



Southwestern Oregon Chapter

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Summer Schedule

No regular monthly meetings until fall.

*Potluck Picnic and Cutting Party
Saturday, August 23
at home of Ann Drake*

*Details will be sent out closer to the date of
the event.*

Have a great summer and see you in August

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AND THE WINNERS ARE

Class	Winner	Category	Name of Plant
1-6	Candy Baumer	Best Deciduous Azalea	Mandarin Light
7-12	Sven Blomquist	Best Evergreen Azalea	Ben Morrison
470-550	Ann Drake	Best Species Azalea	white
Best in Show Azalea Includes all trophy winners from all above classes		Candy Baumer	
44-50	Dave & Kath Collier	Best Lepidote Rhododendron (except Class 48)	Lavendula
560-790	Ann Drake	Best Species Rhododendron	r.elliotti
		Best Species Spray	
14-16	Gene Cockeran	Best White Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Rev. Paul
17-23	Ann Drake	Best Pink/Rose Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Silver Skies
24-28	Claire Crisp	Best Red Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Leo
29-33	Ann Drake	Best Lavender Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Kathy Jo
34-41	Candy Baumer	Best Yellow/Orange Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Medusa
42-43	Larry Jensen	Best Tricolor Rhododendron (Elepidote)	Seaview Sunset
860	Ann Drake	Best Maddenii Rhododendron	Kallista
850	Ray Lee	Best Spray	George's Delight
Best in Show		Ann Drake	
Sweepstakes Award – Total of all ribbon awards		Liz Hultin	

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Pete & Candy Baumer, Jack Hackett, Liz Hultin, Mary Jo Jamsgard, Ray Lee, Marjene & Bob MacIntyre



MOTHER'S DAY AT SHORE ACRES



SPRING DESPITE ALL

A thunderous crash signaled the fall of a second hefty limb from one of the large native oaks (*Q. garryana*) in the back yard as February's freezing rain descended on our garden in an effort to finish off any plants surviving the bitter cold only two months earlier. Four weeks on, as if further evidence of damage was needed, *R. ririei* completely defoliated. A year before it had been in glorious full bloom playing its usual role as harbinger of all that was to follow in our typically long season of rhododendrons in flower. Discouraging moments for any gardener. Would disappointment continue as the blooming season unfolded?

Certainly it didn't for around 500 visitors during April and May public open days at the O. Howard Hinsdale Garden. Though surely experiencing a more severe than usual winter, this large collection of magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons again demonstrated why they are such popular gardenamentals in the Pacific Northwest that do especially well in coastal areas.

Another bonus this year was 54 Canadians arriving at Hinsdale on Mother's Day in an exuberantly painted tour bus. The Cowichan Valley Chapter ARS, CVRS in their common terminology, was founded twenty-five years ago as an offshoot of Victoria Chapter members in the Duncan area wishing to avoid driving some thirty miles in dark and stormy weather. Duncan has a population of about only 5000, but Cowichan Valley totals around 80,000 residents. Their truss show and plant sale a week before this tour began saw 1200 plants sold, so the area must be home to many ardent gardeners. Bus tours sponsored by the Chapter have proved so popular as to also be fund raising events.

This tour started in the Bay area of northern California, with most participants flying to San Francisco to participate, though a few had ridden the bus down from the Island. They visited the Mendocino Botanical Garden in Fort Bragg, and then journeyed north. Their first stop on Sunday before Hinsdale was at Shore Acres, and arrival during the noon hour made it perfect as the lunch break. The local Friends of Hinsdale Garden group managed truly excellent box lunches prepared by Harbor Light restaurant in Reedsport. A perfect sunny day allowed our visitors to enjoy their meal at picnic tables and benches while looking out over a serene Umpqua River.

It was indeed a fun group and we all enjoyed the visiting. The guests were also free in purchasing raffle tickets and other offerings from the Friends, plus leaving a truly generous group donation to help assure the garden's future.

And, oh yes, what about our garden? I'm pleased to report the deciduous azaleas have really been quite nice this year!

Gordon Wylie



The ARS Eugene Chapter cordially invites all ARS members in District 4 to our June 29 picnic. Though you will receive this in our newsletter within a week or so, I thought it would be good to send this to you now, in case you want to put it in your chapter newsletters. My apologies for not getting it to you even earlier. We always enjoy having visitors from other chapters and hope that you, as well as some of your chapter members, can join us. Please help us get the word out.

Sincerely,

Ted Hewitt, Past-President

ARS Eugene Chapter

Time to Picnic, Time to Party

Sunday, June 29

at the home of ali & gloria sarlak

All ARS members in District 4 are invited to join us for our annual June picnic at the home of **Ali & Gloria Sarlak** in Corvallis. Come about noon for a walk around the lovely garden, filled with roses, perennials, sculptures, shady nooks, a rock garden - vignettes that show Ali's artistry in gardening.

The **potluck picnic** will begin at 1:00. Please bring a dish to share - **side dish, salad, or dessert** - to serve 10-12 people. Don't forget a serving utensil. Also, please bring your own dishes, silverware, napkins and your beverage of choice. For the main dish, Ali will be grilling **salmon supplied by the chapter**, but feel free to bring an alternate main dish, if you like. Ali has a number of chairs and tables but you might bring a favorite lawn chair.

As we have traditionally done at the June picnic, there will be a plant exchange (entirely optional) so feel free to bring a nicely potted plant to exchange for a different one. Please choose a rhododendron, azalea or companion plant that would make a nice addition to a garden – it's a nice way to add a new plant to your garden.

The Sarlaks live at 4150 NE Fair Acres St which is on the northeast side of Corvallis and is easy to find. From Eugene, you can drive to Corvallis on Hwy 99 and 99W, or on I-5, or on beautiful Peoria Road, which goes from Hwy 99E on the north side of Harrisburg to Hwy 34 just east of Corvallis.

No matter which way you get to Corvallis, you will want to look for signs for Hwy 20 toward Albany. This will be 2nd Street in Corvallis. If you are coming into Corvallis on Hwy. 34, cross the Willamette River and turn right onto Hwy. 20. From the bridge drive 3.2 miles north to Asbahr Ave. Turn right on NE Asbahr for 495 feet to Fair Acres Street. Turn right and the Sarlak house is the first house on the right. If you get lost, their phone number is 541-758-9190. There is room for 4 cars in the driveway for our members who need to park the closest. There is room for 7 or 8 cars along Fair Acres off of Asbahr Ave.

