched the imprint of an identical leaf on an ancient rock. They realized the newly discovered tree was a relative of a tree that flourished 200 million years ago. What an amazing find—a species that has weathered no less than 17 ice ages!”

Ed. Note: It was a lifetime thrill for me to see an offspring of that one and only Wollemi pine in a lovely private garden in Victoria, Australia in 2009. I have photo somewhere in my voluminous files. When I find it, I’ll share!



## 2013 CHAPTER CALENDAR 2013

- April 20 Saturday--Training Day at Hinsdale Garden for ARS and local community members
- Apr 27 Spring Show and Awards Banquet, Program. Species Azaleas of North America by Mike Stewart
- May 11 Plant Sale with the WHPG
- May 11 Saturday--Public Open Garden Day at Hinsdale Garden
- June 30 Picnic – at Jack and Sandi Olson’s garden

### CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS 2013

- April 20 -21 Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland
- May 1 - 5 ARS Annual Convention, A Journey of Discovery, Seatac Airport between Seattle & Tacoma,
- Sept 27-29 ARS Western Regional Conference, Newport, OR
- Oct 4 - 6 ARS Eastern Regional Conference, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

### CONFERENCES 2014

- May 16-18 ARS Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH
- Sep 26-28 ARS Western Regional Conference, Everett, WA

### CONFERENCES 2015

- Spring Victoria B.C. Canada Annual Convention

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