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American Rhododendron Society

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6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13th
at the Campbell Community Center

155 High Street in Eugene

"What you do not know about rhododendrons."

By

Jack Olson

I have been growing rhododendrons for over forty-five years. During that time, I have learned some interesting things about rhododendrons. This I plan to share during my program, as well as pictures of many of my favorite plants and trusses. I will also show some of the results of my hybridizing, and some of the goals I am seeking with my many crosses. So please come and bring any questions you might have about rhododendrons.

As anyone who has had the good fortune to visit with Jack in his greenhouse and around his property, Jack knows a lot about rhododendrons. Ed and I are pretty new to the rhododendron group, so we don't know a lot about rhododendrons; but we always come away with some new knowledge to help us with our garden. Jack's enthusiasm for rhododendrons is well-known and I'm sure his presentation will be wonderful. – Grace Fowler

Pre-Meeting Dinner to meet the speaker

Join us for the pre-meeting dinner to visit with fellow members and our speaker Jack Olson at Bai Khao Thai Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. at 541 W. Centennial Blvd in Springfield. This is at the east end of the Value Village Shopping Center with entrance off Prescott St. Please contact Helen by phone at 541-461-6082 or by e-mail at galen.baxter@comcast.net by Tuesday, October 11th, so that she can let this small, family-run restaurant know how many to expect.

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

This is a great chance to chat with fellow members.

Twenty-two ARS members gathered for good food and conversation this past September 18th.

I love trees, especially old beautiful trees and Sherlyn and Cameron have the good fortune to have a property with many regal trees. So if you love trees as I do and you missed the opportunity to see Sherlyn and Cameron's garden filled with huge gorgeous trees, please be sure not to miss your next chance. Yes, they have rhododendrons too, but I was too in awe of the trees to notice the rhododendrons.

Thank you goes out to Sherlyn and Cameron for sharing their wonderful garden and home with our group this past September 18th.

For our goody-loving members, Helen Baxter and Sherlyn Hilton have graciously offered to bring treats. We thank them in advance.

Note - Ed hasn't met a dessert he hasn't liked. He says he doesn't care for pineapple-upside-down cake, but I haven't had the chance to test this.

For photos of our latest gathering at Sherlyn and Cameron Hilton's home, check out the newly designed website by the new webmaster Ed Gore.

<http://www.eugene-chapter-ars.org/activities.html>

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 October 13th chapter meeting.

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

My renewal envelope was almost lost in my bottomless-pit purse, but luckily someone mentioned the renewal and I pulled it right out and took care of it at our potluck social. :)

I've heard from our New Zealand member Alan Trott that it is Spring there. Lots of the trees are just starting to come into leaf, a few rhododendrons are out, and the magnolias are just glorious. So it is busy in the garden now in New Zealand.

Alan also has some news that he has a new book out. I had a peek at the Spring section and all I have to say is "Well, if you can't visit his garden in New Zealand in person, buying his book is probably the next best option; maybe even better, because you get to enjoy the garden throughout the entire year!" Information on Pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter are from the book cover of Alan's new book.

New Book by Lifetime ARS Member:

Alan Trott



ALAN TROTT has been gardening from a very early age. He is also a keen photographer and all the photographs in this book have been taken by him.

Alan has written for magazines and newspapers throughout New Zealand and speaks often about his garden on Radio.

He has also been a speaker at The Ellerslie International Flower Show.

Alan and Catherine have travelled to Europe looking at the world's great gardens, observing their structure and the plants grown within them.

Now, Trott's Garden in Ashburton is visited by people from around New Zealand and from around the world. It has featured on television, in magazines and books, both within New Zealand and internationally.

This is Alan's second book on his garden, the first being *From Pasture to Paradise: The Story of Trotts Garden*, which focuses on each garden in turn.

Both books are available from Trotts Garden and can be delivered anywhere throughout the world. They can be ordered from our web site, www.trotts.co.nz. They are available in some bookshops.

The garden is open most days of the week during spring, summer and autumn, but telephoning or emailing for an appointment is always advisable.

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Paradise Through the Seasons: A Year in the Life of Trotts Garden is a unique book, beautifully illustrated with over 330 photographs of the Trott garden as it develops through each season of a year.

Originally a 4-hectare block of bare land with an old house, horse stable and thirteen trees, the Trotts Ashburton property was a blank canvas on which Alan could fulfill his dreams. His work has earned the property the title A Garden of International Significance, which is graded by the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

In this his second book, Alan guides us through the unique attributes of each season as it plays out in the Woodland

Garden, the Red Garden, the Pond and Damp Garden, the Formal Garden – comprising knot gardens that have been described as some of the most sensational in the world – the Border Garden and, finally, the Brantwood Chapel.

From an elegantly snow-dusted winter wonderland through to the splendidly bold foliage of the Red Garden that Alan is renowned for, this year-long portrayal of a spectacular garden is both enchanting and instructive.

The plant portraits and stunning vistas, all photographed by Alan, show the beauty of the garden through each of the four seasons.



Message from President, Terry Henderson:

Weevils are a problem in most gardens. While I spray multiple times with insecticides, a few or those hungry little females (all weevils are female) get through.

Having a nursery next to blackberries is a problem as blackberries are their favorite place to live and hide.

The last couple of years I have been applying Nematodes in the fall to kill the grubs that actually do the damage to the plants. They seem to do a good job, are organic, and cheap. Enough to do an acre cost \$77.00. Smaller quantities are available. I know of one nursery that only applies nematodes in the fall and doesn't spray at all. No grubs-No adults.

If interested, the company I buy them from is ARBICO ORGANICS. Phone number 1-800-827-2847 or go online at www.arbico-organics.com

Recollections from Helen Baxter of the 34th Western Regional Rhododendron Conference held this past September 30th through October 2nd.

Best thing about going to these events at Helen's age (her term - not mine) is you get to renew the old friendships with people you have known for forty years. You might only get to see them at these events a few times a year. Helen also likes to develop new friendships with people she meets at gatherings.

Helen had a chance to visit with Janice Gerdemen of the Siuslaw Chapter who was the oldest attendee at 91 years of age. Helen says anyone who has been a member for 10 years will remember Janice. Helen particularly liked the Leaf Exhibit/Show that everyone voted on this year.

Steve Hootman brought unique species rhododendrons with him which people could purchase and other nurseries brought rhododendrons and lots of companion plants to go with the rhododendrons.

Next Month – Chapter Meeting November 10, 2016

Bruce Palmer presenting: "Ericaceae."

Message from your new Newsletter Editor, Grace Fowler-Gore

Again, I'd like to thank Ted Hewitt for all the wonderful past newsletters he has given this chapter. I'd also like to thank all the people who contributed material to be placed in the newsletter. I would greatly appreciate those individuals to continue to submit articles for publication here, but I especially want to invite **all the members to contribute to the newsletter**. Please feel free to give me printed material in person at our gatherings or you may e-mail me directly at GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com with a story you would like to share with our group. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help make this a special newsletter.

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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 - "Ericaceae."
- 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."