

2017 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet

Mike Stewart – “Rhododendrons, and Their Journey to Your Garden.

Important species discovered over the years and the plant explorers who discovered them presented with pictures taken in the wild of many of these plants, and historical pictures of the explorers. Pictures of plants and the mountains in Sikkim India, taken while Mike and his wife, Maria, were in Sikkim two years ago on a trekking, camping trip organized by the Rhododendron Species Foundation that took them up to around 15,000 feet elevation where many of the fine dwarf rhododendrons grow.

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Please Welcome New Board Member –

Emily Aune



My name is Emily Aune.

I currently work as the full-time field lead and caretaker at Hendricks Park. This 79-acre city park includes a 10-acre Rhododendron Garden planted in 1951, a Native Plant Garden, picnic areas and acres of forested trails. This will be my 9th season being on staff at Hendricks Park. I began my love of the outdoors and plants in Bloomington, Indiana, where I spent my summers working at youth camps and at a retail plant nursery during my last few years of high school. I moved to Oregon in 1999, as I had some family in Eugene, and I quickly fell in love with the mountains, streams and mossy green forests. I quickly picked up gardening jobs, started taking botany classes at Lane Community College, and

learned how to Swing Dance. I started working for the City of Eugene as a field botanist in the West Eugene Wetlands, then as caretaker of the Native Plant Nursery in Alton Baker Park. When a full-time position on their Landscape Crew opened, I took that, and it was not long until I was permanently stationed at Hendricks Park. One of my favorite parts of my job, other than working outdoors, is working with the volunteer group that shows up every Tuesday morning. This group of people share the same passion to create and maintain a beautiful garden for the community to enjoy.

You can join Emily Tuesday mornings at Hendricks Park. She'd love to have your help.

<http://friendsofhendrickspark.org/volunteers.html>

Thank you Jack Olson for the wonderful presentation April 11th at the Willamette Valley Hardy Plant meeting entitled “How to Grow Rhododendrons From Seed.” Ed and I had the pleasure of attending Jack’s talk and were entertained while being educated. We missed Jack’s talk earlier this year to our group, so it was extra special getting to hear Jack’s talk on the 11th.

This presentation was followed Thursday April 13th with a great tour of Jack’s rhododendron growing setup and a viewing of lots of rhododendron foliage. Regrettably the blooming season for the rhododendrons at Jack’s property, which is a higher elevation than in town, had not started yet this year. Jack said the 2017 blooming season is running real late at his property. Luckily for everyone how wished to see woodland wildflowers Jack provided a walk through a magical forest setting with Jack pointing out various blossoms. He also pointed out some majestic trees along this walk. I have a special soft spot for large, established trees. After the walk, we returned to hot pizza cooked by Jack’s wife, Sandie. **Thank you** Sandie for the great job cooking the pizzas.

I’m sure I’m not the only one who is anxiously awaiting what the truss will look like on the special seedlings with the burgundy foliage. Hope Jack will invite us out to his Rocky Knoll Farm, 84953 Renegade Lane, Fall Creek OR 97438 when these seedlings are in bloom. I still want to judge some of his seedlings!



Siuslaw Chapter’s President Mike Bones – Invites Eugene to Florence Saturday and Sunday May 20-21 for Siuslaw’s 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival Show! @ Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St, Florence, OR 97439, USA

Be sure to check out the Siuslaw website for the Show Schedule and Key. Siuslaw website: siuslawars.org

Thank you, Truls Jensen of WildGingerFarm.com for “Lessons From On High: Improving Your Garden Using Rock Gardening Techniques And Mountain Plants”

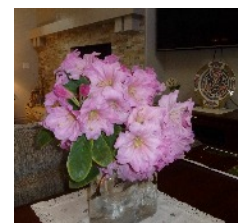
Don’t forget to find “quarter ten” at <http://laneforest.com/bulk-rock-and-gravel/crushed-rock/> PICKED UP - 1/2 YARD: \$13 | 1 YARD: \$26 Obviously from my photo of April 25th, I haven’t got my quarter ten yet, but the blossom of my new *Gentiana acaulis* is gorgeous!



If you have a story to share, I would love to publish your recollections in our newsletter of the April 7-9, 2017 Rhododendron Species Symposium @ RSBG in Federal Way, WA or the April 27-30th ARS Annual International Convention Hosted by the Eureka Chapter



April 24th Potluck gathering of the Board to meet Ken Webb (Western Vice President of ARS) and his wife, Madeleine, with international ARS visitors John and Margaret Hammond of England in attendance. **Thank you** Harold and Nancy Greer for hosting a wonderful get together at your wonderful new home.



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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.

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 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 Elepidotes
- 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.

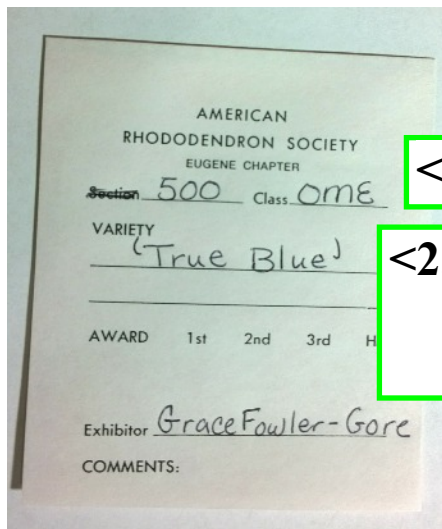
WIN!!!

Awards

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

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Simplified Entry Forms Entry Number Already Filled In.

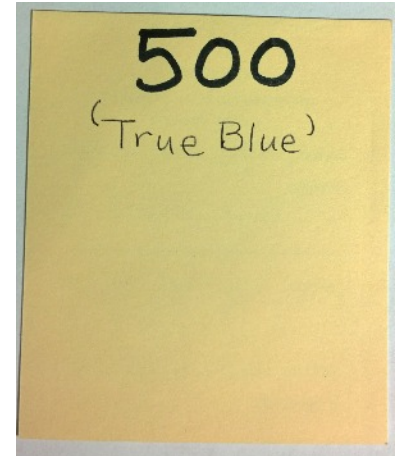


<1. Using CAPITALS, write Class of entry.

<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

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Ali Sarlak with R. ‘Phyllis Korn’ trusses in his garden. Ali and Gloria’s Corvallis garden is a must see garden with fantastic fragrant roses and a huge selection of other gorgeous plants!

Committees

- *Shows:** Helen Baxter, Sherlyn Hilton, Terry Henderson
 - *Nominating:** Available
 - *Welfare:** Nancy Greer and Harold Greer
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Ali Sarlak enjoying his homeland’s plants, culture and people during 2017 trip to England and Iran.

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Event Calendar 2017

- May 6 **ARS Eugene Chapter Spring Rhododendron Show & Banquet**
3:00-9:00 Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield Speaker Mike Stewart -
“Rhododendrons, and Their Journey to Your Garden.”
- May 6-7 Southwest Oregon ARS Chapter – Spring Flower Show
- May 13 Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds
- May 20-21 Siuslaw ARS Chapter – 110th Annual Rhododendron Festival Show
- June Spring Picnic at Chapter Member Home – Looking for a host or hostess!
- July 8 Summer Picnic in Bandon jointly with the Southwest Chapter of ARS
@ the home of Jack & Wanda Hackett
57131 Fuller Rd, Bandon, OR 97477-1835
*** See June newsletter for details on this event. ***

April 1—May 21 The Cecil and Molly Smith Garden, Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 – 4:00
@ 5055 Raybell Road, St. Paul, Oregon, 97137.