



# Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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APRIL 2014

## **Meeting Time/Place**

April 17 —7:00 pm  
N. Bend Housing Authority  
1700 Monroe Street  
North Bend

## **Pre Meeting Dinner— 5:00 pm**

Coach House  
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## “There’s No Business Like Show Business”

- Pete and Candy Baumer

From set up to tear down and everything in between. What does it take to have a successful show? How can you help?

It is also rumored that there might be some lessons in How to Judge a Rhododendron show with prizes for the winning judges.

## President’s Message

*Liz Hultin*

**T**hanks in large part to Marjene, but also to people in the past that set the Southwestern Oregon Chapter up as an official ARS chapter recognized federally as a nonprofit organization, we are now recognized by the state of Oregon as a nonprofit. This mostly means doing another annual report and paying a \$10 fee each year, but we are in compliance. I wish to reflect on and thank all the members who work to support our chapter. THANK YOU.

Robin and I attended the Master Gardeners' seminar at SWOCC. Our information table was the most colorful in the room. We had about 20 different trusses, most labeled, displayed. I think I could have sold a number of Honey Butter plants if I had had them. We also had ARS information sheets printed to hand to people who stopped by our table.

My husband and I are going to the Portland area to visit family this week. We will bring back Rhododendrons from Dover and Log Cabin nurseries. Bob asked Mike Stewart to select some low growing and dwarf plants. Pete suggested I select 1 gallon yellow, orange, and multi-colored plants. I am going to ask after Kahlua mentioned by Jack Olsen. Maybe I can get an estimate of when it may be available. It will be interesting to see how smaller plants and 1 gallon plants sell at the show. Both nurseries have the same problem Thompson's does this year. The hard winter caused many plants not to have blooms this spring

Many of you probably have the same problem I will when selecting trusses to enter in our show. Year after year I have mostly entered the same flowers since our show is at the same time each year. This year many of my Rhododendrons are blooming about a month early and will be finished by show time. I will have to identify new entries. It will be an opportunity to see new entries that have not been in bloom previously.



# Rhododendron Show

**APRIL 26 & 27, 2014**

**Important things to remember:**

In advance let me thank all of you for your help in making our show a success.

⇒ **Trophies:** If you are going to donate to the trophy fund please contact Mary Jo Jamsgard 541-759-3332.

⇒ **Show Entries:** Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to enter trusses and or come to the mall and enjoy our show and “sale.”

⇒ **Youth Entries:** Also there will be a youth, 18 and under, non judged table of entries. So encourage any all students who you know to enter Rhody and Azalea trusses.

⇒ We need everyone’s help on **Friday, April 25** setting up the show. Set up will begin at 4:00 p.m. We will be setting up in the same area as last year. We will need help setting up tables, display racks and transporting plants from the parking lot.

⇒ **Saturday morning, April 26** is a very important day. Blooms start arriving at 7:00 am and will be received until 9:00 am. Help is needed with classifying, placing blooms in the racks, hospitality, plant sales, clerking, ribbons, and taking care of the main table. Once judging starts we need a group of members to provide security so people do not get in the way of the judging. We will need people to sell plants during the judging. There is a job for everyone. If you have not been assigned something to do please ask.

⇒ During the day we need people to man the front table, handing out brochures, signing up new members, checking the tubes for water. Selling plants is very important. If you see someone looking at the plants, do go over and help them.

⇒ **We need everyone to enter trusses and/or trusses from your friends and neighbors.**

⇒ Remember to groom your trusses in advance, fill out your plant tags before you arrive and to make this task even easier use your pre-made address labels. Do encourage your friends and neighbors that anyone can enter blooms. The more blooms the better the show. Any questions?? Call Pete or Candy Baumer 396-3528 or Ray Lee 267-4176



## Ann's Corner

*Ann Drake*

The flower show presents a good opportunity to check out the fragrant rhododendrons. The maddenii's are not the only blooms that are fragrant. We can credit Bob MacIntyre for the greater interest in fragrance. Can remember when Florence did not have a section for them. They were just included in the "whites". Now they have a sizable collection in the show. Thanks Bob!"



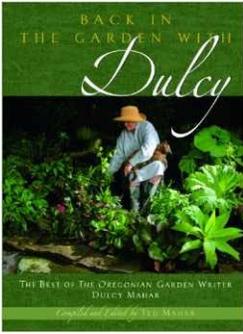
Photos courtesy of Ray Lee



## Robin's Corner

*Robin Hansen*

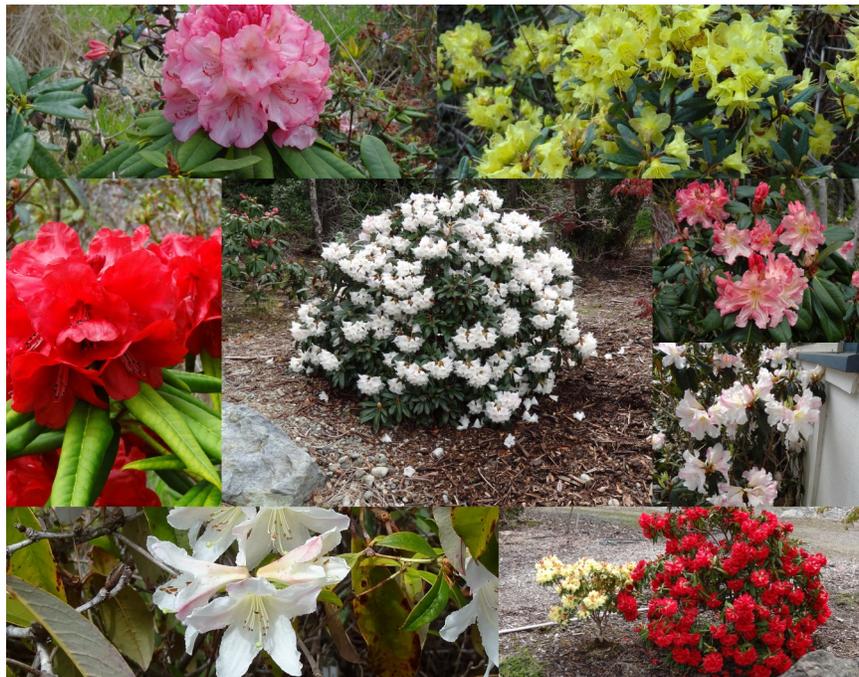
Did you know we gardeners adhere to the “law of perpetual perplexity”? or that “control is not one of a gardener’s strong virtues”? That perhaps we suffer more from “shoulda, coulda, woulda” than most people but we continue to “cram and jam” plants because we suffer from such a chronic ailment of plant lust that, really, we’re more likely to dream of things other than Harrison Ford and chocolate?



My absolute favorite garden writer, Dulcy Mahar, who spent years working a day job and writing a weekly column for the Oregonian in Portland, passed away in 2011. Her husband, Ted, a retired film critic for the Oregonian, has collected a compendium of columns and had them published by Carpe Diem Books. The marvelous thing about Dulcy’s writing is that her comments are so immediate, so relevant to Oregon gardeners that there is not a single subject in her columns that we cannot relate to in some way, even as we garden two hundred miles from Portland.

I was fortunate to see her garden one Saturday some time ago, and as she walked around with us (and as I eavesdropped on her comments to others in the group), my distinct and lasting impression was of a wonderfully centered woman who gardened for herself, most of all, who was creative and who listened to Mother Nature every day, who succumbed to fads, yes, but who sorted out what worked and what didn’t work for her garden, and in the end created her own Eden.

Ted’s book is available from Powell’s Books, of course, and no doubt from Amazon and other sources. It’s a book to read and savour a column at a time.



Photos courtesy of Bob MacIntyre



## Plant Auction

*Pete Baumer*

### Coming to the auction:

1. **Must have plant of the month** – Fence line Red – 3' Fence Line Red is heavily budded, nicely formed and will be a deep red.
2. Rosewine – Jim Barlup cross.
3. **First time to our meeting auction** - Tanana – 3' – good to –10, EM decorum x Yak exbury form. Folige is held for 4 years and has light scent. Trusses are white with yellow green freckling.
4. Noyo Snow – 2' – 3' Mid bloomer – In 7 years will tend to be a low growing wide plant. In bud will be a strong purplish pink fading to pale purplish pink as it opens and will finish a yellow white. Noyo Snow has a long calyx that is pale yellow green.

## Future Events

- 2014 April 15—Siuslaw Chapter Meeting, annual plant sale  
April 17—Southwestern Oregon regular meeting

### Conferences & Special Events

- April 25 & 26, Rhododendron Species Foundation, 50th Anniv. Celebration, Federal Way, WA  
April 26, 10 am—2 pm—Open House at Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport  
May 10, 10 am—2 pm—Open House at Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport  
May 24, 10 am—2 pm—Open House at Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport  
May 15-18, International Convention, Cleveland, OH  
Sept. 26-28, Western Regional Conference, Everett, WA  
October 20—15—New Zealand Rhododendron Conference, Dunedin, North Island, NZ

### Show Dates

- April 12 & 13, Siuslaw Chapter Early Show, Florence Event Center  
April 26 & 27, Southwestern Oregon Chapter Show, Pony Village Mall, North Bend  
May 17 & 18, Siuslaw Chapter Show, Florence Event Center

- 2015 May 6—10, ARS Annual Convention—70th Anniversary— Sidney, BC Canada  
2016 April 20-13 ARS/ASA Annual Convention— Williamsburg, VA

