

October Rhododendron Society meeting Wednesday, October 17th at The Springs. Join us for Dinner at 5:30 PM and/or meeting at 7:00 PM.

### Mike Bones – Rhododendrons of Europe

Spectacular Rhododendron Gardens and other Great sights from the Tours of the ARS German Convention 2018 – North America Meets Europe.

The Convention was top notch. We had to go by busses to get around the large nurseries! The gardens, both public and private, were unlike any I have ever seen. I was able to capture some of that beauty and will share it with you. Sorry, no knockwurst or beer, but it will still be exciting!

Mike.

#### Pre-Meeting Dinner RSVP

Please contact **Harold Greer** by phone at 541-554-2342 or by e-mail at [hgreer@greergardens.com](mailto:hgreer@greergardens.com), so that Harold can let the staff at The Springs know how many will be in our party.

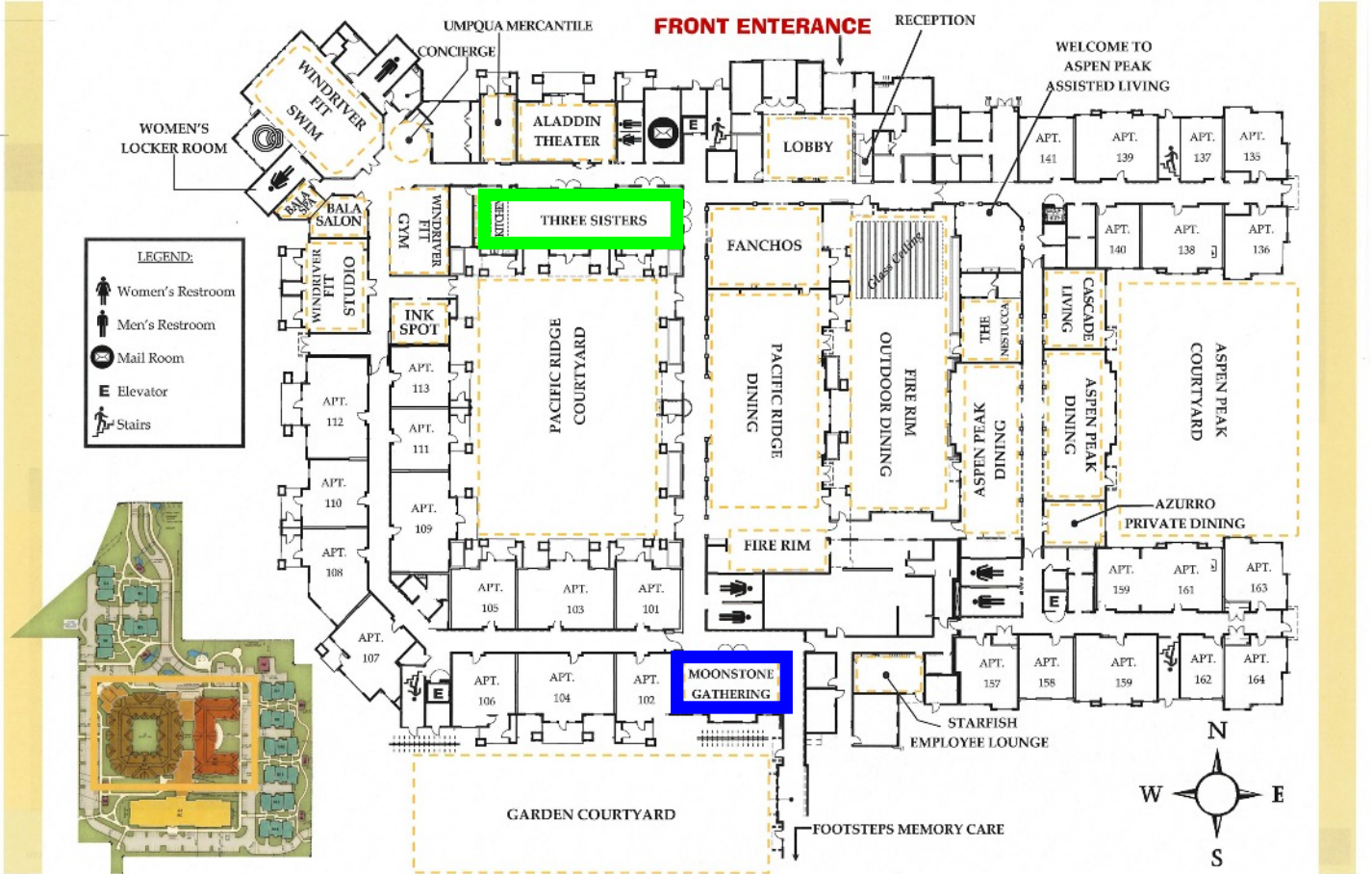
#### Message from the President:

I got started in the nursery business about 30 years ago raising a couple of thousand Exbury seedlings. Killed half with too much fertilizer. I guess the old saying we had at the rock crusher (if a little is good, more is better, and too much is just right) does not work on plants.

It took about 10 years to transition from a produce business to a total nursery business. It is the best job in the world. The major downside is that Mother Nature is your partner. Knocking snow off of greenhouses at 3 in the morning isn't all that much fun. I've been through windstorms, hard freezes, snowstorms, ice storms and floods. I'm waiting for locust!

Having turned 70 this year I'm trying to figure out an exit stratagem. With no children that want to take over (they have real jobs), it's hard to make an exit plan. I'm doing cutting again this fall, so I know I'm in for at least 4 more years. I think I'll just keep doing it until I can't – or I fall over dead!

Terry Henderson [jentersruger@aol.com](mailto:jentersruger@aol.com)



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

5:30 Dinner is buffet style in **Three Sisters**. If you are dining with us, please pay the receptionist \$20 per diner as you enter the FRONT ENTRANCE. An Asian Stir Fry Buffet is the October selection.

7:00 Meeting is held in **Moonstone Gathering**.

**Looking forward to seeing you, your family and your friends.**

**We appreciate them joining in our fun!**



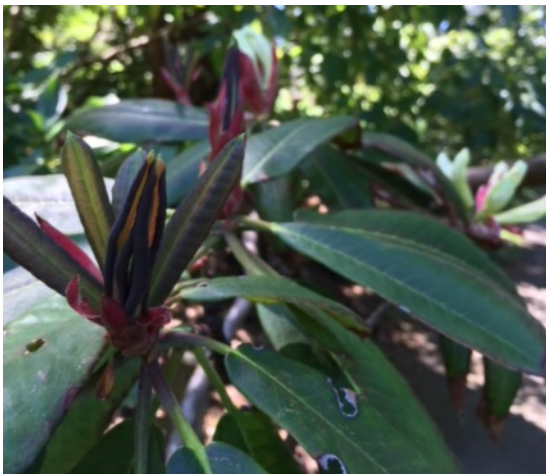
Thank you Harold for providing door prize plants at our Fall Potluck gathering.

I felt an extra sense of joy when I discovered that I had picked Rhododendron ‘Tree Creeper’, which upon reading the information sheet I discovered is a Glendoick “Bird Series” dwarf hybrid (*keiskei* x *glaucophyllum*). I’m known as the family bird nerd, so you can imagine how I was tickled by this rhododendron.

Grace Fowler-Gore

## News from Hendricks Park by Emily Aune

“When do the Rhododendrons bloom?” is a common question from visitors at Hendricks Park. Although peak bloom tends to be close to Mother’s Day, I feel proud to say nearly every single month you can find a Rhododendron in bloom. August can be a tough month, and so can December, but all other months, you can typically find a couple plants in bloom. *Rhododendron auriculatum* and its hybrids are lovely through June. Their sweet fragrance wafts through the hot summer air. They are native to several provinces of China, growing in woods and on high ridges and rocky forest slopes. This elepidote gets its name from the unique shape of the leaf, which has an earlobe (auriculate) on the basal lobe of the leaf. One *Rhododendron auriculatum* was in full bloom at Hendricks Park this year on August 15th. The plant stands tall in a deeply shaded area from the mature fir trees above. Its white flowers brighten up the dark corner, and the citrusy smell is unmistakable. Even after bloom, summer interest continues with its new growth. Long, red, ribbon-like bracts give great contrast to the new green and sometimes purple hued leaves. It is a great plant to include for a continuously changing and interesting summer garden.



Photos by Emily Aune

## ARS Membership Renewal Time

You should have received 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 October chapter meeting.

Please make your checks payable to “Eugene Chapter ARS.”

**Thank you for your membership and support.**

September 9th, 2018 Fall Potluck at the Greer's home.



Photos by Grace Fowler-Gore



Thank you Nancy and Harold for sharing your lovely home and garden with your fellow members, and for a wonderful afternoon together.

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## Event Calendar 2018 – 2019

- Oct. 17**     **Mike Bones – Rhododendrons of Europe**
- 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



**Hope to see you.**

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