

Eugene Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Holiday Potluck and Slide Show

5:30 @ The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1282 Goodpasture Island Rd, Eugene

Wednesday, December 18th

Scrumptious Potluck Dinner from the best cooks in town.

- Harold & Nancy will serve a ham.
- Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to serve 12 along with a serving utensil. Or bring another main dish such as a special chicken recipe, a vegetarian entree, a seafood stew, or something you like to prepare.
- Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:00.
- Be sure to bring your own dishes, napkins, utensils, glasses, and drink of choice. Coffee will be available.

7:00 Slide Show

Please bring your garden related digital pictures to share on a flash drive in a JPEG format. Maybe you're thinking I only have one or two pictures to share, so it isn't worth bringing them with you. Luckily, Harold has offered to bring the photos that members submit to him by e-mail to the meeting for them. Please e-mail photos to Harold at hgreer@greergardens.com.

Bill McNamara, **thank you**, for your talk *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The trials and Tribulations of Plant Hunting* and answering questions after your wonderful talk Nov. 20th,



75th Anniversary Convention of The American Rhododendron Society

Hosted by ARS District 4, April 29-May 3, 2020,
at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA.

**Registration for the 2020 convention opens December 2nd, 2019:
Available online at www.ARS75.org**

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Registration forms are available as an insert in the Winter (January distribution) quarterly edition of *Journal American Rhododendron Society*.



A Hendricks Park Winter
Bloom by Emily Aune

Start going through your photos or considering taking some new photographs for the photo contest . Details @ <https://ars75.org/photo-contest/>

Contest Categories **Photos Ready ??**

1. Flower, truss, or spray
2. Landscape: plants in the wild or in a garden setting
3. People, insects, or animals
4. Foliage, bark, or seedpods

Philadelphia 2019 winner, Flower, truss, or spray:

Jackson McCarter – ‘Hachmann’s Charmant’



The convention website has an opportunity, posted on three different pages (home, registration, contact), to sign up for Convention Updates. An email went out, with the first update, on 11/17 to those that had signed up to date. The email alert included the following copy:

Greetings —

Thanks again for signing up to receive updates to the 2020 Vision **75th Anniversary ARS International Convention**. We're closing in on the **open date for Registration—December 2nd**. You'll receive an alert when it's live so you'll have an early opportunity to secure your choice of tours, functions, etc.

We plan to have an **online Registration** opportunity along with the **option to print and mail** a form. Online charges will be handled via PayPal.

Otherwise the **website** — ARS75.org—continues to be **updated almost daily!** Some of the pages to call your attention to:

- ◆ We've added a photo exhibit in addition to the traditional photo contest. Entries may have been taken at any time in the past and can even include prior award winners.
- ◆ Full details and schedules are now posted on the Around The Sound pre-tour and Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast Excursion post-tour. These will both have **limited capacity** so early registration is encouraged.
- ◆ There's a fuller experience now on the pioneers page with many links to **interesting ARS history**.
- ◆ There are notes now on the hotel page describing **special concessions** on parking and airport shuttles offered by the Heathman Lodge. The **group discount codes** are now also posted there.
- ◆ The links page now includes **Maria Stewart's rhododendron features** as published in the Portland Chapter newsletters.
- ◆ Profiles are now posted for our **guest speakers** on the special sessions page.

And more!

We're excited looking forward to this 75th Anniversary event and hope to see you there. Please use the contact form on the website if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you.

Please consider signing up for the updates yourself and/or encouraging your members to do the same. We'll be posting progress on tour sign-ups, etc., on the website in addition to these emailed Convention Updates.

Thanks very much for your support. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

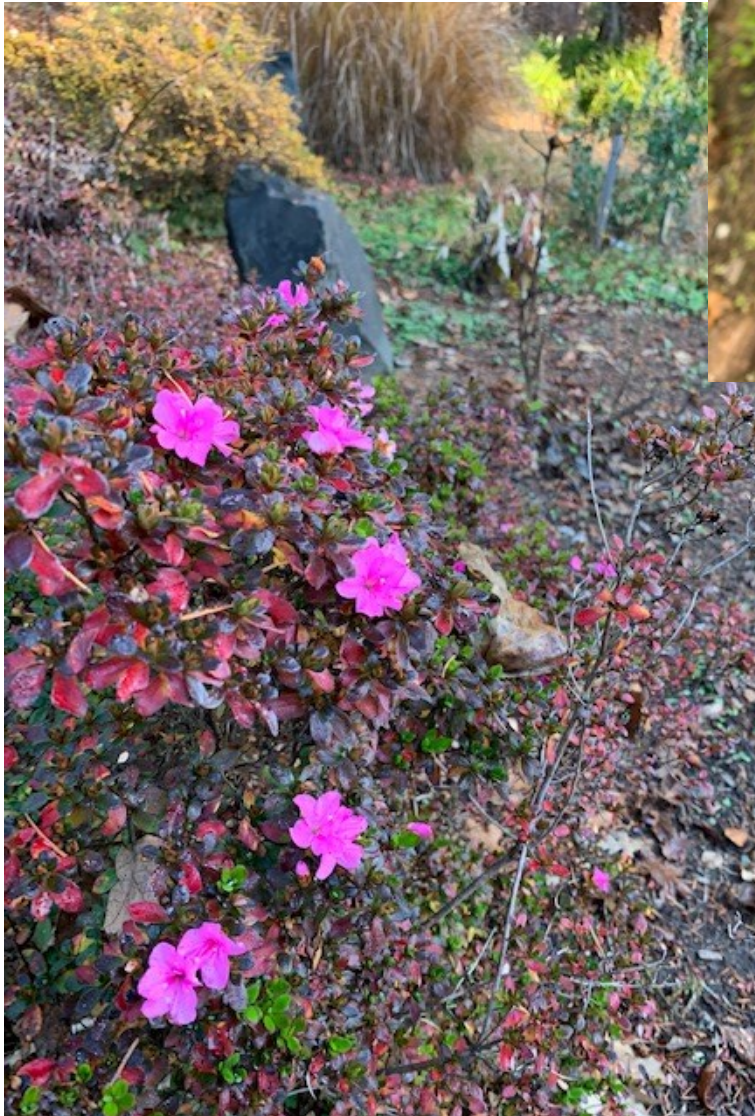
Steve McCormick
ARS 2020 Convention Committee

News From Hendricks Park by Emily Aune

This week, volunteers replanted eight Hendricks Park natural seedlings, back into the garden. In 2015, we carved a new trail replacing a steep staircase of rock with a meandering path connecting Summit Path and Ted's Bench. Along the route was one of our nurse logs (an old fallen fir tree trunk that was left on-site with rhododendron seedlings incubating upon them). We cut out the log and up-potted all of the seedlings and have been growing them in our lathe-house for the past four years. Two bloomed last year for their first time and we noticed that most of them were swelling with flower buds for this year. We numbered each plant and will photo-document them as they bloom and grow. Many are looking to be resilient to azalea lacebug, which is reason enough to keep them, but fingers crossed we get some good looking flowers out of these as well.



Winter Gems of Hendricks Park by Emily Aune



Continuation of Winter Gems of Hendricks Park by Emily Aune





Frank Slide SW Alberta. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Slide



Mackinac Bridge, Michigan <https://www.mackinacbridge.org/>



White Sands National Monument, white sand, not snow
<https://www.nps.gov/whsa/index.htm>

I asked Harold to share the road trip that he and Nancy had the pleasure of taking and he was nice enough to send us:

On September 26th, Nancy and I set out for the Western Regional Rhododendron Conference in Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island. It was an interesting conference with some good speakers and gardens to visit. From there we drove across Canada to Toronto and Niagara Falls where I spoke to the Niagara Chapter of the ARS on October 6th. In eastern British Columbia and Alberta we found lots of early snow, but were lucky in that we drove through there the day after the big storm, so the roads were mostly clear. From Niagara Falls, we went around Lake Erie, to Pennsylvania, then south to the Appalachians, through West Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and down to New Orleans. We arrived in the French Quarter of New Orleans just after the Hard Rock Hotel that was under construction partly came thundering down. What a traffic jam! Then back across Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona where we visited Four Corners where four states meet at one point. In all we drove 8,350 miles in just under four weeks.

Four Corners: New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Corners



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Have you Started
Planning to Attend?

Event Calendar 2019 – 2020

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| Dec. 18 | Holiday Potluck @ The Springs |
| Jan. 15 | Bruce Palmer “What’s in a Name” |
| Feb. 19 | Bob Zimmerman – Species |
| March 18 | Glen Jamieson Journal ARS editor |
| April | <u>75th Anniversary ARS Convention, April 29th – May 3rd</u> |
| May 9 | Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds |
| May 30 | Eugene Chapter Flower Show and Banquet |