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2016 Holiday Potluck Party

New Date – Sunday
December 11th, 2016

**New Location – 1280 Goodpasture Island
Road, Eugene, Oregon**

**New Time – Fun starts at 12 p.m. and we'll
start eating our meal at 1 p.m.**

New Entertainment – Enjoying the Greer's
new home and
getting a chance to
tour the new
retirement
community!!

Read Page 2 for all the details.

Message from Harold and Nancy Greer:

Please spread the word that everyone is invited to our District 4 event, sponsored by the Eugene Chapter.

As you all know, Greer Gardens has changed from a plant nursery to a retirement community and Nancy and I are building a 3200 square foot home as part of the project.

On Sunday afternoon, December 11th we will have a Christmas potluck at the project and in our new home, which we may not be fully moved into by then, but the house will be fully functional with a fancy kitchen and four bathrooms. We will furnish a main course and we ask others to bring a side dish if you wish. Come any time after 12:00 noon. Food will be served at 1:00 PM

This is what The Springs Living, who is developing our property calls a “Dusty Shoe Event”, Everything is not finished, but it is a chance to have an open house of the entire 55 million dollar project, plus see what is new at Greer Gardens. And yes, we still have plants, but wait until next year to really see the plants, but if you need a “plant fix” we have lots of rhododendrons to wonder through.

Our address is still 1280 Goodpasture Island Road, but now there is a new traffic light (which may or may not be functioning by then) and a paved street where our gravel driveway used to be. Turn right into that new street and then the first right you can make. Our house is at the end of that right street. You can park anywhere you can find room and there is lots of space in the whole area for parking..

We look forward to seeing you all.

Not New –

Please bring your own dishes, napkins, utensils, glasses and drink of choice. And a serving utensil for the wonderful side dish, salad or dessert you bring to share with 12 or more friends. You may bring a chair, but Harold thinks he'll have enough.

Slide Show – Please bring your thumb drive or cd with photos to share.



Harold invited everyone to visit the project after the last potluck. Ed and I were disappointed when we had to miss the opportunity to visit the project. We are not going to miss another chance! Don't know about your curiosity, but ours is definitely up.

2017

ARS Annual Convention April 27-30th in Eureka, California.

ROY AWARDS

At this month's board meeting, the board discussed plants to nominate for the Rhododendron of the Year Award for the Northwest Region. The board held a long discussion regarding what plants to nominate. Gordon reminded us that one of the original intentions of the ROY award was to draw attention to newer varieties for gardeners to try. The board felt that nominees should be plants that grow well in the NW region, are not prone to bug or mildew problems, have good blooms and a nice growing habit for when the plant is not in flower. Also the plant should not have won the award in the last ten years.

After a lengthy discussion of various plants and much Googling of different hybrids and much passing around of phones, the board decided on the following:

Elepidote – 'True Blue'

Lepidote – 'Vibrant Violet' www.rhododendron.org/roy08nw.htm

Evergreen Azalea – 'Girard's Fuchsia'

Deciduous Azalea – 'Arneson Gem.'

Terry will pass our chapter's nominees along to the ARS.

Board meeting notes courtesy of Secretary Sherlyn Hilton.

Only one chapter member outside of the board presented nominations for Rhododendron of the Year! We appreciate that individual's contribution and strongly encourage members to be thinking of rhododendrons they especially like and would like to nominate next year.

From the following page, you can see that the board was not successful on keeping all of our nominations from having been Rhododendron of the Year within the last ten years! Lepidote – 'Vibrant Violet' won in 2008, Evergreen Azalea – 'Girard's Fuchsia' won in 2011, Deciduous Azalea – 'Arneson Gem' won in 2010. Didn't spot the ROY awards on our little phone screens. However, my computer search at home did not produce a ROY award for elepidote – 'True Blue.' Maybe 'True Blue' will win as a new ROY elepidote.

Thank you
Gary Parent
and Linda
Wylie for
bringing
goodies to
our
November
chapter
meeting.

Cookie Sign-Up Sheet

January – Helen Baxter and Nancy Burns

February – Grace & Ed Fowler-Gore and Linda Wylie

March – Grace and Ed Fowler- Gore and ?Available?

Please feel free to bring goodies to share even if you haven't signed up.

Thank You



True Blue description from ARS Journal

<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JARS/v56n1/v56n1-registry.htm>

'True Blue': Elepidote rhododendron: (yakushmanum x campanulatum) (s) X 'Black Eye' *. H (1994): Dan Bones, Florence, OR; G (1999), N, and REG (2001): James Smith, Mapleton, OR; I: Roadside Rhododendrons, Mapleton, OR. Fls 21-25/conical truss, funnel-campanulate, 1.75" (45mm) long x 2.5" (65mm) wide, with 5 wavy-edged lobes; vivid purple (81A) in bud, opening inside light purple (81C), with dark purple (83A) dorsal spotting and white stamens; outside vivid purple (81B). Truss 6" (150mm) high x 6" (150mm) wide. Lvs 6" x 2.5" (150mm x 65mm), ovate, broadly acute apex, rounded base, glossy and moderate olive green (147A) above, hairless. Shrub 4' (1.2m) high x 5' (1.5m) wide in 6 years, dense habit. Plant hardy to at least 5°F (-15°C); buds, 10°F (-12°C). April-May. (Awards: Best New American Hybrid, Eugene, OR (2001); Southwestern OR (1999))

Lepidote – 'Vibrant Violet' description from ARS website www.rhododendron.org/roy08nw.htm

Flower vivid violet with brownish-orange anthers, wavy to frilly lobes, widely funnel-shaped, 2" across. Held in terminal clusters composed of 4 to 5 trusses each with 5 - 6 flowers. Blooms early. Leaves near elliptic to wider than lanceolate, concave, acute, cuneate, about 1½" long, dull, dark yellowish-green, retained 2 years. Round, well-branched shrub. Grows to a typical height of 3 ft. in 10 yrs. Plant and bud hardy to 0°F (-18°C). Hybridized by Fujioka.



Evergreen Azalea – 'Girard's Fuchsia' description from ARS website

www.rhododendron.org/roy11nw.htm

Flower moderate to deep purplish-red with moderate purplish-red spots, reverse deep purplish-pink, broadly funnel-shaped, wavy lobes, 2½" to 3" across. Inflorescence 3 flowered. Blooms midseason. Leaves narrowly obovate to elliptic, apiculate apex, narrowly cuneate base, 1¾" long, glossy, moderate yellowish olive green. Broad plant habit. Grows to a typical height of 4 ft in 10 years. Cold hardy to -15°F (-26°C). Hybridized by Girard.



Deciduous Azalea – 'Arneson Gem.' Description from ARS website

www.rhododendron.org/roy10sw.htm

Flower vivid yellow in throat, shading to reddish-orange at margins, outside red, widely funnel-shaped, 3¾" across. Held in ball-shaped trusses with 10 to 15 flowers. Blooms early midseason to midseason. Leaves elliptic, apiculate apex, cuneate base, 2½" to 3½" long, slightly wrinkled above, slightly hairy below. Upright, spreading habit. Grows approximately 3 ft. tall in 10 years. Cold hardy to -15°F (-26°C). Hybridized by Arneson.

Photos Courtesy of Harold Greer

Message From the President:

I'm glad October is over, too much rain and too much politics. I think the rain was more needed than the endless ads.

I think that is why I like raising plants. They don't lie to me, they never have an agenda, they serve a useful purpose, they put money in my pockets rather than take it out, and they are a lot better looking than politicians.

While the elections are fresh in our minds, we need to talk about electing the Plants of the Year for our region. We had a short discussion about this at the November meeting. Please email me your suggestions as to the plants you want to elect next year. The categories are Elepidote, Lepidote, Evergreen Azalea, and Deciduous Azalea.

I can't predict the weather, but always try to prepare for the worse. If you raise container plants, blocking them up next to each other provides a lot of protection on the ones on the interior. I have seen years where the outside row was killed, the second row stunted, and everything else was fine. Of course, if you don't have a few thousand, you might just move them into your garage!

Terry Henderson jentersruger@aol.com

Let's all thank Chapter Treasurer, Nancy Burns, for sending out the renewal letters and taking care of getting us all correctly renewed within the American Rhododendron Society. She also keeps track of those who forget their dues.

**Merry
Christmas**

Thank You

In advance, to everyone for bringing your dishes to our Christmas Potluck. Not much of a party without you there!

Give yourself a pat on the back for renewing your membership. If you let it slip past, please be sure to get your dues to Nancy Burns as soon as possible. You don't want to miss the next National ARS Journal.

Have you Remembered to Renew Your ARS Membership ? ARS Dues remain at \$40.00 for a regular membership and \$10.00 for an associate membership (if you have a regular membership in another chapter). Please return the renewal form to Membership Secretary, Nancy Burns, by mail or at the December 11th Potluck.

Please make your checks payable to "Eugene Chapter ARS."

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Note – two positions are available on the board.

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room for
YOU
on the
board.

Join Us!

Other District 4 Chapter Meetings and Websites

Tualatin Valley Chapter: First Tuesday of the month, Sep thru April (none Jan), at 6:45 p.m. Washington County Fire District 2, 31370 NW Commercial Street North Plains, OR 97133
Website: tualatinvalleyars.org

Willametter Chapter: Second Wednesday of the month, Sep thru May; Dec and May meetings held else where. Meeting is held at the First United Methodist Church, 600 State St., Salem, OR. Website: Arswillamette.org

Siuslaw Chapter: Third Tuesday of the month at Presbyterian Church of Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101, Florence, at 6:30 for refreshments. Meeting at 7 p.m. Website: siuslawars.org

Portland Chapter: Third Thursday of the month, September thru May. At All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, Oregon. The location is one-half mile east of Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Meetings begin with an informal social half-hour at 7:00 PM. There is short business meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by presentation.
Website: rhodies.org

Southwestern Oregon Chapter: Third Thursday of the month, Oct thru May (none Dec), 6:30 Social, 7 Meeting Coos-Curry Housing Authority, 1700 Monroe St., North Bend, OR.
Website: sworegon-ars.org

All other websites can be found on rhododendron.org under chapter's websites.

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Event Calendar 2016 – 2017

- Sept. 18 Potluck at the home of Sherlyn Hilton
- Oct. 13 Jack Olson - "What you do not know about rhododendrons."
- Nov. 10 Bruce Palmer - "Everything is Leaf."
- Dec. 11 Holiday Potluck Party**
- Jan. 12 Mike Bones - "Bonsai."
- Feb. 9 Elaine Sedlack - "Frank Kingdon-Ward: Connoisseur Plant Collector"
- March 9 Truls Jensen - "Garden perennials."
- April 1 Mike Stewart - "Asia hunt for Rhododendrons."