

# Willamette Chapter American Rhododendron Society Newsletter

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Willamette Chapter ARS  
Rhododendron Hillside Garden  
Bush Pasture Park

**CHAPTER MEETINGS:** Due to Covid-19, our current chapter meetings are held online via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through May. Socializing begins at 6:30pm, with the meeting and speaker at 7:00pm. The Zoom link is sent via email and listed in the newsletter. This form of meeting will continue until in-person meetings can safely be resumed.

## **CHAPTER MEETING April 14, 2021**

**Speaker - Nancy Moore, Landscape Architect**

**Speaking on: All Season's Interest in the Garden**

Join via Zoom Conference at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676285847>

**Her talk will not be recorded**, so keep that evening open and plan to Zoom in for a fascinating and entertaining program.



**Rhododendron  
'Yellow Bunny' - a  
Vireya hybrid**

# March Minutes



## Mary Crofts Secretary March 10, 2021

Since we no longer get together at a cool restaurant, eat until we can eat no more, and catch up on the latest "happenings", we now have a Social Hour...rather, a Social Half-Hour (since it's starts at 6:30 and lasts until 7 p.m.)...to do what it took us about 2 hours to do in the past. Without restaurant food. Unless you have yours delivered. It's our "New Normal" which just isn't as fun as Normal was. Maybe we can soon go back to "Old Normal".

Program Chair, Keith White, made sure our speaker didn't have to talk over us. He has the mute button and the power to use it. So once he was set up, he introduced Dr. Richard Hebda. Dr. Hebda joined the Royal BC Museum in 1980. He was the curator of Botany and Earth History from 1986 until he retired, including teaching at U. of Victoria. He studies plant fossils (which makes him the perfect speaker for our ARS chapter) and the distribution of them to shed light on the future of the BC landscape...actually, the landscape of all of us. He also studies a host of other good stuff that I can't pronounce or spell or know what they mean. He's secured a couple of prestigious awards for his work. And happily, he was able to bring it all down to our level. Well, most of it anyway, because your Secretary was able to get the gist of what he talked about but I'm not sure how I can put his words into words that even I can understand.

It was also noted that among our 30 viewers/listeners was Kristian Theqvist visiting us from Finland at 5 AM! That's dedication. I also found out that Glen Jamieson whose question was included in last month's minutes, wasn't "Glen"...it was someone not related to Glen and I didn't get her name.

Then Keith figured out how to get Dr. Hebda's mike to work and muted all of us except Dr. Hebda and we were off and running.

Dr. Hebda first told us that his talk was dedicated to Ted Irvine. He and Ted worked together for many years. He dedicated it to Ben Hall as well. The talk covered 4 areas: Rhodo groups subgenera, a review of work from early 1900 until now, climate change, and Rhodos in the future. I couldn't help but notice that he called them "rhodos" rather than our usual "rhodies". I'll stick with his version.

He then explained many things about the development of rhodos and other plants over time, like millions of years ago until now. This applies to all plants; not just rhodos. Rhodos were selected for this great in-depth study because there are so many species and a large diversity. And this could be done using plant fossils. And not by Dr. Hebda alone. At one point he showed a big "box" of information compiled 2018 which showed fossil records from ancient times until now. Task groups of scientists studied the times rhodos were living, using fossils, and charted how each species (or group of species) migrated and how the various classes of species evolved. Rhodos have been around for millions of years and, over time, have migrated all across the Northern hemisphere. So next scientists had to figure out why the species were so diverse in the Northern hemisphere but not as "plentiful" as in the Southern hemisphere.

They also decided that the origin of rhodies was not in the Himalayas but in more moderate climates. The earliest rhodos were wide-spread but not so diverse. They tended to develop in the deep valleys between mountain ranges. The highest number of types of species were found in China, and South in the Archipelagos, but those species were not as diverse.

Rhodos "moved" into the Northern regions before the Himalayas. They started in small areas in Northeast Asia and migrated Northward and from there, into North America and Europe. Then they migrated from Northeast Asia to Southern Asia where those also migrated to Europe. From Southern Asia, some moved South to the Archipelagos and then to Australia (which has one species, in the very most Northern tip of it).

He kind of shortened it all by saying rhodos developed in moderate climates...ones that would continue to support birds but not dinosaurs. We had much less diversity in climate when the dinos were around. He said Earth started with one climate...the rainforest climate. Over the last many



many millions of years, we now have 10 climate zones. "Climate change IS underway and we need to prepare and adapt for change." Our temperature averages are 1.2 degrees Centigrade higher than a few years ago. Carbon dioxide is up 35% over what it was 15 years ago. There is less snow and there are more wild forest fires and drought. Studies done in B.C. of cedars on Vancouver Island, which rely on coastal rainforest climate (special name for it, but it got lost) show this species is on a rapid decline-getting too dry. Species of all sorts of plants are being wiped out.

*R. macrophyllum* is a very old species and one common to Oregon along with *R. occidentali*. Both reproduce best after forest fires so it's possible both will occupy larger land areas in the future.... And then we lost Dr. Hebda. There was a big space of silence while Keith and others tried to figure out where he went and how to get him back as it appeared Dr. H didn't know he'd gone AWOL. While they were trying to get the talk back on line, Dick Cavender said he still needed warm bodies to sign up to help at Smith Garden, which went back to being a mess thanks to our last ice storm. Kristian took this time to let us know that in Finland circa 1915, the average temperature was -25C and in 2020 it was almost to 0. Which fits right in with what Dr. Hebda was saying before he left us.

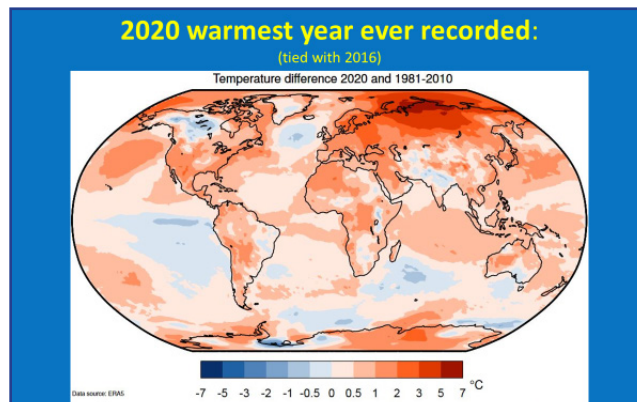
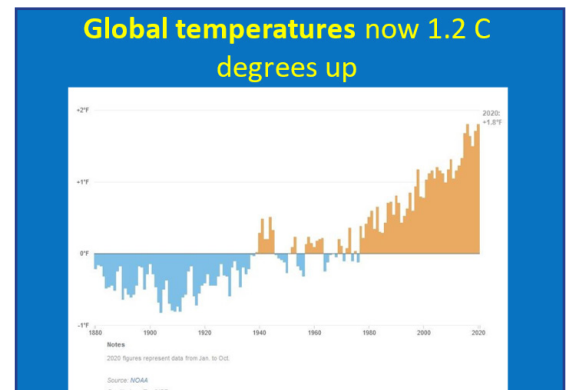
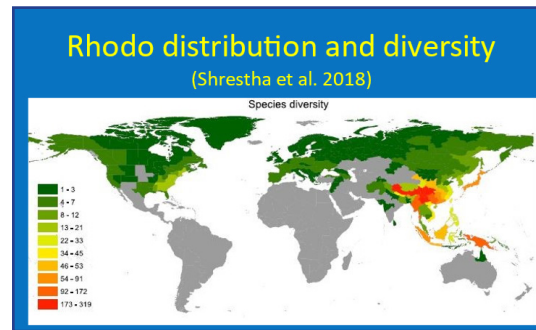
Then somehow, somewhere...Dr. H was back to tell us what we can do to keep our climate moderate. First, of course, is to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air as it's one of the major causes of our GLOBAL warming. Scientists need to continue studying ways to preserve plants. This is being done through our parks including our national parks. More large landscapes in the mountains need to be preserved. More large areas of "flat land" need to be preserved. We need to plant our own larger species gardens and those now privately owned need to be preserved.

We need to design more ways to grow our plants with less water and we need to find ways to store water for future use. To this end, Dr. Hebda suggested being part of the AAR (adopt a rhodo) movement, and is now a "globally situated group". We (individually or as a group) adopt a species and vote for its continuation, adopting a species in nature and researching it. Speak for the species. Thus ended Dr. Hebda's talk with a good round of applause.

We were then open for questions and/or comments. Someone suggested we consult with RSBG as they know where the species are and another suggested we (ARS) buy a lot of mountain areas and develop our rhodos there (your Secretary likes that idea). It was commented that the evolution of rhodos by themselves is too slow; that we need to reproduce them ourselves. National parks have conservationists with them to create land preserves for various plant species. Keith noted that the Province of Sichuan (which has big mountains and great diversity of rhodo species) already has provincial parks, open to the public in restricted times and monitored closely in order to preserve the wild environment.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Crofts** - Secretary -WCARS

**The following slides were prepared by Dr. Richard Hebda and are added here with his permission.**



# April Program

## All Seasons Interest in the Garden



April 14, 2021 6:30 Social 7:00 Program

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88676285847>

Meeting ID: 886 7628 5847

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Rhododendron growers tend to have exceptionally lovely spring gardens. But what about the rest of the year.....?

There are many ways to have an interesting garden throughout the entire year. Floral colour is usually our first thought, but plant foliage, texture, bark and form can also be delightful. When you combine those features with creative, thoughtful and well-placed hardscaping, then you have an interesting garden for all seasons.



**Hacquetia epipactis**

Nancy Moore spent what seemed like her entire childhood weeding her family's enormous vegetable garden on their small farm. Despite this, she developed a life-long love of plants and gardening, and has been extremely fortunate to be able to spend her working life doing what she loves.

After graduating in landscape design/horticulture, she was involved in many aspects of this field, including being the horticulturist for a parks department, managing a shade tree nursery, teaching



Record BC wildfires 2017, 2018

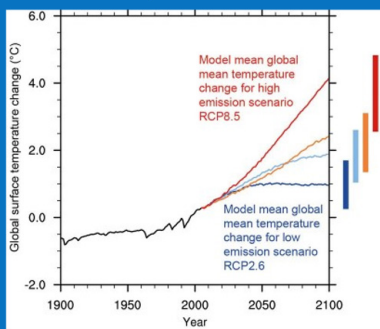
### Future Conditions: Challenges

- Warming (2-5 C global; 5-10 C+ north)
- Intensified droughts and rain
- Extremes (local, regional effects, small populations, fires!!!)
- Climate change more rapid than evolution and migration
- Intensified human pressure (land conversion)

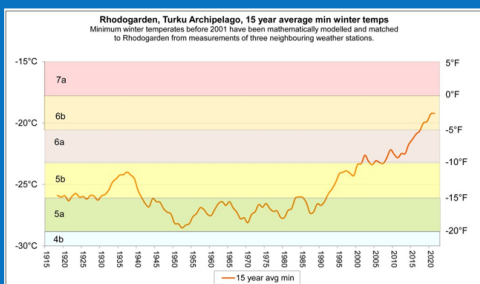
### Carbon dioxide rising: no end in sight (ppm = parts per million)

- CO2 exceeded 418 ppm in 2020, first time in 800,000 years
- Began at 280 ppm in preindustrial times
- about 35%+ of the rise in last 15 years
- Average March week 1 2021 417.97 ppm at Mauna Loa, Hawaii
- Will reach 420 ppm by May

### Future temperatures: US EPA



### Rhodo-garden Temperatures Finland Source: Kristian Theqvist





landscape design and horticulture at the University of the Fraser Valley, and managing her own landscape design/consulting business. She also enjoyed donating her time and expertise to benefit many community projects, including the Abbotsford Community Garden and the Sylvia Pincoff Heritage Habitat Garden.

Nancy recently retired from most of her commitments, but still enjoys teaching the Master Gardeners, and sharing whatever knowledge she has with a wide variety of clubs and organizations.

She is patiently waiting for her grandchildren to get old enough to weed her vegetable garden.....



**Lonicera crassifolia**



## Reflections on the State of the Willamette Chapter ARS

Everyone involved in our Willamette Chapter of ARS have certainly experienced a different past year. Social relationships, communication, programs, finances, and many other Chapter activities have evolved over the past year. These are some of my observations in the early Spring of 2021.

**COMRADERY** – Last Spring, we lost the fun of gathering together for the Before Meeting and the Chapter Meeting socializing. Although fun for many, virtual Truss Shows, virtual Plant Auctions, and finally regular Zoom Chapter meetings are certainly not the same. However, those attending

the Zoom meetings are having fun sharing their experiences before and afterwards. We have not been able to hold any field trips, conferences, or garden visitations as part of our Chapter's outreach this year. With many of us now vaccinated, gatherings are beginning to occur. The Smith Garden Work Party on March 20th was great for all, with much distancing still. As Spring and Summer approach, more options for careful gatherings are anticipated.

**NEW LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION** – A Chapter's News Letter, its Programs, and other communications are its heart and soul. Mary Ellen Ramseyer, our WCARS News Letter Editor has sent out very wonderful Chapter News Letters since taking over the Editorship. Change and preservation have been her hall marks. Because nearly all our Members and others use e-mail, our distribution list is very wide spread. Based on the content of our Chapter Zoom meeting, we have welcomed many ARS Members from Canada and other countries to our Zooming and our News Letter. Thanks to Mary Ellen and everyone else who enjoys her NL and the Zooming.

**PROGRAMS** – Using his Zoom skills, Keith White, our WCARS Program Chair, has been able to present regularly world class programs on topics ranging from the genius Camellia, to How Soils Work, to the Genetic History of Rhodies, to how to map and find your rhodies again. These programs have all been recorded and available on our WCARS Web Site maintained by Kathy Lintault (<http://www.arswillamette.com/>). You can view them at any time, see some of our members in the social before and after, and you don't have to drive at night. With the recording process, our WCARS and the rest of ARS Chapters are building up a library of special topics to complement the wonderful Journal of the American Rhododendron Society. An index to all the programs Society wide needs to be developed. Great thanks to Keith and Kathy for arranging and making available our WCARS Programs.

**FINANCES** – We began our WCARS Fiscal Year in Sept. 2020 with enough resources to support 2 or more years of normal expenditures. Without the costs of rent for our Chapter Meetings, large December and May pot lucks, and other large expenses, our WCARS Treasurer, Dana Malby, has kept us steadily solvent. We have met the US IRS requirements for 501 (c) 3 small organization tax exempt status and have paid our annual liability

insurance through ARS.

Our receipts have been down due to loss of Chapter members, but plant sales and other contributions have been helpful. If you have funds to spare, a donation our Chapter will be appreciated.

**MEMBERSHIP**– Our WCARS Chapter has been hovering around 35 Members and including 10 Associate Members for the past few years. This year our total membership is 33 with 8 Associates including John Stephens, Steve McCormick of the Portland Chapter, and the Mapes of the Tualatin Chapter. Sadly, we have lost Gregory Nelson, a Charter Member from 1978, as well as the Chrestensons, the Wermlingers, Kenneth Leach, and David Loyd who did not renew their Memberships this year 2021. They have all been wonderful supporters of our Chapter over time. We wish them good health and enjoyment of their futures.

**FUTURES – CHAPTER BUSINESS**--On April 14, 2021, we would normally hold our Chapter's Annual Business Meeting involving the election of Chapter Officers to 2 year terms, adoption of a budget for programs and for rhody related association memberships, and conduct any new business members wish to introduce.

We were unable to hold such a meeting in April 2020, so we conducted an e-mail Chapter Business Meeting later in 2020 which is allowed and implied by our 1978 WCARS Chapter By Laws for emergency situations. All but a couple of our WCARS Members use e-mail, so nobody was excluded, as those Members were accommodated otherwise. We had only one Officer and the normal budgetary decisions to make, and each action was proposed in a written e-mail motion. The process invited everyone to submit other candidate names and other motions well before the e-mail vote deadline. If any had been submitted, they would have had details and discussion sent out to one and all before the vote. The vote was designed to assume "FOR" for each motion by each Member e-mailed. Those opposed needed to e-mail Wally Reed their opposition, and hopefully their reasoning by the voting cut off date. None were received.

This year, all but one of our Chapter Board Members, our other Officers, and appointed positions will expire on June 30, 2021. The next term for all is 2 years beginning July 1, 2021. Our Chapter Newsletter from Mary Ellen Ramseyer lists the various positions and who holds them currently.

Please let Anne Gross, or Wally Reed know if you wish to serve yourself or to nominate others to serve. The budgetary motions will reflect the amounts we approved last year. We will likely not make the April 14, 2021 timing, but we will hold our Chapter Annual Business Meeting during this Spring. If you wish to bring up new business for the Chapter this Spring, please let Wally Reed know ASAP.

**FUTURES– PROGRAMS**–Keith White, our current Chapter Program Chair has presented wonderful meetings throughout this year. I hope he will continue next year, since he is the only Zooming specialist we have currently involved. If you have any topics you would like covered, or speakers you would like to hear, please contact Keith ASAP.

**FUTURES– ACTIVITIES** – As lock downs and distancing, and masks wear off, if there are activities or field type trips you would like to propose. Please let Wally Reed or Keith White know your wishes soon.

**CONCLUSION** – The Willamette Chapter ARS is still very much together with new ways of sharing each other's fun and wisdom and accumulating new information via Zoom and our News Letter and Web Site. We are solvent, and we certainly need to recruit new members as do all other Chapters. So, thanks to you all for your encouragement of our Chapter over the past year, and forward into the future and fun.

**Wally Reed** - President, Willamette Chapter ARS



## Open Garden Days at the Smith Garden

There is still a **great need** for volunteers for open days at the Smith Garden. It is only for 5 hours from 11:00am to 4:00pm on a Saturday or Sunday in April and May. What a wonderful opportunity to not only treat yourself to the tranquil beauty of this garden but to share it with others. Volunteers are still needed for **April 10 & 25** and **May 16, 22 & 23**. Please contact Dick Cavenadar to sign up at 503-625-6331 or email to: red@redsrhodies.com



# A Blast from the Past

## The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

In past years, April has been the month for the WCARS annual plant sale and truss show. In the past we participated in the Friends of Bush Garden plant sale, but it was cancelled last year and this year due to Covid-19. Along with that is the realization that the time, manpower and physical effort required to set up and tear down our tent is more than we want to do. We need to investigate other options moving forward, but in the interim I thought you might enjoy a little stroll down memory lane.....



**Bob Grasing and Maxine Dehn, circa??**



**From 2011 - "Here is an image of our new irrigation system for the rhodys this year. This plus what fell from the heavens made for a damp experience. This made the small tent unusable this year without boots"**



**Maxine and Chuck Dehn. I'm sure Chuck realizes the consequences if he dumps her off!**



**Gathering of plants for sale**



**From 2008 - I thought this was spring???**



# Smith Garden Work Day

## Many Hands Make Light Work

The March work party at the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden was a success in many ways. It was a beautiful sunny day and, in spite of the Covid 19 social restrictions, there were 17 of us who experienced the joy, satisfaction and therapy of working while enjoying the surrounding beauty of what was in bloom and what wasn't. A good portion of clean up from the ice storm had already taken place but there was still plenty to do. When we arrived at 9am, the music of the chainsaws could be heard around the garden, with members of the WCARS and Portland chapters feverishly working. I managed to get a few of them to stop momentarily for a picture but they were dedicated to the task at hand. Here are a few for your enjoyment.



**Karen Caven-dar escapes being swept off her feet by Kathy Lintault**



**Ali Sarlak - Ever smiling chain saw operator extraordinaire**



**Rhododendron sutchuenense**



**Tom Gressler & Mike Stewart discussing the state of the garden**



**Dick Cavendar as "chipper" as ever!**



**Roger Lintault doing his hand therapy**



**Trillium**



**Is this what you call a "Stake Out"?**



Whoever said 2 heads are better than one certainly had **Wally Reed** and **Bill Vagt** in mind. They decided to right a downed tree and save a call to the arborist. The pictures tell the story....

# Getting Down and Dirty

It dawned another beautiful sunny day on Saturday, March 27, as a number of us gathered at the home of Anne Gross and Steve Krasik for an improptu ice storm clean up party. I can pretty accurately speak for all of us who attended when I say that the damage done by the storm was far worse than anything that occurred at our homes or that we had seen to date. The devastation was overwhelming but Anne had a goal which was to uncover buried rhodendrons and make pathways and that's exactly what we did.



**Keith White using his new chain saw**

**Double Trouble - 2 Anne's - Clack & Gross**



**Where is the irrigation pond?**

**The path to the back garden**



**Kathy Lintault**

**Ray Clack**





**Wally Reed -  
Successful Sawyer**



**Caroline Enns -  
Working Girl**



**The eternal flame of  
the burn pile**



**Bill Vagt - much  
deserved lunch**



**Steve Krasik -  
the host with the most**



**Dana Malby - his  
chain saw roared**

Click on the following link to view a short video of a very small portion of Anne and Steve's garden to get a feel for the extent of damage done - so many beautiful rhododendrons buried. 😞

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cyIIR3c-BR80hYqucCuE9qUZxa4BFAMr/view?usp=sharing>

There were other workers who I missed or they were camera shy, wanted to remain anonymous or were part of the Witness Protection Program.



# Don't Be Camera Shy

The ARS has 2 photo competitions for those interested in taking pictures of rhododendrons instead of selfies. Grab your camera, phone or tablet and start snapping.

## 2021 ARS Photo Contest

The Contest is open only to ARS members in good standing as of the contest closing date. All photos submitted must have been taken prior to July 31, 2021, and not have been entered in a JARS photo contest previously. Entries must be received by midnight PST, July 31, 2021. All entries should prominently feature either rhododendrons, azaleas and/or vireyas in the composition. Competition categories:

- 1) Flower, truss or spray;
- 2) Plant in bloom;
- 3) Landscape or plants in the wild or in gardens;
- 4) Foliage;
- 5) People, Insects, or Animals; and
- 6) Other, for creative or artistic effects of any kind that involves these plants. This could involve the use of software products like PhotoShop

Click [here](#) for more information on Guidelines and Submissions. Entries must be **received** by midnight, July 31, 2021.



## Next Generation Program: Rhododendron Through Your Lens

Three monetary awards are offered in the student category, and a variety of recognition for ARS members and other contestants. Up to five photos may be entered in any of these three categories:

- Your rhododendron lens: a close-up shot of a rhododendron flower, leaf or bud
- Our rhododendron community: people working together with rhododendrons
- Rhododendrons gone wild: photo of a rhododendron in nature

Click [here](#) for complete contest rules



# It's What's Blooming

Even though it's still very early in the season, there are a number of plants, trees and flowers blooming in the yard to add color, variety and fragrance. The color palette display is beginning and will ramp up in the next month or two. Here is just a sample of what's blooming now.....

I received the following pictures from **Ted and Paula Hewitt**, who are associate members of WCARS and chapter members of the Eugene club. Ted not only has some beautiful pictures, but included a little narrative on each as well. The firecracker rhododendron is one of my favorites.



***Rhododendron dilatatum* var. *satsumense***  
An azalea native to Japan with flowers that appear before the leaves.



***Hacquetia epipactis***  
A perennial native to woodlands of the European Alps.



***Rhododendron spinuliferum***  
The firecracker rhododendron



***Fritillaria meleagris***  
Checkered Lily or Snakeshead Lily. Good shade plant.



***Rhododendron neriflorum***  
'Rosevallon'  
A form of *Rhododendron neriflorum* or a natural *neriflorum* hybrid

**Kathy and Roger Lintault** submitted the following beauties from their large garden. If you have never been there, it's definitely worth the trip. You won't be disappointed.



***R. Bric-a-brac* in left foreground, *R. mucronulatum* 'Cornell Pink' back center  
*R. 'Seta* on right, *R. fulvum* in rear**



***Helleborus x hybridus***



**Magnolia 'Caerhays Belle'**



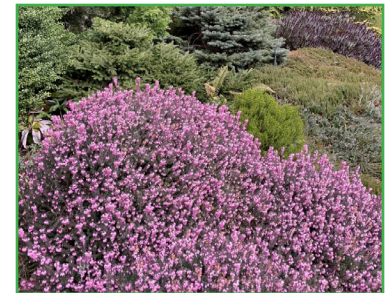
***Cyclamen hederifolium***



***Camellia japonica* 'Momoji-no-higurashi'**



***R. mucronulatum* 'Berg's Best' in foreground**



***Erica x darleyensis* 'Irish Treasure' in foreground**



To protect from the ice and snow, we covered *R. sinogrande* with a teepee surrounded by insulation and topped with a very large plastic bag. Insulated base with fir branches.



I have found that **Dick and Karen Cavendar** always have something blooming and are willing to share.



**Eric Savil**



***R. macabeanum***

**Snow Lady**

A few pictures from the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden. So peaceful, calming to the soul and spiritually uplifting.....



**Christmas Cheer**

I'll conclude this blooming display with a few photos submitted by **Keith White** from our yard. I asked him to take a few photos - obviously his idea of a few is different than mine.



**Hellebores**



**R. Spring Glory**



***R. lutescens***



***R. ochraceum***



***R. racemosum*  
Rock Rose**



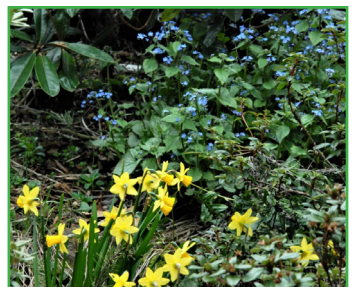
**Magnolia denudata  
"The Yulan"**



***R. mollicomata***



***R. sutchuenense***



**Daffodils &  
Brunnera**



# Eugene Chapter

## April 21, 2021



**Speaker: Kathy Lintault**

**Topic: Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile**

**Social Time 6:30pm Program Time 7:00pm**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188163312?pwd=SVBsZDMxUzVXYStBckU2Nm-pRMXNkdz09>

**Meeting ID: 811 8816 3312**

**Passcode: 741695**

After living in Southern California for 25 years, Kathy and Roger Lintault moved to their home outside McMinnville, Oregon in 2000. They were excited to start gardening Pacific Northwest-style. Camellias and rhododendrons became a great interest and Kathy went on to be the President of the Oregon Camellia Society. While we all love rhododendrons, camellias give us another dimension to the garden, often flowering from October to April when we have few rhododendrons that are in flower. She will talk about the camellia's diverse and lovely flower forms which can appeal to those who appreciate quiet and simple blooms as well as to those who enjoy the bright and gaudy. Also, the camellia's past history and cultural requirements will be discussed, along with the camellia's ability to brighten the landscape and blend with other of our favorite garden plants.



**Camelia  
Spring Festival**



**Camelia sasanqua  
ssp vernalis Yuletide**

# Portland Chapter

## April 15, 2021



**Speaker: Kathy Lintault**

**Topic: "Ireland, a Garden Paradise"**

**Social Time 6:30pm Program time 7:00pm**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87422887322>

**Meeting ID: 874 2288 7322**

**Mobile: +16699006833,,87422887322#**

**Dial Option: (253) 215-8782**

As Kathy describes it, "Ireland's land mass is only about the size of Oregon west of the Cascades, but the Atlantic Gulf Stream contributes mild temperatures and plenty of rain which explains why it is known as the Emerald Isle. Small size notwithstanding, with these advantages Ireland is home to a great variety of notable gardens ranging from grand estates to small cottage gardens, from formal to informal, rural to urban, all displaying the passion and care of their owners." Kathy will highlight the gardens and their colorful plants enjoyed while circling the island in July. "Even some rhododendrons were still in bloom!"



**Rowallane Garden  
Saintfield, N. Ireland**



**Dunluce Castle  
N. Ireland**



**Caher Bridge  
Garden**

**Ballyvaughn,  
Ireland**



# Symposium and Conference Updates



It's not too late to register for the ARS 2021 Convention, **Rhodos Down East: Exploring the North Atlantic Region**, which takes place **June**

**3 -6 in Nova Scotia, Canada.** You can attend virtually from the comfort of your own easy chair and see some very celebrated speakers including **Ken Cox**, rhodo breeder and seasoned plant explorer from Glendoick Nursery, Scotland; **Joe Bruso**, veteran rhodo breeder from Massachusetts; and **Todd Boland**, author, educator and all-around horticultural expert, from Newfoundland's Memorial University Botanical Garden. Well-known plant experts **Christina Woodward** and **Nick Yarmoshuk** from Ontario, **Philip McDougall** an ex-pat Nova Scotian now living in B.C., and **Kristian Theqvist** of Finland.

Virtual garden tours will include the **Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens** and **Peggy's Cove barrens**, as well as a number of remarkable private gardens that should be at the height of spring bloom for many rhododendrons and companion plants. The winter so far has been mild and the bud set excellent in many places, so we are hoping for a really good show!

**Registration Closes May 1, 2021**

**Registration Fee: \$80 US/ \$100 Canadian**

For the complete schedule and to register visit <https://ars2021.org>



## Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden Symposium

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden Symposium will be held virtually this year from June 25-27. [Registration](#) will open soon with details forthcoming.

# Rhododendron For April



## Rhododendron Hybrid (Easter Parade Gold Cup Azalea)

Vigorous, low to medium height azalea. Spring flowers are pink and white, large, showy. Hardy to 5 Fahrenheit and best in protected locations. Plant as you would any azalea: high and in well-drained, acid soil, rich in organic matter. Though azaleas have a potentially large list of possible pest and disease problems, they are usually trouble free if planted correctly in proper cultural conditions.

### Characteristics:

**Cultivar:** Easter Parade

**Family:** Ericaceae

**Size:** Height: 4 ft. to 6 ft. in 10 years

**Plant Category:** landscape, shrubs,

**Plant Characteristics:** low maintenance, spreading,

**Foliage Characteristics:** evergreen, with leaves obovate acute apex, cuneate base, 1.5" long, medium green

**Flower Characteristics:** Funnel-shaped, semi-double, hose-in-hose, wavy edges, 2.5" to 3.5" across

**Flower Color:** pinks with white marbling and green blotch

**Fragrant:** no

**Tolerances:** deer, heat & humidity, slope

**Hybridized by:** Bristow

### Requirements:

**Bloomtime Range:** Early Spring to Mid Spring

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8 to 9

**Light Range:** Part Shade to Part Sun

**pH Range:** 4.5 to 6.5

**Soil Range:** Sandy Loam to Clay Loam

**Water Range:** Normal to Moist



# Online Shopping and the ARS Store - A Reminder to Help

Anytime you shop online for just about anything, please consider first going through the American Rhododendron Society Online Store. The ARS Online Store is reached by the link <http://arsstore.org/>

On this site you will find a range of merchants who have agreed to give the American Rhododendron Society a referral fee back on each sale "referred" by ARSStore.org. Just use a link from the ARS Online Store site to go to a merchant's site and buy something like you normally would. You get the same low price and help the ARS.

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## MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS

### EUGENE CHAPTER

Third Wednesday from Oct to March at 7:30pm  
The Springs at Greer Gardens, 1280 Goodpasture Island Rd, Eugene, OR

### PORTLAND CHAPTER

Third Thursday from Sept to May at 7:00pm  
All Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR

### SALEM HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

First Tuesday from Oct 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

### TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER

First Tuesday from Sept to April (except for Jan) at 6:45pm  
Washington County Fire District 2, 31370 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR

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## DISTRICT 4 CHAPTER WEB SITES

Willamette Chapter	<a href="http://arswillamette.com">arswillamette.com</a>
Eugene Chapter	<a href="http://eugene-chapter-ars.org">eugene-chapter-ars.org</a>
Portland Chapter	<a href="http://rhodies.org">rhodies.org</a>
Siuslaw Chapter	<a href="http://siuslawars.org">siuslawars.org</a>
Tualatin Valley	<a href="http://tualatinvalleyars.org">tualatinvalleyars.org</a>

All other web sites can be found on [rhododendron.org](http://rhododendron.org)  
Under "chapters" under web sites

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

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## 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 Werminger	2013
Dick and Carol Lundin	2019
Mary B. Crofts	2019
Roger and Kathy Lintault	2019

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