



# Eugene Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

[www.eugene-chapter-ars.org](http://www.eugene-chapter-ars.org)

6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 10th

at the Campbell Community Center

155 High Street, Eugene, Oregon

Bruce Palmer

Bruce's Leaf Program:

Title: "Everything is Leaf"

Bruce will give a program titled "Everything is Leaf". The quote is from Johann Wolfgang Goethe, the famous German author of Faust. Goethe was a late eighteenth and early nineteenth century polymath who researched plants and many other things besides being a poet. Bruce's talk will focus on how flowering plants became and remain the dominant plants on land. It starts with some geological history, moves on to the anatomy of typical leaves, then to adaptations of leaves to different environmental conditions, including adaptations of many rhododendron leaves. The talk ends with a discussion of why Goethe thought all plant parts derive from leaves and why he may have been correct so long ago. The program lasts about forty-five minutes.

Bio:

Bruce Palmer is a member of the Eureka Chapter. He lives in Cutten, California, a suburb of Eureka. Bruce retired in 1993 as Professor Emeritus in biology from the University of Hawaii System, Maui Community College. For 25 years he taught lower-division biology courses and for six years was Dean of Instruction (Chief Academic Officer). Bruce and Nelda joined the American Rhododendron Society in 1994 and have been active in the Eureka Chapter ever since. Bruce is the author of "The Word" in the Journal American Rhododendron Society and was the recipient of the ARS Gold Medal in 2015.

Proud Grandparents  
Ted and Paula Hewitt  
With their new twin  
grandchildren



Photo taken by babies' father.

Congratulations goes out to Ted and Paula Hewitt and their children.

### Pre-Meeting Dinner to meet the speaker

Love to have you join us at Sizzler at 5:00 p.m. at 1010 Postal Way in Springfield for the pre-meeting dinner to visit with fellow members and our speaker Bruce Palmer and his wife, Nelda. Please contact Helen by phone at 541-461-6082 or by e-mail at [galen.baxter@comcast.net](mailto:galen.baxter@comcast.net), so that she can let the staff know how many will be in our party.

All members are invited and welcome to attend the pre-meeting dinner.

This is a great chance to chat with fellow members.

Maybe Ted and Paula will have more pictures to share???

Springfield Sizzler's menu can be found at:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/cos-sizzler/Production/MenuPDF/06302016/Siz-Springfield\\_Web\\_1606.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/cos-sizzler/Production/MenuPDF/06302016/Siz-Springfield_Web_1606.pdf)

**Next Month – December 8, 2016**  
**Potluck**

**Message From the President:**

Harold and Mike put on another great convention. Always good to see friends that I only see at the shows. I spent most of my free time running the plant sale so didn't get to hob-nob as much as I would have liked. Did get a chance to visit Thompson's Nursery. Hard to believe for all the years I've been in the trade it was my first time there.

I don't know if only good people raise plants or if plants make good people. Over the years I find nursery people to be honest and a pleasure to be around. I have only had dealing with 2 nursery's in all these years that I don't sell to because they were jerks. Being in the ARS to me is more for the comraderie (well, the money is good too).

Plan on a vacation to Eureka next spring. I always have a good time with their chapter, and the tours sound great.

Terry Henderson jentersruger@aol.com

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ARS Annual Convention April 27-30<sup>th</sup> in Eureka, California.

Thank You

Chapter Treasurer, Nancy Burns, for sending out the renewal letters and taking care of getting us all correctly renewed within the American Rhododendron Society.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

Thank You

Nancy Burns and Sherlyn Hilton for bringing the goodies for the October chapter meeting.



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 November 10th chapter meeting.

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

Anyone else a big weeder? I recommend my favorite tool for removing any type of weed, blackberry roots, saplings, you name it. It is called the PRO Stainless Weeder and you can purchase it at:

<https://radiusgarden.com/collections/digging-tools/products/pro-weeder?variant=10815909953>

I can not recall where I purchased ours, but I know Dena and I have both used this tool a lot since we purchased our property. I kept saying, we need two of these and Dena would say no we don't, but then I'd find her with the tool! Actually, it is especially great if you have one person down on the ground finding the blackberry vine's entrance into the ground and the other person ready to dig it up. We take turns switching back and forth. I have no idea of how many unwanted roots we have removed from our property. And, yes, we have roots that are not good for the compost pile.

We soak the area before we attack an area just like one of the reviewer's suggests in the radiusgarden.com website.

Just be sure to always leave your tool sticking out of the ground. I was going crazy trying to locate the weeder when we had accidentally left it laying in the vinca! Now I have a bright orange ribbon tied onto the handle, because I know it will get laid down again.

Happy Weeding – Grace and Dena

I was reading one of the old newsletters that can be found on our website <http://www.eugene-chapter-ars.org/newsletters.html> and discovered some of the photos that Alan Trott had sent Frances Burns in the past for our newsletters. I'm enjoying myself looking back at some of the wonderful articles and photos. Please don't forget that the ARS - Eugene Chapter's history is on-line for your enjoyment.



Have any of the Eugene chapter members been fortunate enough to visit The Trotts' Garden in New Zealand? The new book is a photographic tour through the seasons in their garden. If you didn't get the chance last month to look at their website, here it is again.

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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. 8 Potluck
- Jan. 12 Roger Gossler - "Winter flowering shrubs."
- Feb. 9 Elaine Sedlack - "Frank Kingdon-Ward: Connoisseur Plant Collector"
- March 9 Truls Jensen - "Garden perennials."
- April 1 Mike Stewart - "Asia hunt for Rhododendrons."