



SPRING SHOW RESULTS

From the 124 entries with judging by attendees of our Spring Show and Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn April 27, the following winners emerged.

Best Azalea	R. tsusiophyllum	Leonard Frojen
Best Pink Elepidote	Margaret Mack	Jack Olson
Best Red Elepidote	Leo x Jutland	Jack Olson
Best White Elepidote	‘Phyllis Korn’	Jack Olson
Best Other Elepidote	‘Honey Butter’	Jack Olson
Best Lepidote	‘Cinnkeys’	Gordon Wylie
Best Species	R. pendulum	Gordon Wylie

A very interesting and informative program on *Species Azaleas of North America* was presented by Mike Stewart, former ARS President, ARS Gold Medal recipient, and currently Vice-President of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Mike and his wife, Maria, who is very active in the Portland Chapter, own Dover Nursery in Sandy.

Dan Kintigh exhibited and discussed some dwarf Bosnian pines. A special treat was the ready-to-plant rare Turkish pines he gave to all attendees. Best of all, he brought his elderly mother and former member, Margaret, to enjoy the evening with us.

The buffet dinner was delicious with many choices. Bidding was spirited on the plant auction that followed, and no bodily harm incurred. A very pleasant evening!

WVHPG SPRING PLANT SHOW MAY 11

The ARS Eugene Chapter Plant Sale will be held in conjunction with the WVHPG Annual Sale at the Lane County Fairgrounds. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

With 24 plant vendors’ enticing wares, your **HORTICULTURAL HEART’S DESIRES** will be handily met in the Exhibition Hall. See you there!

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS START JULY 1:

- TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP SECY:
NANCY BURNS – 2-YEAR TERM
- SECRETARY:
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- BOARD MEMBER:S:
TERRY HENDERSON –3-YEAR TERM
BARBARA NOVAK – 3 YEAR TERM
- NOLAN BLANSIT – 1 YEAR TERM
to complete Nancy Burns term.



Thank
You!

EDITOR'S LAST BYTE

FRANCES BURNS

Time goes quickly for the swallows in the garden. Already they are teaching their young to fly in the sky where the felled tall Oak tree harbored their nesting boxes that are now located in the red maple. A big adjustment well met.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE SWALLOW

By William Howitt

And is the swallow gone?

Who beheld it?

Which way sail'd it?

Farewell bade it none?

No mortal saw it go:

But who doth hear

Its summer cheer

As it flitteth to and fro?

So the freed spirit flies!

From its surrounding clay

It steals away

Like the swallow from the skies.

Whither? Whereforth doth it go?

'Tis all unknown:

We feel alone

That a void is left below.

For years I've been saying that I wasn't leaving the planet until R. Bureavii bloomed. And as I live and breathe I found a bloom on it today! I have loved being your editor for 18 tears, but watching butterflies fluttering in the for-get-me-nots and rhodies blooming everywhere, while listening to the sound of the river is very time consuming! I look forward to the arrival of dear friends – rhodo aficionados from Australia. We may see you around.

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

HARDY PLANT GROUP MAY 14 MEETING

Richie Steffen is the curator for the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden where he manages the rare plant collections and heads acquisition of new plants for the garden. By using both natives and exotics, and blending elements of American, Japanese and British gardening influences, the botanical garden follows in the tradition of Elisabeth Carey Miller in establishing a premier garden representing a classic Northwest style of garden design. Many plants in this botanical garden are trialed for their region, suitability and garden use.

An avid gardener, Richie constantly experiments with plants and growing conditions to learn new ways to become a better gardener and use our natural resources in an efficient manner.

Richie will speak about some of the plant delights in the old Victorian shade gardens, and will show how many of the Victorian gardening practices are making a come back in our modern gardens. We will learn about the lush and abundant plant material available today that rivals the riches of the Victorian era, and find out how to incorporate some of these choice plants in our own gardens

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.

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.

There is no regular meeting in May – Just come to the Hardy Plant Annual Plant Sale. Eugene Rhododendron Chapter will be there!

OLSONS HOSTING JUNE 30 PICNIC

Once again Jack and Sandy have invited us to their lovely garden for our June Picnic. Please come about noon for a tour their new Bog Garden and other projects.

Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish to complement the main dish to be provided by the chapter – enough to serve 10, plus your own tableware and favorite drink.

Plan to eat at 1:00 p.m.

To participate in the plant exchange, bring a plant equal to the plant you would like to take home.

Take I-105/Hwy 126 to Springfield East Main St. Cross the intersection to Bob Straub Parkway.

Continue for 2.1 mi. to Jasper Rd. Turn left and drive 1.6 miles.

Continue on Jasper-Lowell Rd for 2.3 mi. Continue onto Little Fall Creek Rd for 3.0 mi.

Turn left on graveled Renegade Lane for .5 mi. Follow driveway uphill to park behind the house.

If you get lost, Olson's phone number is 541-988-9133

CECIL & MOLLY SMITH OPEN GARDEN DAYS

The garden will be open Saturdays and Sundays through May 19, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This three-acre natural woodland setting features choice trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and bulbs which complement the over 600 rhododendrons and azaleas. A selection of plants featured in the garden are available for purchase.

There is an admission fee of \$3.00. The garden is located at 5065 Raybell Road, St. Paul, 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>

Many thanks to the Show Committee for arranging the lovely show and banquet. April 27. and to the Hilton Garden Inn for its gracious hospitality..

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A Blast of Spring!

May 2013
Newsletter

2013 CHAPTER CALENDAR 2013

- May 11 Plant Sale with the WHPG, Fairgrounds, Exhibition Bldg. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- May 11 Saturday--Public Open Garden Day at Hinsdale Garden. See April Newsletter website for details
- June 30 Chapter Picnic – at Jack and Sandy Olson’s garden. See pg 3 for details and directions

CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS 2013

- Sept 27-29 ARS Western Regional Conference, Newport, OR
- Oct 4 - 6 ARS Eastern Regional Conference, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

CONFERENCES & Conventions 2014

- May 16-18 ARS Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH
- Sep 26-28 ARS Western Regional Conference, Everett, WA
- Oct 20-25 New Zealand Rhododendron Association International Conference, Dunedin

Conventions 2015

- Spring Victoria B.C. Canada Annual Convention
- Open ARS 70th Anniversary

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