

Truls Jensen of Wild Ginger Farm in Beavercreek, Oregon

“Lessons From On High: Improving Your Garden Using Rock Gardening Techniques And Mountain Plants”

Truls will discuss the techniques that enable us to better grow alpine and other mountain plants here at lower elevation and how these techniques also help us to improve our success with other perennials as well. Many of our choice Rhodies and other plant species are from high mountain areas and really benefit from the modifications to soils and exposure that we use for high mountain plants. Healthy plants mean happier gardeners.

For those of you who had the pleasure of hearing Truls Jensen speak at the Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group meeting on October 13, 2015, and recall thinking I'd like some of those plants, this is your chance! Go to their website at <http://wildgingerfarm.com/> and order your plants directly from them by phone. Wild Ginger Farm doesn't ship plants, but Truls has kindly offered to bring them to you at the Campbell Center talk on March 9.

Join us March 9th at 5 p.m. before the meeting at

Willie's Lebanese and NW Cuisine @ 400 International Way, Springfield, OR (541) 393-6561
<http://willieslebanesefood.com/menus/dinner/>

Great opportunity to enjoy conversation with other members of our chapter.

RSVP for dinner by March 7th to Helen Baxter (541) 461-6082 or galen.baxter@comcast.net

NEW April 13th, Plants, People & Pizza @ Jack Olson's Rocky Knoll Farm
3:00-5:00 @ 84953 Renegade Lane, Fall Creek OR 97438

Everyone is invited to see Jack's hybridizing results at his nursery. More information coming next month in the April Newsletter.

2017 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet

Please Note - Date Change

Saturday, May 6th 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

2017 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet

Same Great Location as Last Year!

Hilton Garden Inn
3528 Gateway St.
Springfield, OR 97477

May 6th

Another fabulous flower show with great food, fabulous flowers, new plants, and, most importantly, the camaraderie of your friends!

Banquet Menu

Salad

- * tossed green salad with tomato, cucumber, carrot and croutons
- * arugula salad with asparagus and prosciutto ham
- * cucumber and tomato salad
- * bowtie pasta salad

Entree

- * roasted pork medallions topped with fresh peaches and caramelized onions
- * grilled chicken breast with apples, fennel and sausage
- * smoked gouda ravioli in a marinara sauce

Side Dishes

- * roasted potatoes, rice pilaf, fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls with butter

Desserts

- * generous assortment of freshly made desserts

Drinks

- * Freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, water and hot teas.
- A no-host bar will be available for beer, wine or mixed drinks. Bar opens at 4:00.

Dinner is \$30 per person, including gratuity. We need an accurate seat count to give the restaurant, so please RSVP Harold by May 3rd.

What to Bring:

- trusses and sprays from your garden to enter in The Show
- bonsai, vireyas, & photos for the display tables
- checkbook and/or cash for plants and dinner

(make checks payable to ARS Eugene Chapter; sorry, no credit cards)

RSVP for dinner by May 3rd to Harold Greer (541) 554-2342 hgreer@greergardens.com

If you discover you can attend at the last minute, but have not given an RSVP, please call Harold to check on availability.

You may pay for dinner and your auction wins at the end of the evening with cash or a check. Treasurer Nancy Burns will handle the finances.

Spirited auction for unusual beauties, a silent auction for unique gems, and a raffle for an extraordinary specimen.

2017 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet
 Bragging Rights and Prizes Up For Grabs

NINE CLASSES TO ENTER

- 1 DA Deciduous Azaleas
- 2 EA Evergreen Azaleas
- 3 PE Pink Elepidotes
- 4 RE Red Elepidotes
- 5 WYE White or Yellow Elepidotes
- 6 OME Other-Colored or Multi-colored Elepidotes
- 7 L Lepidotes
- 8 SE Species Elepidote
- 9 SL Species Lepidotes

10 Prizes Awarded

- Best DA
- Best EA
- Best PE
- Best RE
- Best WYE
- Best OME
- Best L
- Best SE
- Best SL
- People's Choice Any Class

WIN!

Silent Auction

Bring money and prepare to bid!

WIN!!

Raffle Prize

For another chance to win, buy raffle tickets for \$1 each or \$5 for six and win the Raffle Prize.

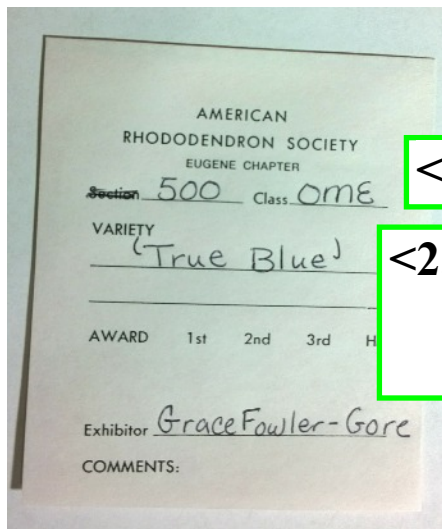
WIN!!!

Awards

First, Second and Third Place in each prize category will be announced at The Show and will be listed in the May Newsletter.

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Simplified Entry Forms Entry Number Already Filled In.

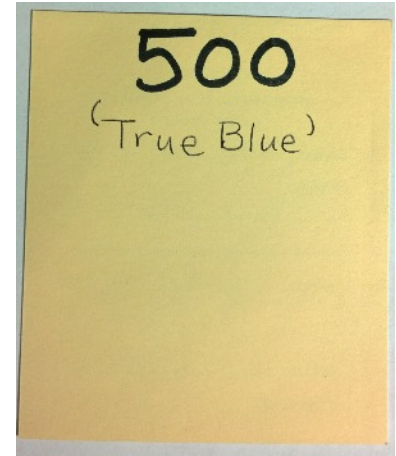


<1. Using CAPITALS, write Class of entry.

<2. Write name of your entry on front

AND on back. >

<3. Write your name.



Sample Entry Form - Front

Sample Entry Form - Back

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| DA - Deciduous Azaleas | OME - Other-Colored or |
| EA - Evergreen Azaleas | Multi-colored Elepidotes |
| PE - Pink Elepidotes | L - Lepidotes |
| RE - Red Elepidotes | SE - Species Elepidote |
| WYE - White or Yellow | SL - Species Lepidotes |
| Elepidotes | |

You may pick up Entry Forms early at the March and April gatherings, so you can fill them in at your leisure.

Schedule

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Setup

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Entries will be accepted from 3:30 p.m. through 4:45 p.m. Sorry, but if you come late, you will be able to display your flowers, but they will not be judged. Volunteers will help place your entry & Entry Form in the correct location.

To prevent voter bias, Entry Form is to be placed with only the back number and variety name showing. After voting, the entry form will be turned around to the front to show the entrant and rhododendron name.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Each attendee may cast a ballot. All ballots must be turned in by the **5:30 deadline**. This will allow a reasonable amount of time to tally votes.

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. 5:30 Flip the entries around to see whom and what you voted for. Socialize while discussing everyone's wonderful entries.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Plant Auction

7:30 - 8:20 p.m. Program Speaker: Mike Stewart "Rhododendrons, and Their Journey to Your Garden"

8:20 - 9:00 p.m. Cleanup

2017 Rhododendron Species Symposium

April 7-9 at the RSBG in Federal Way, WA

The second annual Rhododendron Species Symposium will be held on April 7th and 8th in Federal Way, Washington. Enjoy visiting local gardens on your own on April 9th. Events will be held at the RSBG and the Best Western Plus Evergreen Inn and Suites in Federal Way. Cost to attend the entire Symposium weekend, including all sessions, speakers, classes plus Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet will be only \$125 if registered before March 10th. Late registration of \$145 begins March 11th.

There will be an emphasis on educational time and tours in the RSBG and its facilities during the rhododendron species flowering season, meeting with staff and other delegates in what has become an internationally renowned botanical garden, containing the most comprehensive collection of natural rhododendron species in the world. This is a prime bloom season.

The program includes speakers Hartwig Schepker, (Scientific Director of the Rhododendron-Park in Bremen, Germany), Valerie Soza (Research Scientist at University of Washington), and the staff of the RSBG, Steve Hootman, Dennis Bottemiller, and Atsuko Gibson. Saturday afternoon will include Field Laboratory Horticulture Classes at the RSBG with the staff.

Full information and registration is available on line at <https://rhodygarden.org/cms/events/9540/rhododendron-species-symposium-2017/>

15th Annual Spring GardenPalooza is Saturday April 1, 2017 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Fir Point Farms in Aurora, Oregon. See <http://www.gardenpalooza.com/> for more information.

March is Election Month

Positions being voted on are Secretary, Treasurer, and three board positions.

Currently: Sherlyn Hilton is Secretary, Nancy Burns is Treasurer, Gordon Wylie is a board member, and we have two vacant board positions that we would love to fill.

If you have time to meet with the board members once a month in the morning and have a desire to be more involved in our chapter, please come to the March meeting and put yourself forward for one of the empty board positions.

Siuslaw Chapter's President Mike Bones – Invites Eugene Chapter Members to Florence

Chapter Meeting:- The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, March 21st at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3669 Highway 101 in Florence, at 6:30 for refreshments; 7 pm meeting and program. Siuslaw website: siuslawars.org

Pre-Meeting Dinner Will be March 21st, at Clawson's Wheelhouse at 5 pm. Please email Rosemary Rebello at rosemary.rebello@gmail.com or phone her at 541-261-1849 to reserve your place at the dinner table! Be there for great fun, great food, & great company.

Siuslaw Show dates for 2017 are held on Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23 and May 20-21, Siuslaw's 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival Show!

Officers	<u>The Board</u>	Term	Phone	E-mail
President	Terry Henderson	2016-18	541-953-9316	jentersruger@aol.com
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	Gordon Wylie	2014-17	541-895-2864	lgwone@gmail.com
	Helen Baxter	2015-18	541-461-6082	galen.baxter@comcast.net
	Grace Fowler-Gore	2015-18	817-975-4936	gracelovesbirds1@gmail.com



Are you tired of seeing the board members' gardens and have been thinking I could host a gathering at my house? The board would love to hear from you. June and September Picnic hosting is available.

Note – two positions are available on the board.

Committees

- *Shows:** Helen Baxter, Sherlyn Hilton, Terry Henderson
 - *Nominating:** Available
 - *Welfare:** Nancy Greer and Harold Greer
 - *Hospitality:** Helen Baxter and Nancy Burns
 - Programs:** Board of Directors
 - Newsletter Editor:** Grace Fowler-Gore
 - Newsletter Printing & Mailing:** Harold Greer 541-686-1540 hgreer@greergardens.com
 - Webmaster:** Ed Gore webmaster@eugene-chapter-ars.org
- ARS chapter websites can be found at www.rhododendron.org

Thank you, Elaine Sedlack for the informative presentation on February 9th entitled 'Frank Kingdon-Ward: Connoisseur Plant Collector' about the renowned plantsman Frank Kingdon-Ward who lived November 6, 1885 – April 8, 1958. Wonderful combination of slides showing Frank's life with the places, people and plants he is remembered for.

April 15 & 29 And May 13 O. Howard Hinsdale Garden OPEN 10 to 2

Parking at Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area 48819 OR-38, Reedsport, OR 97467 Please see February Newsletter for more information regarding this open garden event..

ARS Spring Flower Shows and Convention

- 2017 Rhododendron Species Symposium April 7-9
- Willamette Chapter April 21-22
- Siuslaw Chapter April 22-23 & May 20-21
- ARS National Convention April 27-30
- Eugene Chapter May 6
- Southwest Oregon Chapter May 6-7

April 27-30

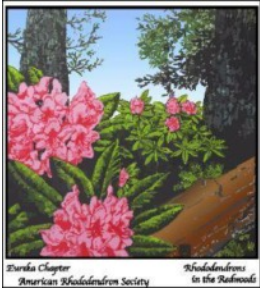
Rhododendrons in the Redwoods Annual International Convention of ARS is being hosted by the Eureka Chapter. Please see details in ARS Journal Vol. 71, Number 1, Winter 2017 or on-line at www.eurekarhody.org

Goodies Crew

February - [Thank You](#) Nancy & Burns & Linda Wylie

March - Grace and Ed Fowler-Gore & Sherlyn Hilton

Please feel free to bring goodies to share even if you haven't signed up. [Thank You](#)



RHODODENDRONS IN THE REDWOODS

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Register now for the American Rhododendron Society's annual spring Convention April 27-30, 2017. The Eureka Chapter will host the convention which will bring visitors to world-famous Humboldt County, California from across the nation, Canada and around the world. Top notch speakers will be featured every day, along with tours of redwood forests, private and public gardens, azalea reserves and Victorian architecture.

The Red Lion Hotel will be our host hotel, with a rate of \$99 per night per room plus tax. The rate includes a full breakfast and an airport shuttle. Thursday and Sunday events will be held at the hotel. The new state-of-the-art Sequoia Conference Center, three blocks from the Red Lion Hotel, will be our meeting and banqueting venue Friday and Saturday. Visitors can walk to the conference center, take the shuttle or drive; abundant parking is available at the center.

For many ARS members, seeing the Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) is high on the must see "bucket list", as are the rugged North Coast of California with its *Rhododendron macrophyllum* and Stagecoach Hill, the home of the Smith-Mossman 1966 collections of *Rhododendron occidentale* azaleas.



THE CARSON

Eureka is served by United Express twice daily from San Francisco. Flying to San Francisco and transferring to Eureka is the usual air transport option. Renting a car in San Francisco and driving to Eureka is a very scenic alternative. Drive time from San Francisco is about seven hours through the wine country with its rolling hills and on north through the Coast Range

In addition to the area's redwood parks and other natural wonders, Eureka and its neighboring towns abound with well-preserved Victorian homes displaying the famous Queen Anne "Carpenter Gothic" style. The Carson Mansion (now a private club) is the most famous example from the late 19th century era of the lumber barons in northwestern California.

mountains and redwood forests. From the north, PenAir flies from Portland, Oregon to the Eureka/Arcata airport. An alternative to flying directly to Eureka from



HUMBOLDT BOTANICAL



Portland might be to fly to Crescent City or to Medford, Oregon, then rent a car. Drive time from Crescent City is about two hours; from Medford about four hours. Both routes are quite scenic, with wild rivers, rugged mountains and redwood forests well worth visiting. Several car

rental agencies operate at the Eureka/Arcata airport. The Red Lion Hotel offers free shuttle service for convention attendees to and from the Eureka/Arcata airport. However you choose to get here, we look forward to hosting you and showing you our beautiful northwest corner of California.

More information at www.eurekarhody.org

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Event Calendar 2017

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