

Eugene ARS meeting Wednesday, April 17th, at The Springs.
Join us for Dinner at 5:30 PM and/or meeting at 7:00 PM.

Bruce Palmer will present "What's in a Name II?"

Bruce began his career as a science and math teacher at Ferndale High School in Humboldt County, California, in 1960. In 1968, he started the biology program at the University of Hawaii's new Maui Community College and retired, in 1993, as Chief Academic Officer of the college, moving back to Humboldt County with his wife, Nelda. Bruce is an active member of the Eureka Chapter of the ARS and volunteers at the Humboldt Botanical Garden. He writes a column on biological terms for the Eureka Chapter's monthly newsletter as well as quarterly articles for both the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society and the Botanical Guardian of the Humboldt Botanical Garden. Bruce was awarded the American Rhododendron Society's Gold Medal in 2015.

Bruce's "What's in a Name II" discusses the history of plant taxonomy in the Ericaceae family and, specifically, the characteristics of the genus *Rhododendron* (from the Greek "rose tree"), starting with the pre-Linnaeus era (prior to 1700) up through the current DNA revelations being made by Dr. Ben Hall and his researchers at the University of Washington. Bruce will consider the characteristics of the Ericaceae family, members of the family, the origin of the name *Rhododendron*, characteristics of the genus, and finally, subgenera in the genus. Bruce will make a challenging topic understandable and logical. One of his two handouts is a reprint of a 2005 Systematic Botany article, prepared by Dr. Ben Hall and associates from the UW Dept. of Biology, proposing modifications in *Rhododendron* classification.

Thank You Don Wallace for
your presentation *Some Extraordinary
Gardens of Seattle* on March 20th

Thank You Steve Krebs for
your presentation on February 20th



Steve



Left – Nancy & Harold Greer, Grace Fowler-Gore, standing behind Donna & Vince Manion.
Below – Donna Turring with friend, Penny Jones.



Message from the President:

How about them Ducks?

Well, that was some kinda February. I don't think many people escaped some form of damage. Jack had a tree fall on his house, Nancy lost her greenhouse, Mark lost 3 greenhouses. Hendricks Park looked like a war zone, and most had a lot of tree limbs to clean up. I think the biggest problem for most was the loss of power. I was very lucky, lost no houses or power.

Mother Nature will do what she wants. Wonder what surprises she has in store for the rest of the year.

The temperature never got below 20 so I think the Rhododendron blooms should be wonderful the year.

Which brings me to the subject of the truss show. This, to me, is the highlight of the year. It's a time to show off the beauty of the Rhododendrons, win some prizes, eat some good food, visit with friends, spend some money on the auction, and maybe even have an adult beverage.

So, mark your calendars for May 4, I'll see you there.

Terry Henderson jentersruger@aol.com



Don and Carol Shroeder



Mary & Jay O'Leary

News from Hendricks Park
by Emily Aune

Righting “Wronged” Rhodies



Along with the multitudes of tree and branch failures that we have been cutting and removing our way through in the garden, we had about 6 completely uprooted Rhododendrons. Since Rhododendrons are so shallow rooted, this lends the plant to the ability of being stood back up. Here’s our method.



First – Dig out soil below and around the root ball, where it will be sitting back into the earth. Often when a plant uproots, soil from the exposed part of the root ball will fall back into the hole, and surrounding soil will fill the lowest area. If this soil is not removed, the Rhododendron will sit higher than it used to, once it is stood back up.

Second – Get staking system or wires ready and installed. I was left with several of these nifty wire stakes that we pounded in to the ground with the rod I am holding in my right hand, and then remove the rod, leaving the wire deep in the ground. As there is tension on the wires the below ground piece pivots to a horizontal direction, and does not pull out of the ground.



Third – Next, depending on what you have available, use brute strength, a tractor, a come-a-long, or several volunteers, to stand your Rhododendron back into the upright position. If the Rhododendron is too heavy, you may also prune the plant prior to standing up. This photo shows one volunteer holding the plant as the other is attaching the wires. I helped stand the Rhododendron, then ran off to take a photo.



Continuation of **News from Hendricks Park** by Emily Aune

Fourth – Install a “crutch” made from old Rhododendron or oak wood, to give support on the direction of fall. I bury the bottom of the “crutch” into the ground and try to find just the right angle and position on the plant. You may want to have a couple heights available.



Fifth – Attach wires. You can attach wires to sturdy stakes, or sometimes neighboring trees or shrubs, if they are big enough. I also like to make sure there is some protection on my wires. We have been using old hose.



Sixth – Refill soil around the base of the plant. You will have to do extra tending to this Rhododendron for the next couple of years, especially if it is a large plant. But, with some extra water and support (literally), it should survive for many years to come.



Want to help get the park back in shape. You can join Christina Bentrup Tuesday mornings at **Hendricks Park**. She'd love to have your help. She can be contacted at Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us

Places to Go and Things to Do

Spring is here and there are so many things to do in the gardening world of the Willamette Valley, so mark your calendars and decide what you want to do. Unfortunately none of us can do it all.

April 6 2019 Garden Palooza, **8:00 am - 3:30 pm**, Fir Point Farms, Aurora, OR. Over 40 plant vendors and garden things from around the Willamette Valley.

April 6-7 ARS Portland Chapter Early Show & Plant Sale, **9:00 am to 5:00 pm**, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland

April 6-7 First Open Days for the Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, St. Paul. **11:00 am - 4:00 pm** Then each weekend until May 19.

April 12-13 Annual plant sale at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, WA. Terrific set of vendors from the NW and a chance to view the garden in its prime.

April 12-13 ARS Willamette Chapter Show and Plant Sale. Bush's Pasture Park, Salem

April 13 Hinsdale Garden Open **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. This wonderful garden is located about 5 miles east of Reedsport along the Umpqua River. Park in the Elk viewing area and take the shuttle.

April 13-14 ARS Siuslaw Chapter Early Rhododendron Show, Florence Event Center

April 17 ARS Eugene Chapter Meeting **7:00 pm** Bruce Palmer from the ARS Eureka Chapter presents a program on *What's in a Name II*. Pre-meeting dinner at 5:30.

April 26-27 Rhododendron Species Symposium at the RSBG in Federal Way, WA. Wonderful speakers and garden tours.

April 27 Hinsdale Garden Open **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

May 4 ARS Eugene Chapter Show and Banquet, **3-9 pm**, The Springs at Greer Gardens

May 5 Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden Walk, **1-3 pm**, Meet at the picnic shelter.

May 15-19 ARS National Convention near Philadelphia. Great selection of gardens.

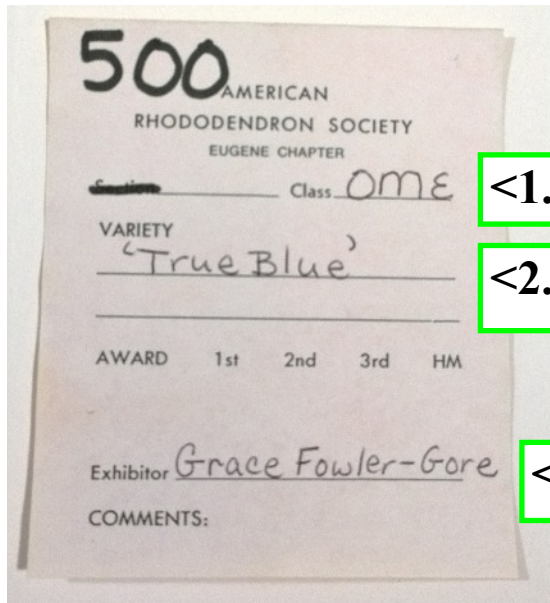
May 11 Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group Plant Sale, **9 am to 2 pm**, Lane County Fairgrounds. This is our main fundraiser for the chapter. Please volunteer to help.

May 11 Hinsdale Garden Open **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**.

May 18-19 ARS Siuslaw Chapter Late Rhody Show, Florence Events Center

May 19 Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden Walk lead by Emily Aune, **1-3 pm**. Meet at the picnic shelter.

Entry Form -Entry Number- Already Filled In.



**2019 Spring Rhododendron Show and Banquet
May 4th at The Springs**

<1. Using CAPITALS, write Class of entry.

<2. PRINT entry name.

<3. Write your name.

You may pick up Entry Forms early at the April meeting, so you can prepare your Entry Form at your leisure. If you still have entry forms from last year with a number on them, please use them for this show.

Sample Entry Form

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

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Let's all welcome Tom Beatty back to 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
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- ARS chapter websites can be found at www.rhododendron.org

March was Election Time for our group.

Officer Positions: Secretary – Emily Aune AND Treasurer – Nancy Burns

Regular Board Position: Tom Beatty

At the March meeting, these terms were voted upon. Note the new terms above. There is still room on the board for one new board member. The terms are for three years. We meet once a month to coordinate the group's activities. If you are interested in joining us on The Board, please speak with one of the board members.

Hendricks Park Tour Guides Needed

Hendricks Park staff receives a large amount of requests for garden tours, especially during the spring months. The staff will take on some of these tours, and members from the Friends of Hendricks Park are sometimes available too. Still, we are looking to grow our numbers of possible tour guides and I think that Rhododendron Society members would be perfect candidates. These are unpaid tours to the community, usually school groups, garden clubs, and assisted living homes. Tour lengths would generally be about an hour. If you are interested in joining the tour group list, let our volunteer coordinator Christina know at Christina.R.Bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us. We are also hoping for additional tour guides on Mother's day, between the hours of 10-3pm.

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Event Calendar 2018 – 2019

Chapter Dinner 5:30 & Meeting 7:00

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

April 17 Bruce Palmer –

What's in a Name II?

May 4 Flower Show and Banquet @ The Springs

May 11 Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds

Pre-Meeting Dinner RSVP

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