

American Rhododendron Society



Eugene Chapter Newsletter

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November 2021

Just a couple of items for your attention this month ... please read on for some important information!

Chapter Meetings

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Your Board of Directors is beginning to consider when, where, and how we might begin meeting in-person again. We recognize that everyone will have different comfort levels related to meeting in-person, so we will be sending out a short survey to give everyone a chance to indicate their readiness. Please watch your email inbox for that survey and please return it promptly so that the Board can plan appropriately.

Our Chapter Meetings are typically held at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of the month, October through March, unless otherwise specified. Unfortunately, face-to-face meetings are currently suspended due to Covid-19.

Upcoming ZOOM Chapter Meetings

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Initial planning has begun for a Memorial Garden of Harold Greer's hybrid rhododendrons at Hendricks Park. The folks involved are trying to locate cuttings or small specimens of each of his hybrids, but there are a few that haven't yet been located. The plants that are missing are: R. 'Eugene', R. 'Everything Nice' and R. 'Perfectly Pink'. If you possess one or more of these plants, or if you know where one could be found for taking a cutting, please contact Gordon Wylie at lgwone@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 17

Watch your email for an announcement about our December Meeting!

In This Newsletter

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Don't forget to return your Membership Renewal form and payment! In order to remain on the mailing list for the quarterly **Journal of the American Rhododendron Society**, your renewal must be received by December 1, 2021. If you haven't received your renewal reminder, please let us know at ars.eugenechapter@gmail.com. And a big thank you to those who have already renewed their membership!

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*~ Eugene ARS November Chapter Meeting ~
'A Walk in the Woods'
Presented by Don Hyatt*

As planning was underway for our November program, we reached out to Don Hyatt to request permission to present the video of his recent presentation for the "Fall Into Gardening" Conference. Imagine our surprise and delight when Don replied to our request with a gracious offer to reprise his presentation for our chapter meeting, saying "**Harold <Greer> was a good friend to us all and I would be honored to have a chance to give my talk as a tribute to him.**" Please make plans to join the meeting via ZOOM by using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86900120737?pwd=dC9lOXpUWWhwTU13TlVXQUF1VzhHdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 0012 0737 Passcode: 907426

Thursday, November 17th 6:30 pm, Gathering time; 7:00 pm, Meeting & Program

Don Hyatt has spoken frequently on the Southern Appalachians but this presentation is an update on some of his favorite native azalea and rhododendron populations that he visits frequently. Expect to see some stunning photography as well as humorous anecdotes about his recent treks along the Appalachian Trail and hikes to other locations. Don is a retired public school teacher who had a very successful 33-year career teaching mathematics and computer science at the secondary school level in Northern Virginia. Retiring in 2002, he has spent most of his time since then pursuing his life-long interests in horticulture. Don's favorite areas of study have been the American native azaleas, rhododendrons, and wildflowers of the Southern Appalachians. A popular speaker at local, national, and international conferences, Don can entertain the novice as well as the expert as he combines his humorous storytelling ability with beautiful photographs in a multimedia presentation. Don has received a number of honors for his work including both the ARS Gold and Silver Medals. Don't miss this delightful and entertaining presentation!

An Invitation from the ARS Portland Chapter ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**"Horticultural Treasures in
Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia"**

Speaker: Lois Moss

Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:30 PM, Meeting opens / 7:00 PM, Program



As we return to traveling and socializing, you may consider exploring some of the world-class public gardens, nurseries, display gardens and other horticulture treasures in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The presentation will include photos, maps and visitation tips on over 60 places you can visit in the Pacific Northwest, plus ideas for you to create your own day trips or multi-day vacations.

There are bound to be northwest garden destinations you haven't experienced. Here's the perfect overview to prompt some additions to your target list.

ZOOM Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384001949>

Meeting ID: 863 8400 1949

American Rhododendron Society Spring International Convention

May 4 - 8, 2022

Portland, Oregon & Vancouver, Washington

The 2022 ARS Spring International Convention—*Return to the Northwest*—will feature a renowned group of international speakers, tours to notable gardens in the area, a plant sale, photo contest, 2-day pre-tour, 3-day post-tour, and more. Invited speakers include Kenneth Cox from Glendoick in Scotland, Lionel de Rothschild from Exbury in England, Jens Nielsen from Denmark, Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros from the Holden Arboretum, and Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden and many others. Garden tours will include visits to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Iseli Nursery, Sebright Gardens, Woodburn Nursery, and the Stewart Garden (formerly Dover Nursery).

Registration for the 2022 convention will open on December 1, 2021 and will be available online at www.ars2022.org. ARS membership is not required to attend. Information on the ARS, including membership, is available at www.rhododendron.org.

Mark your Calendars!

Registration opens December 1, 2021



Everything is full speed ahead for the ARS Spring Convention, celebrating the (belated) 75th Anniversary of the ARS. Plans are being made to enjoy the company of our fellow ARS members with a variety of meetings at the Heathman Lodge and bus tours of featured area gardens in addition to optional Pre- and Post- Tours.

Explore the convention website at

<https://ars2022.org/>

Most, if not all, of the elements of the postponed 2020 convention are being duplicated.

A promotional video for the convention is posted here:

https://youtu.be/2_i6v48mWuU

*Eugene ARS Members This convention is being held right in our backyard!!
What a marvelous opportunity! Plus, the Post-Convention Tour will visit
Eugene with a stop at Greer Gardens!*

~~ News from Hendricks Park ~~

Fall Colors and Blooms

by Emily Aune



Fall is a great time in the Rhododendron Garden at Hendricks Park. Although the wind and rain this year seemed to result in a shorter season than normal, it was another wonderful year of fall colors and blooms. First, I'll show off a couple of shots of my favorite fall color trees. The kousa dogwood (*Cornus kousa*) has great orange and yellow fall color, with a light and airy form, and attractive bark.



The Black Tupelo trees (*Nyssa sylvatica*), planted in about 2012 on Summit Pathway, are growing older and starting to give a brighter impact of oranges and yellow. Just below the bench you can see the *Camellia sasanqua* in bloom, and I have included a closeup of the flowers on the right.





Of course the maples always bring yellows, oranges, reds and sometimes salmon hues to the garden. On the left is our Siebold's Maple (*Acer sieboldianum*) and on the right is *Acer palmatum* 'Oshio beni'.



Speckled throughout the garden we see the fall colors of our deciduous azaleas. I believe this is a Knapp Hill hybrid called 'George Reynolds'. The Knapp hill hybrids are crosses made at Knapp Hill nursery during the time of Anthony Waterer. They were Ghent hybrids crossed with the Chinese azalea *Rhododendron molle*. They are known for some nice fall color. And the last flowers of the year are always our Korean mums (*Chrysanthemum koreana*). These perennial mums have a looser truss and bigger flower that just look great in a garden of this size.



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ARS Willamette Chapter

The **ARS Willamette Chapter** will meet on Wednesday, November 10th, via ZOOM. The program and ZOOM link, if available, will be shared with Eugene members at a later date via email.

Please add

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to your address book! We are using this email address to communicate with you when we send the monthly newsletter each month! Thank you!

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Board Meetings are held via ZOOM on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am, and are open to the public.

To request the ZOOM link to the meeting, please send an email to:

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