



Spring Potluck Picnic 2018



Emily Aune –“We had a great time.”



The 2018 Eugene Fall Potluck

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and ready to share their stories at our Fall Potluck on **Sunday, September 9**, from noon till 3 p.m. at Harold and Nancy Greer's home, 1280 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene. Turn into the The Springs at Greer Gardens off Goodpasture Road, take the first right you can make. Their home is at the end of that road. You can park anywhere you can find room and there is lots of space in the whole area for parking.

The Greers 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 p.m.

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone.



Photos above by Ted Hewitt

A Piece of the World

by Ted Hewitt

Recently I read a book entitled *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline that is a novel based on a well known painting, *Christina's World*, by the American artist Andrew Wyeth. Though the Christina in the painting lived most of her life on a small farm in Maine, she longed to travel throughout the world as her grandfather had done as a 19th century sea captain. I would think that not many of us have spent our entire lives within the borders of Lane County, but when I first joined the ARS Eugene Chapter, I was intrigued at seeing how diverse a group we have in our membership. Though many of us enjoy visiting with our local friends at chapter meetings and picnics, there are also members who we rarely or never see. Scattered throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as the whole country and the world, we have members who are associate members as well as some who are ARS members attached to the Eugene Chapter. At conferences or through emails, it is this larger group that I always enjoy having contact with and getting a glimpse into their world and their gardens. When looking at our membership list, I see that we have members or associate members in a number of different countries - England, Russia, New Zealand, Japan, and Panama.

Among our international members are John and Margaret Hammond who live in England but are active members of the ARS Scottish Chapter. Over the years, they have visited in Eugene many times through a long friendship with Gordon and Linda Wylie so have met some of us. In 2000, John and Gordon co-authored an article for the ARS Journal on Hendricks Park in preparation for the 2001 ARS Convention that the Eugene Chapter hosted and more recently they collaborated on three articles on the O. Howard Hinsdale estate and garden on the Umpqua River. John has also contributed articles for the chapter newsletter and presented an interesting program for us in 2015 on the restoration of older Scottish gardens. I particularly enjoyed his article for the January 2015 newsletter on *Some Thoughts from Across the Atlantic on How to Kill Rhododendrons*. I can certainly identify with him.

Over the years, Harold and Nancy Greer have come to know Andrey and Natalia Karpov who live in Russia, first as customers and now as good friends, and Andrey and Natalia have become ARS members attached to the Eugene Chapter. Consequently the Karpovs have traveled to Eugene a number of times and Andrey has been a speaker at a few conferences. In May of this year, Harold and Nancy had the pleasure of traveling as the guests of the Karpovs in Russia following the 2018

ARS Convention in Germany. From his programs, some of us have had the opportunity to see photos taken in Andrey's garden as well as of the native rhododendrons that grow in Russia particularly in the Caucasus Mountains though also in Siberia.

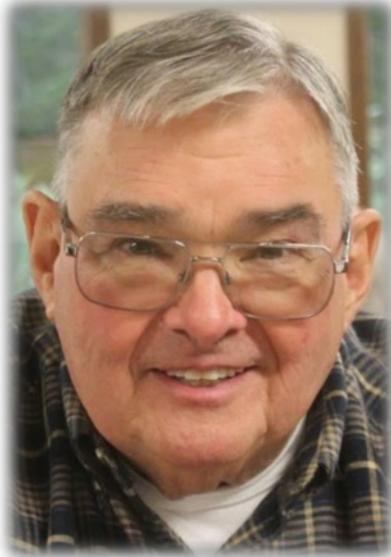
Earlier this spring I received an email from Alan Trott, an ARS Life Member who is aligned with the Eugene Chapter though he lives in New Zealand, indicating that he and his wife, Catherine, have moved and down-sized to a smaller urban garden. Some of you are familiar with Alan as he has contributed photos for the chapter newsletter over the years, is a good friend with Frances Burns, and recently wrote an article on his Red Garden, *I See Red!*, for the ARS Journal (Vol. 71, Number 4, Fall 2017). Alan and Catherine purchased their former garden property in 1978 and spent many years developing a significant 4 acre garden. The garden has now been placed in the hands of the Trott's Charitable Trust and will remain open to the public. (www.trotts.co.nz). Alan says that their new garden is just over half an acre, they are doing lots of planting, they enjoy being in town, and they don't miss the big garden. In the spring (fall in New Zealand), he was building a shade house (lath house) with a potting house at one end and a greenhouse at the other to house his big tuberous begonias. As with many of us, he and Catherine like to travel and are planning a trip to the Galapagos Islands next year. His email address is actrott@outlook.co.nz (permission given to print this by Alan) if you would like to contact him. If you are planning a trip to New Zealand, I am sure that the Trotts would be glad to show you their new garden.



Trott Garden photo from
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Though the ARS Eugene Chapter is a small chapter, we do have a larger membership with several in southern Oregon and a number of associate members in Salem, Sherwood, Florence, the southern Oregon coast, Eureka, New Jersey, and Hawaii in addition to our international members. So, in some ways our chapter is a piece of the world and, if you consider the plants we grow, it is an even larger piece of the world.

Celebrating the life of Robert Corbett MacIntyre August 8,1940- August 11,2018



Robert Corbett MacIntyre was born August 8, 1940 to Dorothy (Wood) and Robert Curtis MacIntyre in Bellingham, WA. He grew up in Tacoma, WA and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University.

As a young man, Bob moved to San Jose, CA where he met his wife of 49 years, Marjean Rowley MacIntyre. They were married in 1969 in Los Gatos, CA and lived in Campbell, Los Gatos and Cupertino, CA before retiring to Bandon in 2002.

Bob worked as an x-ray technician and Respiratory Therapist in many San Francisco Bay Area facilities, including Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, UC San Francisco, Oakland Children's Hospital and Stanford University Hospital.

A highlight for Bob was attending the 2008 Worldwide gathering of the MacIntyre Clan in Oban, Scotland with his wife, children, and grandchildren. His Scottish heritage was an important and meaningful facet of his life.

Bob's hobbies included photography, woodworking, fishing and rhododendrons.

Rhododendrons became an abiding passion for him. His extensive garden includes a significant collection of many varieties of rhododendrons. He served as President not only of the Southwestern Oregon chapter, but as the national President of the American Rhododendron Society from 2014 to 2017.

Bob is survived by his wife Marjene; his daughter Carolyn MacIntyre (Cindy Westergaard) and son Rob MacIntyre (Kirsten), grandchildren Rowan and Dylan MacIntyre and Emma Heuer; his sister Janelle MacIntyre Longmire (Dan); and several cousins. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and constant feline companions.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Rhododendron Society (www.rhododendron.org), the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (<https://rhodygarden.org>), or the charity of your choice.

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Bob MacIntyre by Harold Greer

He was a great American Rhododendron Society president, who took over the helm at a time of great turmoil for the ARS. He led the ARS to a new era.

Anyone who knew Bob, knew him to be a humble person, who while opinionated, which a leader should be, always asked others for their opinion, before he made up his mind. I will miss his frequent phone calls asking for advice, even when he probably knew the answer already. But the sign of a great person, is their constant pursuit of more knowledge.

I knew Bob for many years before he moved to Oregon, and when he visited our nursery, he was always a memorable person and a fond friend who I always remembered and enjoyed. Bob was never a person you forgot or wanted to forget. His friendship and humor are something I will always remember. Yes, I lost a wonderful friend and adviser in Bob. When we reach our seventies and eighties we lose a few loved ones, but Bob left the deepest hole in our hearts of any friend who passed in many years.

It has been said, "there is a time to tear and a time to mend". Bob always was there to mend. But now he is not, but I know in his absence, he would want us to "mend" from his loss and go on in happiness in his memory. Bob was never one to cry over "spilled milk", he would say "go on with love and mend". I know he would want the same for his wonderful wife Marjene of 49 years. We offer our love to Marjene and tell her what Bob told me many times about difficult situations with the ARS. His opinionated, but gentle voice would say, "it is now a time to mend and continue".

News from Hendricks Park by Emily Aune

This summer I was able to squeeze in a June visit to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. Although it was past peak bloom season, I found plenty of blooms and rhododendron foliage to get excited about. I also caught one of their prized plants in bloom, the Himalayan Blue Poppy (*Meconopsis betonicifolia*). This perennial rises two feet high with a pure blue flower that is unbeatable in the garden. As for the rhododendrons, there were several species that I newly fell in love with. *Rhododendron roxieanum* var. *oreonastes*, with its long, needle like leaves, *R. lepidostylum* with great contrast of blue fuzzy leaves and a pale yellow flower, and *R. liliiflorum*, with it's giant lily-like flowers. I would like to see any of those make it into Hendricks Park someday but none were for sale at the time. Fear-not though, I still made it back home with a handful of new plants, complements of The Friends of Hendricks Park. I came home with *R. rex* ssp. *rex*, *R. calophytum* var. *calophytum*, *R. calostrotum* ssp. *keleticum*, *R. campylogynum*, and *R. yuefengense*, and a RSBG cross of *R. fortunei* ssp. *fortunei* x *yuefengense*. I'll keep them in the nursery until fall, where they are receiving regular watering through this summer heat.



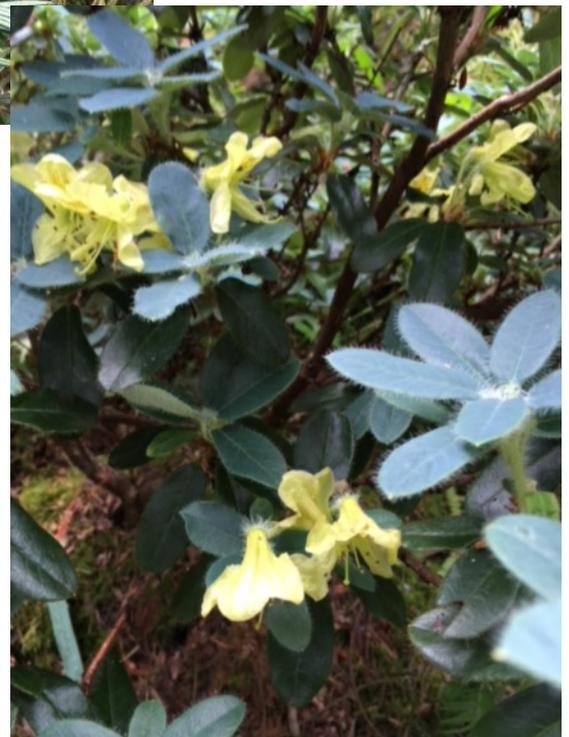
Himalayan Blue Poppy
Meconopsis betonicifolia



R. roxieanum var. *oreonastes*



R. liliiflorum



R. lepidostylum

ARS Membership Renewal Time

In the near future, you will be receiving your ARS membership renewal forms in the mail. The cost for a regular membership that includes membership in the Eugene Chapter remains at \$40.00 including the ARS quarterly Journal and the chapter Newsletter. Please return the completed forms to Membership Secretary Nancy Burns as soon as possible by mail or in person at the September picnic or the October chapter meeting.

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

Thank you for your membership and support.

The ARS Eugene Chapter Mission Statement.

- E**ncourage the culture and interest of rhododendrons.
- U**se our meetings for educational opportunities and building friendships.
- G**row both species and hybrid rhododendrons in our gardens.
- E**ducate ourselves and the community about the world of rhododendrons.
- N**urture the idea of garden design with rhododendrons.
- E**xhibit our knowledge and the beauty of rhododendrons to the community.

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Emily Aune is the Lead Gardener at the Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden. She provides us with wonderful Hendricks Park articles & pictures.

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You can join Christina Bentrup Tuesday mornings 9am-noon at **Hendricks Park** . Christina would love to have volunteer help with weeding, pruning, mulching, watering and other activities/opportunities. She can be contacted at Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us or call 541-510-4636 with your questions.

ARS Eugene Chapter Meeting Location

The Springs at Greer Gardens
 1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon

Day of the Month for Chapter Meetings

Third Wednesday of Month
 Note – November 2018 Second Wednesday

American Rhododendron Society
Eugene Chapter
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Event Calendar 2018 – 2019

Sept. 9 Fall Potluck @ The Greers Home Noon to 3 p.m.

- Oct. 17 Mike Bones – Europe Rhododendrons
- Nov. 14 Harold Greer – Russia and its Rhododendrons
- Dec. 19 Holiday Potluck @ The Springs
- Jan. 16 Jason Martinez from San Francisco
- Feb. 20 Steve Krebs from Ohio
- March 20 Speaker & Topic TBA
- April 17 Speaker & Topic TBA
- May 4 Flower Show and Banquet
- May 11 Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds

**Please mark your calendar with the meeting date.
Hope to see you.**