



Willamette Chapter American Rhododendron Society Newsletter

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Willamette Chapter ARS
Rhododendron Hillside Garden
Bush Pasture Park

CHAPTER MEETINGS: Our current chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May at a local Salem restaurant. Gather for dinner at 5:00pm, meeting begins at 6:30pm, and the speaker and program at 7:00pm. Our meetings will be in person unless otherwise stated. Meeting information will be sent to members via email and available in this newsletter.

CHAPTER MEETING February 14, 2024



Speaker: *Keith White*
Title: *Sikkim Revisited*



Dinner at 5:00pm at La Margarita Restaurant and Grill, 545 Ferry St. SE, in downtown Salem. The program begins at 7:00pm. Complete details on Page 6





President's Report February 2024

Happy Groundhogs Day!

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Happy Leap Year!!!



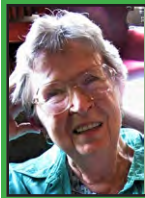
Three great things to celebrate. A trifecta of festive endeavor!

We have one more day this year to get everything done that we have put off for the last 3 years. Yeah, like that will happen!

What a wild winter weather event we had! I am grateful we did not have the ice damage that we had a few years ago. Hope everyone just had to hunker in place for a few days, without much property or plant damage or loss of power.

I am looking for Spring to arrive. My crocuses are popping up, my daffodils are above ground and a sea of green leaves from the Blue Grape Hyacinths can be seen. I have been thinking about what I will plant in my garden this year and looking forward to getting out in the dirt again

Dana Malby - WCARS President



January Minutes Mary Crofts - Secretary January 10, 2024

We met at the usual time, but a different place. This evening we were at a delightful restaurant called La Margarita in downtown Salem. This restaurant has a large, separate room for meetings and this, our first at this location, was almost full of rhodys, rhody friends, wanna-be rhodys, and those who like great Mexican food and great talks. Probably great company as well. We numbered approximately 25 members, associates, guests and new members.

After supper we had a good business meeting followed by an excellent talk on mushrooms by Ali Sarlak. The meeting adjourned about 8 pm and we all went on our happy way full of food for both brain and body. I didn't look at my notes until about a week ago, when I got them out of my "briefcase" to start a rough draft. I had a lot of various notes from various meetings, including the current notes, so I "cleaned house", put all paper into our recycle bin and settled down for a good TV show, with the plan being to do the Minutes the next day. But when the "next day" arrived, and I looked at my notes, I realized I'd made a huge Secretary Mistake. I threw away the notes for this meeting and kept the scrawls I'd set aside to recycle. It was also too late to retrieve them.

I called Mary Ellen and Keith, told them the problem, and they suggested that I ask Ali and Dana for the highlights of their part of the meeting. Dana agreed but it may be too late for his notes to get into this month's newsletter. Ali emailed me a note that I will use right now.

I wish I could display all his photos of mushrooms. They were beautiful. They also ranged from raggedly

looking to sleek and shiny.

Ali became interested in mushrooms as a "side-interest" in his woodland treks. He feels he has been interested for years and just didn't realize it. He loves nature and during his walks, mushrooms became an interest.

He sent me the following which I'll quote in full:

"Mushrooms are mostly seen in the wild and I have been seeing so many of them to the point I started taking photos of them. To me fungi are very fascinating: different forms, shapes, colors, smells and even a variety of cones with a variety of uses. One warning is that a person has to study them carefully to find out if it is safe for eating. Learning about edibles is a good place to start.

Mushrooms are great for taking photos, giving me many choices, varieties and colors. Some are growing on the ground and some are on tree stumps and trunks. Some mushrooms are used for coloring fabrics and some varieties are psychedelic types.

So, in other words, depending on your individual needs and interests, you can love wild mushrooms. I personally photograph them and I love what I see in the wild. At the same time I've started learning more of which ones are especially poisonous and what to watch for. I am sure some of us have heard of porcini mushrooms and chanterelle mushrooms. So far these are two that I have tried for eating.

We all have heard that knowledge is power. Therefore it is good to learn new subjects. It adds more flavor to our daily life."

I just checked my email and there's nothing there from Dana, but if I hadn't lost my notes, I wouldn't be needing to pester him when he has better plans for a Sunday evening.

Again, I apologize and your secretary will once again be your Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Crofts - Secretary

Editors's Note:

Ali's description of mushrooms grown on tree stumps and trunks, those used for coloring fabrics and those with psychedelic features sparked my curiosity to delve a little further and this is what I found.

Mushrooms on tree stumps or tree trunks



Mushrooms growing on trees indicates that your tree is suffering and is infected by a rot inducing fungus. Once a fungus spreads throughout the interior of the tree, enzymes cause further breakdown and decomposition. By this point, the fungus is already established inside the internal structure of the tree.

If you have mushrooms located at the base of your tree, it is more likely to be a problem. Mushrooms growing at the base of a tree are a likely indicator of advanced interior decay. If you see them growing on the tree's bark or branches, it's a sign of a severe fungal infestation.

As far as your soil is concerned, mushrooms usually indicate a fairly moist, or water-retentive soil, which again may not be ideal for growing some kinds of things. Mushrooms grow where there is enough water and organic matter. If you have a lot of them, your soil may be good in the sense that it has a good organic matter content.



Mushrooms are not harmful to your lawn; in fact they are almost always a good sign! They are a clear sign that the soil is healthy, and a healthy soil is what we want for promoting healthy lawns and strong trees. Most often the mushrooms will disappear almost as quickly as they appeared.

Psychedelic or Psilocybin Mushrooms



Psilocybin or magic mushrooms are naturally occurring and are consumed for their hallucinogenic effects.

They are psychedelic drugs, which means they can affect all the senses, altering a person's thinking, sense of time and emotions. Psychedelics can cause a person to hallucinate, seeing or hearing things that do not exist or are distorted.

The key ingredient in magic mushrooms is psilocybin. When psilocybin is taken, it's converted in the body to psilocin, which is the chemical with the psychoactive properties.

What do magic mushrooms look like?

Magic mushrooms look much like ordinary mushrooms.

There are many different types of magic mushrooms. The most common ones in Australia are called golden tops, blue meanies and liberty caps. Magic mushrooms look similar to poisonous mushrooms that can cause a person to become very sick and can result in death.

They can also come as dried material in capsules. Synthetic psilocybin appears as a white crystalline powder that can be processed into tablets or capsules or dissolved in water.

Magic mushrooms are eaten fresh, cooked or brewed into a tea. The dried version is sometimes smoked, mixed with cannabis or tobacco.

The main risk of taking magic mushrooms is that some look very similar to certain types of poisonous mushrooms. So, it's important to know what you're taking – if in doubt, do not take them.

Taking mushrooms regularly doesn't appear to cause physical dependence, so it's unlikely someone would find it hard to stop using mushrooms.

There aren't many known withdrawal effects for magic mushrooms, apart from some potential mild psychological effects or feeling tired.

Mushrooms used for Coloring Fabric



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

Mushroom dye

Mushrooms can be used to create color dyes via color-extraction with a solvent (often ammonia) as well as particulation of raw material.^[1] The shingled hedgehog mushroom and related species contain blue-green pigments, which are used for dyeing wool in Norway.^[2] The fruiting body of *Hydnellum peckii* can be used to produce a beige color when no mordant is used, and shades of blue or green depending on the mordant added.^[3] *Phaeolus schweinitzii* produces green, yellow, gold, or brown colors, depending on the material dyed and the mordant used.^[4]

Mushroom	Color catalyst	Color created
<u>Chanterelle</u>	ammonia	dull yellow
<u>Artist's conk</u>	ammonia	rust
<u>Horse mushroom</u>	salt water	yellowish green
<u>Meadow mushroom</u>	salt water	yellowish green
<u>Turkey tail</u>	ammonia	variable
<u>False turkey tail</u>	ammonia	variable
<u>Shaggy mane</u>	iron pot/ammonia	greyish-green
<u>King bolete</u>	ammonia	reddish-yellow
<u>Oyster mushroom</u>	iron pot/ammonia	greyish-green
<u>Lobster mushroom</u>	ammonia	cinnamon pink to red
<u>Dyer's polypore</u>	ammonia copper pot/ammonia iron pot/ammonia salt water	orange deep green rust red yellow (fluorescent under UV)
<u>Maitake</u>	ammonia	light yellow
<u>Chicken of the woods</u>	ammonia	orange
<u>Giant puffball</u>	ammonia	dark red
<u>Lingzhi</u>	ammonia	rust
<u>Blewit</u>	ammonia	green

February Program

Speaker: Keith White
Topic: *Sikkim Revisited*



February 14, 2024 Dinner: 5:00pm Program: 7:00pm
La Margarita Restaurant and Grill

In 1992 Keith White jumped at the chance to visit the wild forests of Sikkim with veteran Sikkim explorer Britt Smith. Along in this group of 12 were also Willamette Chapter ARS members Herb Spady, Sharon Leopold and Bob Grasing. On this trip the group trekked three rhododendron rich forest areas as well as three Buddhist monasteries and several villages.

In 2015, 23 years later, Keith revisited Sikkim with a group from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, led by RSBG director and curator Steve Hootman. On this journey he retraced his steps from 1992, working with some of the same Sikkimese people that helped direct his 1992 visit. Keith will share a few of the 1992 photos, but the main program will be about the 2015 trip, on which there will be some faces familiar to you as well as a plethora of beautiful flowers.

Photo's by Keith White



**Mt Pandim and Abies Densa with *R. thomsonii*
in the foreground**



R. thomsonii



R. hodgsonii

**The explorer himself
in Sikkim**



Future Programs

March 13, 2024	Kathy Lintault	Amazing Australia: Fascinating Gardens, Striking Landscapes, and Iconic Animals
April 10, 2024	Will Clausen, Horticulturist and Assistant Curator	Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
May 2024 Date to be determined	Home of Thuy and Dale Chrestensen	May Potluck

Addendum to January Minutes

In Mary's January minutes, she mentioned she emailed Dana Malby, our President, for his notes on the business meeting. She had inadvertently put her notes in the recycle bin. The following is the information Dana provided.

Dana opened the meeting and introduced the new members, Tom and Connie McMullen. Tom was in attendance and he told the group a little about himself. We had a treasurers report. The Bylaws discussion was tabled because a couple of the board members felt they should do some more work on them before bringing them to the club for a vote. Sympathy cards for Mike Stewart, who lost his wife Maria and Carol Lundin, who lost her husband Dick, were passed around for signatures. It was brought up that Mary Ellen will not be doing the newsletter after May and we are looking for someone to take over the duties. It was announced that Ali Sarlak is taking over the Program Chair position. We would also like to have a couple of members take on a Hospitality Chair position and a Membership Chair position. Keith and Thuy Chrestensen made the new name badges everyone is wearing. Dana mentioned that we will be paying the Department of Justice \$20 for non-profit organizations. It was brought up that we need a location for our May Potluck, and Thuy Chrestenson volunteered. Keith brought a plant to auction off, which was purchased by Bill Vagt and Thuy brought 6 plants for the drawing. We then introduced our speaker for the evening, Ali Sarlak who spoke about Fungi.

I sent an email asking for pictures from members of their yard, flowers, etc. during the snow and ice storm a few weeks ago. I received the following from Susan and Paul Doellinger, who live in Monmouth, and all I have to say is YIKES!



Their caption was:
Paul and Susan Doellinger regretted selling their ice skates last week when their front yard became a beautiful, smooth ice skating rink.

Volunteers Do Not Necessarily Have the Time; They Have the



Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for the money, it's not for fame.

It's not for any personal gain.

It's just for love of fellowman.

It's just to lend a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self.

That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not medals won with pride.

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart.

It's that feeling that you've been a part.

Of helping others far and near,

that makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown

Organizations could not survive without the help of volunteers. They are the lifeblood that keep the wheels turning and get the work done. Volunteers come with a multitude of skillsets that insure all the required activities and functions and the mission and purpose of the organization are accomplished. No matter what your limitation, there is most likely some way you can volunteer.

So I know you are wondering, "What is this all About"? Well, you are being presented with a couple of prime opportunities to volunteer!

The Smith Garden Spring Work Party will be on Saturday, **March 2**. The Party commences at 8:00am. Arrive whenever you can and work as long as you want. You might want to bring your favorite hand tools and gloves to provide a more productive work environment. Coffee and water will be provided. Bring your own lunch and snacks. There is work for all skill levels and numerous teachers to assist and provide instruction and guidance. Your assistance is greatly needed to spruce up the garden for the Open Garden Days in April and May.

Editorial Note: I'm especially glad to see it's called a Work Party, as a party implies great fun, camaraderie, laughter, good times and leaves you with a feeling that you want to go back again!



The Smith Garden Open Garden Days is your second opportunity to volunteer. This takes place on Saturdays and Sundays during the months of April and May. The garden is in full bloom and open to visitors to experience its beauty, tranquility and peacefulness and to purchase rhododendrons for their own gardens. Details have yet to be worked out and will be provided as soon as they are available. Think about which weekend days you would like to volunteer and be ready to sign up when the information is available.

29 Things to do on Leap Day

When Dana mentioned this was a Leap Year, it made me ponder why do we have an extra day in February every 4 years and what do we do with 24 extra hours. I found this article on the *Allina Health* website and even though all options might not be available here, due to weather, it provides some great ideas to consider.

Every four years, because our days aren't exactly 24 hours long, we add an extra day in February, just to get caught up. To celebrate, the Healthy Set Go team at Allina Health thought of 29 fun ways to spend that extra day.

Get Physical

- Take a Leap day hike
- Go skating
- Go rock climbing
- Watch Frozen with your kids and then go outside and build a snowman
- Go snowshoeing

Get Smarter

- Go to a museum
- Read a book
- Watch a documentary on TV
- Sign up for a class
- Go to the zoo and read a new fact you didn't know before

Be Kinder

- Go through a drive-in window at the coffee shop and pay for the person behind you.

Volunteer

- Call someone you haven't talked to in a long time
- Do something kind for someone

Get Creative

- Visit a craft and vendor show
- Try a new recipe
- Throw a dinner party
- Color in a coloring book
- Write a short story or poem and read it out loud to someone

Improve Your Mental Health

- Make a leap year resolution
- Meditate
- Stay in your pajamas all day
- Take a nap
- Clean out that medicine cabinet and get rid of old medications

Enjoy Life

- Try a new restaurant
- Visit a beer pub
- Visit a winery
- Play a board game with your family or friends
- Sing karaoke

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden



Another great idea for Leap Day is to visit the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. I'm surprised of the number of our members who have never been to this magnificent and unique garden, which has something to see year round.

The following information and photos were provided by Steve Hootman, Executive Director and Curator of the Garden and Natalie Ries, Marketing and Outreach Manager, as well as the RSBG website.

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, is a 22-acre woodland garden that is home to **the largest collection of Rhododendron species in the world (700+ species!)** With a Victorian stumpery, Ruth-erford Conservatory, pond garden, extensive fern collection, rock garden, and more, visitors will experi-ence a diverse botanical collection in a Pacific Northwest forest setting. The garden is home to beautiful companion plants, including the famous Himalayan Blue Poppies, Camellias, Magnolias, Japanese maples, and many rare plants. The Visitor Center features interpretive information about the garden and a year-round nursery with plants that have been propagated and cultivated in on-site production greenhouses.



Himalayan Blue Poppy

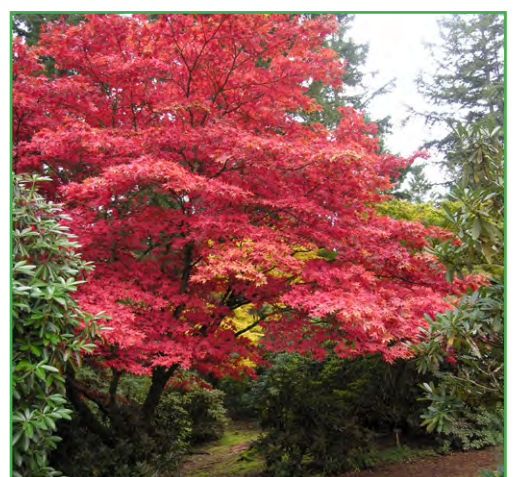
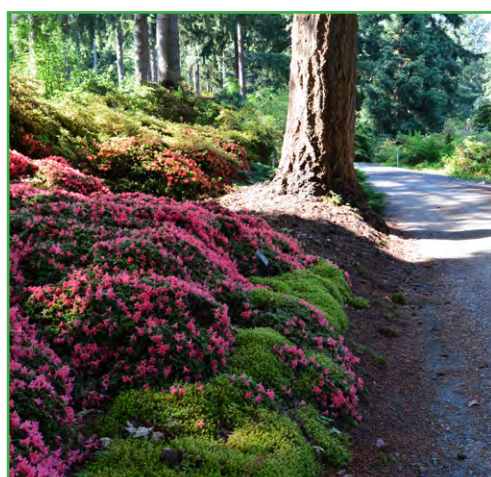
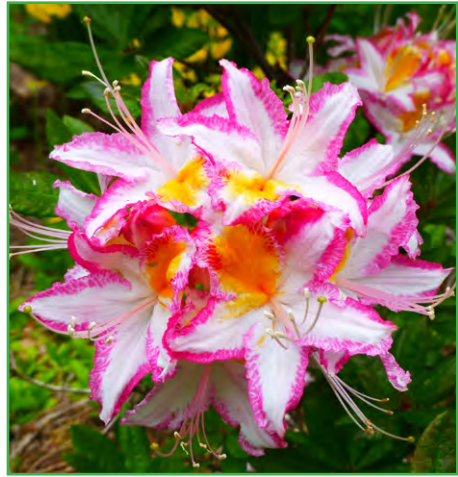
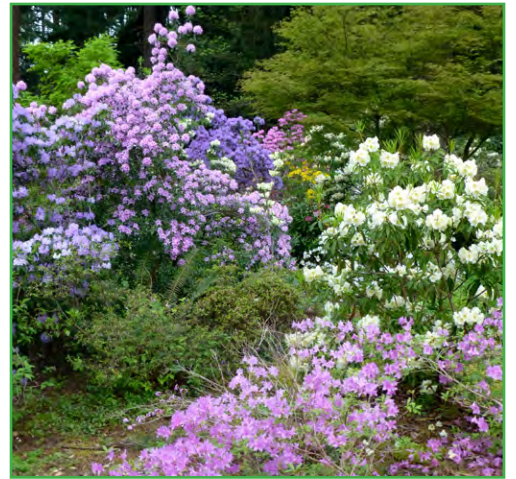


R. argyrophyllum



Camellia - Waterlily





February in the Garden

by Will Clausen

February might seem like just another winter month to some, but at the RSBG February means spring is already here. Flowers are starting to brighten up the garden, though sometimes winter weather sneaks through the gate.

Rutherford Conservatory It is a short walk from the Visitor Center to the Conservatory, and this is a good place to start regardless of the weather. There is always something blooming in the Conservatory, but February is the prime time for flowers. Entering the relative warmth, *Rhododendron boothii* will be one of the first things to draw your attention. Bright, light-yellow flowers with orange stamens coordinate with the new growth which emerges while the plant is still in bloom. These rich red leaves might actually outdo the flowers and are covered in long, fine, white hairs which really glow when the sun hits them just right. Growing low among the ferns near the waterfall is *Rhododendron pauciflorum*, a species with flowers which rank among the smallest in the genus. Though insignificant in terms of size and number, the flowers are a bold red. Swinging past the back door, a large shrub with flashy crimson flowers is growing between the glass windows and the path. This is *Rhododendron vialii*. Many other treasures are blooming in the Conservatory now, so take your time looking around before heading out into the garden.

Lower Woodland Even though February is the unofficial official start of serious flower season at the RSBG, it is still a good time to appreciate bark. *Rhododendron falconeri* ssp *falconeri* and *R. arizelum* are a couple of highlights in this part of the garden. Both have smooth bark in shades of cinnamon which peels off in sheets as the plants mature, somewhat reminiscent of madrona bark. Don't get too swept up by all of that and miss the flowers though. A big, old *Rhododendron ririei*, one of the largest specimens in the garden, should be in full bloom with pink flowers that really stand out in the still somewhat stark landscape. Meanwhile, *R. moupinense* can be found in several spots in the Lower Woodland. Their white to pink-blushed flowers are beautiful and larger than the leaves.

Trillium Trail & Pond Garden Connect to the Pond Garden via the recently created Trillium Trail. Later in the month if the weather has been warm, check for the first signs of growth as the earliest trilliums might be just starting to emerge from the ground. On a cold day, this is one of the best spots in the garden to see a startling adaptation, called thermonasty, that many *Rhododendron* species have developed to cope with low temperatures. Along the trail *Rhododendron davidii*, *huanum*, and *R. asterochnoum* leaves droop on the branch and curl up nearly as tight as a rolled cigarette in order to protect themselves from damage. Not to worry, they will be back to normal when the temperature rises again. On the far side of the pond, a grove of *R. lanigerum* will be blooming with large trusses in shades of red and pink as long as the temperatures haven't dipped too low. Unfortunately, freezing temperatures tend to spell doom for open flowers, and bright colors soon turn to brown mush. On the odd snowy day, check the *R. mallotum* just uphill of the Pond Garden in the Stumpery. This species displays some of the greatest foliage in the genus, and it is special to see the leaves dusted with snow.

On the way out, it might be wise to stop through the Conservatory once more to check for any flowers you missed and to warm up a little. See you in March!



Rhododendron boothii



Rhododendron reriei



Rhododendron huanum



Rhododendron Moupinense



Rhododendron mallotum



Rhododendron lanigerum

Click on this [link](#) to watch a video about **A Day in the Garden**. I think you will find it most interesting

The Rhododendron Species Foundation is a non-profit organization founded and incorporated in 1964 by Pacific Northwest members of the American Rhododendron Society in order to secure the finest authentic forms of Rhododendron species and to develop a comprehensive collection of this plant genus. Because of the destruction of Rhododendron habitats in many areas of the world, conservation has become of primary importance in recent years. This concern led to the formation of the Rhododendron Species Foundation and has guided its activities.

Mission Statement:

The Rhododendron Species Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, re-search, acquisition, evaluation, cultivation, public display, and distribution of Rhododendron species.

Please consider becoming a member and supporting their mission and desire. I hope this information and pictures pique your curiosity and desire to do so.

Click on this [link](#) to become a member.

There are many membership benefits and a few of the member events are:

Evening in the Garden

Date TBD

5 – 8:30 pm

RSBG volunteers and members are invited to a night of enchanting music, savory cuisine, wine and beer, garden tours, and a rare plant auction.



Member Appreciation Day

Date TBD

10 am – 4 pm

Membership makes us grow and thrive! As a way of thanking our loyal members for their continued support, we invite you to join us for our Member Appreciation Day featuring a lunch, discounts on plants, garden tours, and a rare plant silent auction.



Other events open to the public, as well as members are:

Pop-up Plant Vendor Weekends!

Saturday & Sunday; April & May

10 am – 4 pm

Shop from local boutique and wholesale nurseries, providing a unique selection that you won't find anywhere else.



Vendor Schedule

[Botanica](#) April 6-7 & May 25-26

[Chimacum Woods](#) April 6-7

Chimacum Woods will have many unusual types of Species Rhododendrons in 2-gallon size containers.

[Earth Grown Creations, LLC](#) April 6-7

TBD April 20-21

TBD April 27-28

TBD May 4-5

Prism Gardens Nursery May 25-26

Prism is offering a collection of Acer circinatum including Elias Pacific Waterfall a very good weeper, Pacific Fire, Pacific Sprite, Burgundy Jewell, and Sunglow. Also 25 Mini Hostas with a few variegated Polygonatum, Disporum and Uvularia.

[Celestial Dream Gardens LLC](#)

Mother's Day Weekend

Saturday & Sunday; May 11 & 12

10 am – 4 pm

Celebrate mom as you stroll through 13 unique garden features, enjoy live musical performances, shop in an open-air art market, find rare plants for sale in our onsite nursery, and dine from sweet and savory food trucks surrounded by brilliant botanicals at peak-bloom.



Blue Poppy Day

Saturday, May 18

10 am – 4 pm

The mystical Himalayan blue poppy, Meconopsis, will grace us with its ethereal beauty once again. Walk through a meadow glowing with blooming blue poppies. Enjoy live musical performances, an open-air art market, food trucks, and plant sales in a woodland garden at peak-bloom.



Summer Bash

Date TBD

10 am – 4 pm

Come experience a community event like none other with cultural celebrations, dance and music performances, art market, food trucks and more!

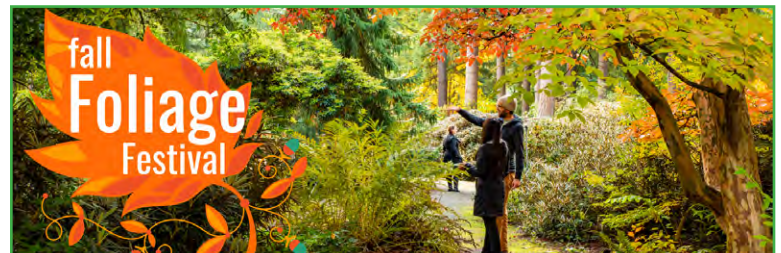


Fall Foliage Festival

Date TBD

10 am – 4 pm

Come see one of the finest displays of fall foliage color on the west coast. Enjoy guided tours, pop-up plant vendors, food trucks, a costume contest, and kids activities, as you discover an immersive wonderland of sights, sounds and sensations.



I have just touched the tip of the iceberg with this article. [Click here](#) for the RSBG website and see all the garden has to offer. You won't be disappointed.

Save the Date



RHODODENDRONS ON THE 49th PARALLEL

ARS 2024 Spring Convention
Bellingham, Washington
May 2-5, 2024



Hear interesting talks, tour private and public gardens, purchase beautiful and unusual plants, renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Visit ARS2024.org for event information regarding hotel, tours, program, speakers, etc. and to REGISTER

Highlights:

Pre-Tour: May 1: Private Gardens around Seattle

Convention: Tours * Seminars * Workshops * Banquets

Post-Tour: May 5: Gardens around Vancouver, Canada

Time to check your Passport!

Plus: Plant Sales * Auctions * Raffles * Photo Booth * Poster Session

If you haven't renewed your ARS and Chapter membership or are considering becoming a new member, here are a few of the great benefits membership provides.



American Rhododendron Society – Local and International
We have much to offer.

In Your Local Chapter...

- **Fun and friendship** with other passionate gardeners



- **Chapter meetings** to learn about essentials such as soil, mulch, pollinators, companion plants, rhododendron care and culture



- **Chapter Newsletters** keep you well-informed and up to date on events, activities.

- **Learn Hands-on skills** such as propagation, pruning, bonsai, container gardening



*Crevice Gardening
at a Fall Gathering*

- **Propagating Together**



- **Plant sales** with access to a wide range of species and hybrid rhododendrons



- **Fun Local Events**



Touring Members' Gardens

- **Garden Tours & Bus Tours**



Tours with friends to beautiful gardens

From the ARS...

- **Quarterly Journal** with valuable plant and Society information



- **Seed Exchange Program**
- **World Class Website** with information on the care and culture of rhododendrons, a Plant Data Base, activities, events www.rhododendron.org
- **Tours** of World-Famous Gardens during conventions or conferences



Japanese Garden, Portland, Oregon



Rhododendron Park, Bremen, Germany

Rhododendron 'Avalanche' is the Flower for February



Photo by Chris Klapwijk

Rhododendron 'Avalanche': A broadleaf evergreen shrub with green foliage and white flowers in spring. Attractive to bees. To grow well, it prefers mostly sun - mostly shade and even moisture water. Grows best in well-drained, rich and acidic soil. In need of something verticillium wilt resistant? This may be a good option.

Predominant Flower Color: White

Flower/Truss Description: Flower openly funnel-shaped, to 4" across, wavy edges, fragrant, white with a small, magenta-rose blotch and 3 lines of color inside at base. Held in trusses of 12-14 flowers.
Takes 4 to 7 years to flower.

Fragrant: Yes

Bloom Time: Early

Foliage Description: Leaves elliptic-oblong, up to 9" long, deep green, **retained 1 year**. Can grow to tree size.

Height: 6 feet in 10 years.

Cold Hardiness Temp: 0°F (-18°C)

Parentage (Seed Parent x Pollen Parent):
Loderi Group x calophytum

Elepidote (E) or Lepidote (L): E

Hybridized or Selected by: de Rothschild, L



MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

EUGENE CHAPTER

Third Wednesday from Oct to March at 7:30pm

PORTLAND CHAPTER

Third Thursday from Sept to May at 7:00pm
Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 SE Steele Street
Portland 97202

SALEM HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

First Tuesday from Sept to May at 7:00pm
Dye House at Willamette Heritage Center, 1313
Mill Street SE, Salem, OR

SUISLAW CHAPTER

Third Tuesday at 7:00pm
First Presbyterian Church, 3996 Highway 101,
Florence, OR

DISTRICT 4 CHAPTER WEB SITES

Willamette Chapter	arswillamette.com
Eugene Chapter	eugene-chapter-ars.org
Portland Chapter	rhodies.org
Siuslaw Chapter	siuslawars.org

All other web sites can be found on
rhododendron.org
Under "chapters" under web sites

ARS BULLETINS are available online at:
<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JARS/>

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER ARS AWARDS HISTORY - 1978 to 2019

GOLD ---

Herb Spady	1991
Betty Spady	2001

SILVER ---

Richard "Dick" Cavendar	2003
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BRONZE ---

June Brennan	1987
Jason Ashford	1990
Constance Hansen	1991
Betty Spady	1991
Bob Grasing	1997
Sharon Leopold	2002
Wilbur Bluhm	2006
Chuck and Maxine Dehn	2006
Keith White	2007
Helen Malby	2008
Anne Gross	2009
Dick and Carol Lundin	2011
Wally and Kathy Reed	2012
Syd and Don Wermlinger	2013
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