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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 February 9, 2022



**Title: *Gardens of Western Scotland
with narration and photography
by Win Howe***

Social Time: 6:30pm

Meeting and Program: 7:00pm

Join via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85389193253>



*If I had a flower for every-
time I thought of you.....
I could walk through my
garden forever*

Alfred Tennyson

January Minutes



Mary Crofts Secretary January 12, 2022

Zoom meetings continue and it looks like that will be our fate, at least until September. Mary Ellen Ramseyer led the meeting this month as her “other half”, Keith White, still yearns for doctoring and has a part-time temporary job in Albany and had to go to work instead of doing his Program Chair duties. However, he’s a VERY talented doctor so it’s a good thing for all of us that he’s keeping up all his skills.

We started with some talk about Covid and the state of our ARS chapter. Also our friends and other rhody-lovers, as well as updates of our Big Conference in Vancouver/Portland.

Mary Ellen introduced our speaker, Emily Aune, who presented the history of the Rhododendron Garden at Hendricks Park in Eugene. She’s the Head Gardener there having worked her way up to this position with the City of Eugene. Emily came to Oregon via Bloomington, Indiana. She started horticultural studies while still in high school, working at a retail nursery. She has family here and when visiting them, she saw Oregon and how beautiful our state is. So she stayed and we’re glad she did. Emily is also Secretary for the Eugene Chapter ARS and contributes articles about Hendricks Park to their newsletter. She has also contributed articles to our ARS Journal.

In 1906, the Hendrick’s family donated 47 acres of land to the City of Eugene. It consisted of fields and trees, mostly oak and maple. The City purchased an adjoining 31 acres of land to make the current 78 acres of park. In 1951 the Rhododendron Garden was established and in 2002 the Native Plant Garden was formed, both being part of the Park.

In 1912 two elk were donated to the Park from members of the Elks Lodge. Other animals and birds became part of the scenery over the years. In 1930 the Park hired Fred Lamb. His job was to feed the elk along with all the other critters living under the Park’s care. The original sheds are still in use but contain tractors and other machinery for maintaining the park.

The F.M. Wilkins Shelter was constructed in 1938 using funds from President Roosevelt’s Federal WPA Program and it is still in use for picnics, banquets and weddings. The original shelter was destroyed in a 1999 windstorm, when two Douglas firs crushed the building. Only the chimney from the 1938 structure remains. The current structure is a replica of the original shelter.



Current F.M. Wilkins Shelter

The “Mens Camelia and Rhododendron Society” was established in 1944 by a group of lawyers and doctors (mostly). They worked at Hendricks Park helping with tips on growing rhodys and contributing plants for the new garden. Most of the original Society members have had a memorial built in their honor. (Emily had excellent photos of all these as well the stunning rhodys planted.) The Society was in touch with, although not yet a member of, our national ARS.

It wasn’t until 1950 before a proposal was made to establish a Rhododendron Garden within Hendricks Park. The proposal stated that the ARS would provide the plants, labor and advise on how to maintain the garden. The City of Eugene would also provide labor, create the irrigation system and build roads.

Actual work began in 1951 and by 1953, the irrigation was set and plants had been donated. The first rhody planted was R 'rosemary chipp' near the entrance to the park.



Rhododendron 'Rosemary Chipp'
Mei 1998, Kew Gardens

Rhododendron 'Rosemary Chipp'

In 1955 the Men's Society joined the ARS as the Eugene Chapter ARS. And now women were "allowed" to join as well. Annual shows became part of the yearly ARS calendar, including some larger conventions. A photo from 1961 showed the 16 year old Harold Greer participating. Harold followed in his parents footsteps and thanks to this, he grew up with rhodys as part of his life.

Ray and Del James lived next door to the Park and were founders of the Eugene Chapter ARS. They donated over 3000 plants and were responsible for developing the hybrid called "Hendricks Park" in 1947.

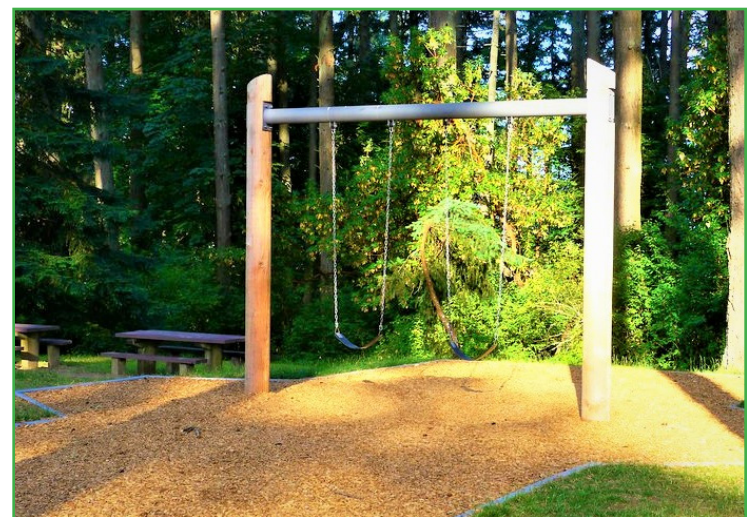


Rhododendron 'Hendricks Park'
photo by John Hammond

The first person to be named a Head Gardener was Ernest Allen in 1955. He also helped Del and Ray raise the seedlings and made many positive changes in the Park itself. Ted Trombert was named Head Gardener in the 1960's and remained in that position for the next 20 years. More infrastructures were built including fountains, pools and benches.



By 1971 it was decided that a playground should be built at the picnic area. So a metal bar was installed between two oak trees and a swing was attached. Unfortunately, both the trees and the swing set fell victim to the 2016 ice storm. Instead of replacing the swing set with a generic version, Parks Planning was determined to pay homage to the unique design of the original swing that visitors to the park have loved for decades.



Swing built after 2016 ice storm

Around 1981 Ted retired and Michael Robert took over until 2004. Along with Harold Greer he formed the Friends of Hendricks Park and the Tuesday Morning Volunteers.

In 1985 the Rhododendron Garden received a REALLY big contribution. Dr. Carl Phetteplace, who had a garden in the Leaburg area (East of Eugene), donated a big-leaf 40 year old *R. calophytum*. With much labor (and probably a lot of sweat) this "tree" was moved to the Rhododendron Garden. It weighed 32,000 pounds and was 12' x 18'. In the photos it looks more like a tree than a great big shrub.



Moving *R. calophytum* into place

By the late 1980's the Park was over-flowing with plants. So around 600 were selected to offer free to anyone who would dig them up and take them home. As referenced above, in 1999 the windstorm hit the park and knocked over two fir trees that smashed into the Wilkins Shelter. The only part that wasn't destroyed was the brick fireplace.



The lone fireplace left standing

That same year, Josef Halda, a known garden designer came to Hendricks to demonstrate how to start a rock garden, which he completed in 2002.



Part of the Rock Garden

David Reed and Associates published a "Hendricks Park Forest Management Plan" to help oversee continued financing of the park. They also recommended forming the Friends of Hendricks Park for volunteer support and now have 300 members in that group.

Jerry Blakely proposed in 2001 a Native Plant Garden to honor his wife, Mary, who loved plants. Jin Chen, a landscape architect from China donated the design. Chen also designed the Moon Terrace (2005) and the Gateway Beds (2011) that you see when you drive up to the park.



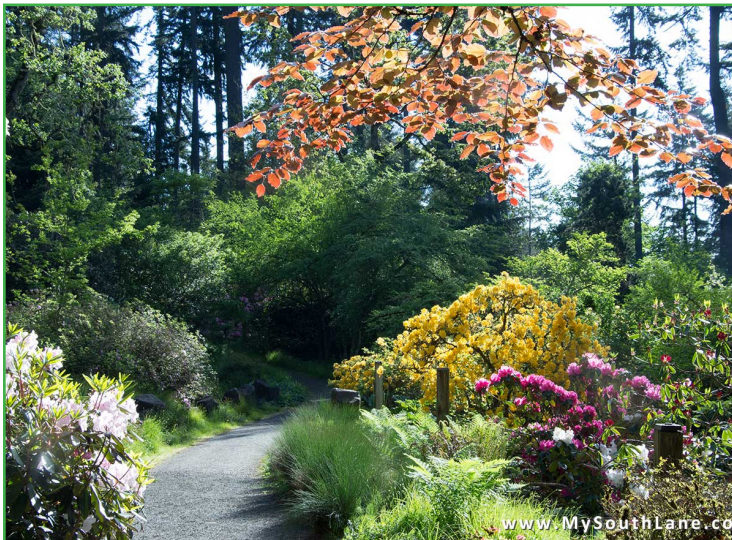
Volunteers in the Native Plant Garden

The next Head Gardener was Ginny Alfriend who came on board in 2004. She was present in 2006 for the Hendricks Park Centennial and to set up the Oak Knoll Restoration by thinning out many of the oak trees.

Enter Emily, 2013, who has put together a committee to help her plan new gardens and revamp the older ones. Her favorite group is the Tuesday Morning Volunteers. Despite the more recent ice storms, both Hendricks Park and the Rhododendron Garden continue to grow. Many thanks to Emily for your talk and photos. Hendricks Park is a beautiful, quieting place to be. You'll have to come back in a couple of years for an update.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Crofts - Secretary - WCARS

The Beauty of Hendricks Park



February Program



Speaker: Win Howe,
*narrator and
photographer*

**Topic: Gardens of
Western Scotland**

February 9, 2022 6:30 Social 7:00 Program

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85389193253>

Meeting ID: 853 8919 3253

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For the February program we will visit some of the most famous gardens of Western Scotland. Photography and narration is by Win Howe, of the Valley Forge Chapter, ARS.

This program is recorded on DVD as part of the ARS library. It is a high-quality presentation with excellent photography and insightful narration by Win Howe. The photography was done during the 1996 Annual ARS meeting in Oban, Scotland. This meeting was arranged by our own Herb Spady, in conjunction with the Scottish Chapter ARS, while Herb was president of the ARS. Though the meeting was many years ago, all the gardens displayed are healthy and still functioning. Further, there are many more large, famous and beautiful gardens within easy reach in the same area.

Win Howe passed away in 2016.



**Win and
his wife
Anne from
the 1996
ARS
Meeting**

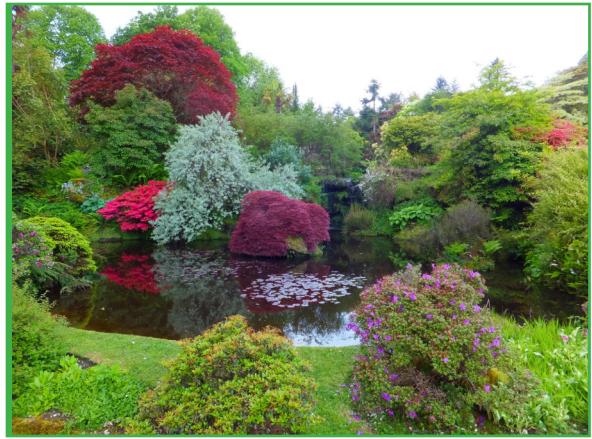
The following pictures are from a few of the gardens you will see in this superb program.



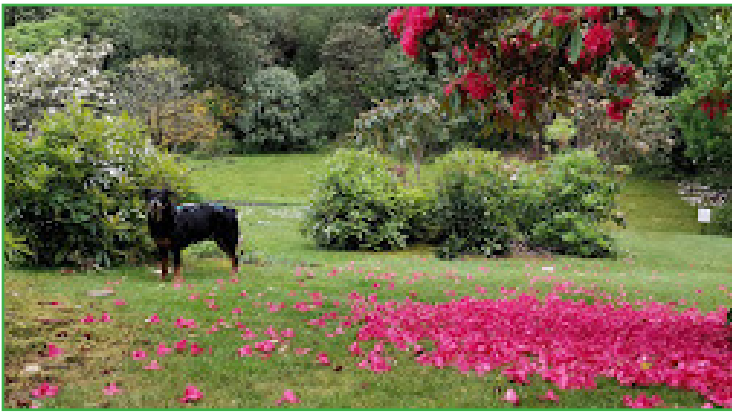
Stonefield Castle

Keith and I stayed here on our 2019 trip to England and Scotland.

As usual, I have no pictures of the garden but lots of pictures of the castle.



Mount Stuart House and Gardens above and to the right



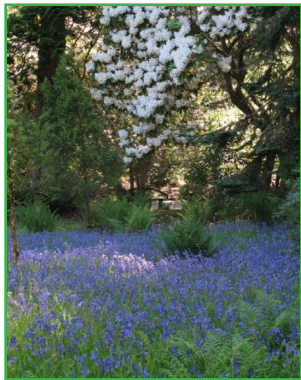
Stonefield Castle Garden



Stirling Castle and Garden



**Achamore Garden above
Ardkinglas Woodland Garden to the left and below**



Glendoick Garden

Richard Cavender

3/7/42 - 1/17/22

It is with great sadness that I write the following words. Sadness because Dick passed away suddenly on 1/17/2022. His death was a shock to all of us, from which we are still trying to recover. He definitely made his mark in the Rhododendron world and leaves a legacy that will live for years to come. I have read scientific articles he published and witnessed outstanding program presentations he gave but what captured my attention most was his love and devotion for his wife Karen. It was so apparent - in fact, you couldn't miss it unless you were blind. So I am not going to focus on only his contributions to the rhododendron world as I wouldn't have enough space in this newsletter. But this being the month of February, the month of love and the month Karen always brought treats to our Chapter meeting, I decided to post something about the two of them. **There is a quote by Tariq Ramadan that says "Behind every great man is not a woman. She is beside him, She is with him, She is not behind him."** For 59 years that was the relationship with Dick and Karen.

The following is an article from the May 2014 Garden Time Magazine written by Judy Alleruzzo.

LOVE STORY

Karen and Red Cavender are smitten with azaleas, rhododendrons....and each other.



In the Portland area there is a huge fan club for rhododendrons and azaleas, I think the leaders of the pack are 'Red' (Dick) and Karen Cavender. The love of these plants goes way back in their lives. They have been members

of the Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society since 1969 and also volunteer at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and Cecil and Molly Smith Garden. Karen and Red are fixtures at the two gardens tirelessly helping to plant and prune, give tours and organize plant sales. I'm sure these are just a few of their 'jobs'.

The love story of Karen and Red Cavender and their discovery of rhodies and azaleas is a great tale. They started dating after meeting at a dance organized by their local Masonic lodge.

Red didn't want to go but since he was an officer in the Masonic Youth Group, he was expected to attend. Little did he know he would meet his soul mate, Karen.

After high school, they both attended Portland State. Red asked Karen to marry him during a dinner date at The London Bar & Grill in The Benson Hotel. She said yes and they have celebrated 51 engagement anniversaries at the Grill.

So this is all a beautiful love story but what about the plants you ask? Well I'm getting to that but call me a sentimentalist; I had to tell that story first.

On Karen and Red's first vacation as a married couple, they went on a road trip to the Oregon coast. During the trip, they drove by a blooming shrub growing by the side of the road.

Red pulled over and they got out to look at the flowers. The blooms were white and fragrant with a clove-like scent. The roadside shrub intrigued Red enough to try to find the name of the plant. They stopped at a nearby nursery hoping they would know the name.

Red asked, "What is the shrub blooming along the roadside with the fragrant white flowers?" The nursery owner said. "What do you want with that weed?"

Red and Karen were smitten by the plant that turned out to be *Rhododendron occidentale*. It is the deciduous native azalea, found on the west coast of North America from British Columbia, Canada to northern California. And so began the Cavender's love of azaleas and rhododendrons....

Red's nursery business, Red's Rhodies, is based on a "hobby that got way out of control". (I have heard that excuse for starting a nursery business from many a plant grower.)

Red just loves to play bee and make new and improved varieties of *R. occidentale*, his favorite azalea. He cross pollinates blooms just as "bees do it", but in a more organized way to produce seed for new varieties. He grows the seedlings to mature flowering shrubs in his large test plot. He then evaluates these new seedling shrubs to see if any are great plants to register and grow for the gardening market. One of Red's ongoing breeding programs is to produce large double flowers of the NW native *Rhododendron occidentale*.

Another breeding program was to cross the fragrant *R. occidentale* with the late flowering native Eastern Azaleas, *R. bakerii* and *R. calendulaceum*.

A winner has been selected from this program. A new deciduous azalea showcasing magenta flowers with orange accents is being propagated at Log Cabin Nursery in Springfield, Oregon. It is a cross between *R. bakerii* and *R. occidentale*.



Cavender Garden

This spring, Red is working on choosing a name for his new azalea. (We'll let you know what Red decides)

Not to forget about his love of rhododendrons, Red is introducing a deep pink flowering evergreen rhododendron that will be in the garden market in the 2015/2016 season. This plant is being produced at Dover Nursery in Sandy, Oregon.

The Cavender's have lived in Sherwood since 1979. The property is about 5 acres, with 2.5 acres in an extensive garden with another 2 acres set aside for Red's trial gardens and greenhouses. When Karen and Red moved onto the property, there was only 1 rhody and 3 azaleas.

At the last census in 2000, the Cavenders were up to 1000 species and hybrids of rhodies and azaleas, 12 magnolias and assorted maples and flowering trees. Red is excited to say he has a rhody or azalea in bloom from Christmas time through July when a few azaleas are still in flower!

That is remarkable. Most of us uninitiated in the world of rhodies and azaleas tend to think they only are springtime bloomers.

Red also has a collection of tropical Vireya rhododendrons housed in an 800 sq ft greenhouse. In this warm and humid greenhouse, there always seems to be a colorful flower in bloom. Two other greenhouses contain assorted other "favorite" plants. Red's collection of Terrestrial Orchids includes *Calanthe*, *Cypripedium*, *Bletilla*, *Dactylorhiza* and *Pleione* orchids. He hybridizes these too and many of these orchids are found out and about among the rhodies and azaleas in the garden.

Touring around Karen and Red's garden is like being in Wonderland. There are plants tucked into every nook and cranny. Some you have to look carefully for and others, like the massive *Gunnera*, just stops you in your tracks. After seeing the lovely flowers of rhodies, azaleas and orchids, this prehistoric plant is awesome in its scale. It's just another favorite plant of

the Cavender's. My favorite is Embothrium, the Chilean Fire tree. Red is surprised it is OK after the 8° F temperatures in December, 2013. Hopefully the unusual bright red flowers will bloom this spring.



Dick, Karen and the Gunnera



Embothrium Chilean Fire Tree

A family of quail, Karen's favorite bird, live on the property. They have become the mascot of the garden and are also found in artwork inside the house. Their front door inset is a colorful stained glass scene of a quail in a garden. Other artwork adorns the house and garden including metal quail, stone frogs and a copper water wheel that spins during rainstorms and garden irrigation. Whimsey abounds in the Cavender garden.

Of his sweetheart, Red says, "their garden and nursery would not be possible without Karen as she feeds, clothes and generally takes care of me". A big job for Karen as she is also busy with her volunteerism and driving her new "pony", a deep blue Ford Mustang. She knows how to have fun.

Karen and Red raised two children, Glen and Teresa who also work in the horticulture industry. Glen and his family grow Chinese Lanterns, Physalis, for the cut flower industry.

They grow the plants then harvest the stems of the orange lanterns. Many years ago, Garden Time filmed a story about that business. Glen's latest idea is growing Bittersweet vine for fall dried branch material. Their daughter, Teresa is the veggie gardener of the family, growing produce for her local farmers' market.

I did ask Red the burning question about Azalea lace bug control. He is keeping up with the research from Robin Rosetta of OSU.

Here are a few tips to keep your rhodies and azaleas healthy.

- Regular irrigation to keep soil evenly moist
- Good drainage
- Afternoon shade

Azaleas and rhododendrons water stressed or in too much sun seem to be more susceptible to lace bug damage. If infestation is not severe, it is recommended to use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to battle the pest. Remember to spray the undersides of the foliage where the lace bugs are feeding on the foliage. Red says it's very IMPORTANT to spray after flowers have dropped from the shrubs to protect bees.

For severe infestations, a systemic granular product, Bayer Tree and Shrub - Protect and Feed is effective. The plants take up the chemical to protect against the lace bugs. Trim back damaged foliage after blooms fade. Destroy this foliage, do not compost. Rosetta says that natural insect predators seem to help take care of the lace bugs. Research is ongoing on this and other controls.

As Red and Karen say, the Northwest is known for rhododendrons and azaleas. There isn't a substitute for their beauty.

Karen and Red Cavender have received accolades from the many plant societies they belong to. Red has received medals for plants he has bred and they both have received commendations for their years of service in those groups. People like Karen and Red can never be thanked enough for the work they do to promote rhodies and azaleas. They have a passion for these plants and enjoy life. They just want to pass their love of gardening to all!



Red's new Azalea

There are no services planned for Dick at this time, however, there is the possibility of a memorial gathering sometime in the future.

Donations in Dick's memory are requested to either the Smith Garden or Crystal Springs Garden. Please make your check out to the **Portland Chapter ARS** with a notation to which garden and in memory of/honor of Dick Cavender. Please mail your check to:

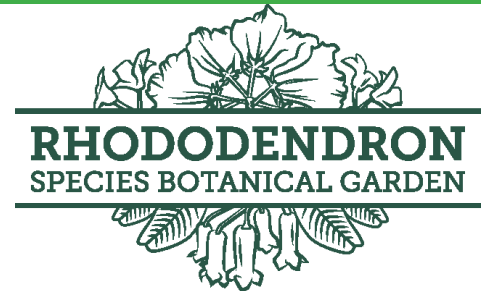
Portland Chapter ARS
c/o Cavender
15920 SW Oberst Ln
Sherwood, OR 97140

And if you would like to send a card to Karen Cavender, please mail it to:

Karen Cavender
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Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss



Speaker: Will Clausen
Gardener at the RSBG

**Topic: A Botanical Tour of the
Northern Pacific Coastal Ranges**

A Zoom Event
Thursday, February 24, 2022
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

From austere high mountains down through rich subalpine meadows, silent muskegs, deep forests, and finally to the crashing shoreline, the Pacific Northwest is filled with botanical splendor. Come along with Will Clausen, Gardener at the RSBG, on a tour through 10 years of hiking in in the Pacific Coast Ranges in Washington and northward into Southeast Alaska, Northern British Columbia, and Southern Yukon.

This mountainous region is home to an interesting flora comprised of widespread boreal species mixed with plants more specifically characteristic of the Pacific Northwest. Hotspots, like the Wenatchee Mountains of central Washington, offer rare and endemic plants that add to the richness and botanical identity of the Northern Pacific Coastal Ranges. Rhododendron, some recognizable and some obscure, grow here as well alongside other Ericaceous plants. We will stay at a fairly high elevation for much of the presentation, but venture downhill a bit to see some noteworthy plants and beautiful scenery.

Will Clausen has been the Gardener at the

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden since 2019. He has worked in several gardens across the northern part of the United States, always seeking out places where he can help to create and maintain gardens that balance horticulture and ecology with a focus on showcasing and conserving wild plants. He enjoys photographing and writing about plants and backpacking throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond to see them in their natural settings.

For more information and to register click [here](#)



Also, something new and fun at the Species Botanical Garden this year:

Pop Up Plant Vendor Weekends

Throughout spring, the garden will host featured vendor weekends in partnership with local nurseries. You are not required to buy admission to shop, but tickets are required to visit the garden.

Shop:
Rare Plants
Perennials
Natives
Succulents
Houseplants
Groundcovers
Trees

...and plants for all growing conditions!
You'll have an opportunity to buy from boutique and wholesale vendors, providing a unique selection that you won't find anywhere else.

Click [here](#) for more info and a **list of vendors**

ARS 2022 Return to the Northwest



A belated 75th Anniversary Celebration of the ARS

Hosted by the chapters of
ARS District 4
Portland – Tualatin Valley – Eugene – Willamette – Siuslaw

Plans are going full speed ahead for the ARS Spring Convention, celebrating the (belated) 75th anniversary of the Society.

Registration is now open and you don't want to be left behind.

For complete conference information regarding schedules, pre and post tours, housing, etc. click on: ARS2022.org



Volunteers will be needed. Contact Steve McCormick to get on the list: ssmccormick@outlook.com.

Don't delay and I hope to see you there!



Other Chapter Zooming Opportunities

Portland Chapter February 17, 2022



Speaker: Bruce Wakefield

**Topic: "Kia Ora!
Springtime in New Zealand"**

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

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565149180>

Meeting ID: 825 6514 9180

One tap mobile:

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Dial Option: (253) 215-8782

New Zealand is a land of stunning beauty and diversity. With volcanic peaks and geothermal hot spots on the North Island to the uplifted "southern Alps" and glacial plains of the South Island, it is filled with contrasts. Because of the frequency of earthquakes, New Zealand is known as the "shaky isles". From tip to tip, New Zealand is roughly the length of Portland to southern California, having a similar range of climates but in "reverse" since it lies in the southern hemisphere. The northern tip enjoys a definite subtropical climate (similar to San Diego) while the extreme southern end is a much cooler temperate one (with alpine areas, too). With all of this diversity comes a wide range of garden styles featuring a wide range of plants—both native and exotic! This presentation will take you on a grand adventure across the "shaky isles" while we visit many of New Zealand's finest gardens.

Bruce Wakefield has been involved with The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon (HPSO) for most of the past 31 years. Between 1991 and 2010, he was a Vice President; served two terms as Treasurer, ran the twice-yearly plant sales now known as Hortlandia and PlantFest; planned programs and Study Weekends; helped establish HPSO's first office and over-

saw two office moves; hosted board retreats; wrote for the newsletter; sat on board committees—long-range planning, finance, website, nominating, library, open gardens, grants, and by-law revisions. In 2010, when Bruce completed a two-year term as HPSO President, he stepped into the job of Office Director where he served for eleven years. He continued to volunteer as well, leading the HPSO travel interest group known as "Travel Club" and planning and escorting nearly 30 tours. In honor of Bruce's service, HPSO named an annual scholarship in his honor. Now officially retired from his service as HPSO Office Director, Bruce plans to continue serving HPSO as a board member. He will continue focusing on HPSO's travel program, too.

WCARS March Program



Speaker:

**Jacquelyn
Schroeder**

Landscape Designer

Topic:

**'Recovering Nature With
Our Ornamental Gardens:
Remediation With Natives
In Establishing Symbioses
Essential To Life As We
Might Like To Know It'**

Mark your calendar to join our Zoom program Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00pm for a fascinating program by Jacquelyn Schroeder. Jacquelyn is a professional landscape designer, consultant and installer. Her specialty is working with native plants. She will give us a great presentation including demonstration, practical suggestions and many ideas to ponder.

Cornell Pink is the Flower for February



Exceptionally cold hardy and decorative, *Rhododendron mucronulatum* 'Cornell Pink' is also prized for its early spring blooms. This medium-sized deciduous shrub bears graceful clusters of 2 to 3, broadly funnel-shaped, clear pink flowers, up to 2 in. wide (5cm), on bare branches from mid winter to early spring. This *mucronulatum* hybrid puts on a spectacular show for two solid weeks when very little else is blooming. No doubt onlookers will stop and admire it. The foliage of lanceolate, dark green leaves is deciduous, unlike most other lepidote *Rhododendrons*, but they turn yellow and bronze before falling. A very reliable performer, 'Cornell Pink' is tough and can withstand temperatures as low as -20F (-29C). It makes a lovely accent shrub that is pleasing to the eye and a great companion to early daffodils and other spring bulbs.

* Grows with an open, twiggy-habit, up to 4-5 ft. tall and 2-3 ft. wide.

* A sun to part shade lover, this plant is easily grown in moist, acidic, humusy, well-drained soils. Tolerates a fair amount of sun in cool northern summers. Plant shallowly in a location protected from strong winter winds. Protect from frost to prevent damage to flowers. Mulch annually with leaf mould to retain moisture, control weeds, and cool the soil.

* Perfect for shrub borders or mixed borders, as a flowering hedge or privacy screen, foun-

dation plantings and shade gardens. Great for containers and small gardens too.

*Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and birds.



Photo by Harold Greer

Predominant Flower Color: Pink

Flower/Truss Description: Flower broadly funnel-shaped, 1½" across, pink with faint orange dorsal spots. Inflorescence 2-3 flowered. Flowers appear well ahead of the leaves.

Fragrant: No

Bloom Time: Very Early

Foliage Description / Plant Habit: Leaves lanceolate, 2" to 2¼" long, dark green, deciduous. Scaly on both sides. Open, twiggy growth habit.

Height: 5 feet in 10 years.

Cold Hardiness Temp: -20°F (-29°C)

Parentage (Seed Parent x Pollen Parent): *mucronulatum* selection

Elepidote (E) or Lepidote (L): L

Hybridized or Selected by: Skinner

Registration Reference: RHS 58

Plant information obtained from the American Rhododendron Society website, Harold Greer's "Greer's Guidebook to Available Rhododendrons" and Gardenia, Creating Gardens website.

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.

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

DISTRICT 4 CHAPTER WEB SITES

Willamette Chapter arswillamette.com
Eugene Chapter eugene-chapter-ars.org
Portland Chapter rhodies.org
Siuslaw Chapter siuslawars.org
Tualatin Valley tualatinvalleyars.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 Werminger	2013
Dick and Carol Lundin	2019
Mary B. Crofts	2019
Roger and Kathy Lintault	2019

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