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CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

7:00 pm in the Carrier room (600 State Street entrance) of the
First Methodist Church on the corner of Church and State Streets, Salem

Speaker: Tim Walsh
"Humboldt County, California"
Rhododendron Paradise

ALL VISITORS WELCOME

**TAKE NOTE: THIS MONTHS MEETING WILL BE
ON THE
18th OF SEPTEMBER**

A very good way to start the Month of September
By remembering our Heroes and fallen Heroes



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18, 2019	Tim Walsh	Humboldt County, Ca. " Rhododendron Paradise "
October 9, 2019	John Poole	Peonies The Revelations of a Gentleman Who Tells
November 13, 2019		
December , 2019		Christmas Potluck
January , 2020		
February , 2020		
March , 2020		
April , 2020		
May , 2020		
June , 2020		

Who is Tim Walsh

Timothy Patrick Walsh, born and raised 4th generation Humboldt County, Eureka Calif.

After attending University of Southern California Tim became a sheep boy on the Southern Humboldt ranch of his dad's long time friend. He thought his prospects of making a living as ranch-hand were poor so he became a real estate broker and finally settled in as a Stock Broker and Certified Financial Planner for more than 30 years.

Tim had an epiphany in Kendrick's Park Garden in Eugene Oregon in the '80s when he discovered *Rhododendron* 'Loderi King George'. Before that he had grown up with the thousands of *Rhododendron* 'Countess of Derby' which in Eureka were planted by Cottage Gardens for the cut flower trade and sold as R. 'Eureka Maid'. As a little boy he would break off branches of the pink flowers and carry them up the street to sell for candy money (his dad was a dentist).

As the Rhodo-bug hit him hard he spent many Saturdays at Westgate Garden Nursery with Catherine Weeks who passed away January 12, 2015. One day she said that he needed to join the American Rhododendron Society to learn more about rhodos and

meet other people who had the same affliction. Thus began a long relationship with the ARS, first as chapter President (an office he has reprised more than once), then treasurer, then Treasurer of ARS, and currently District 5 director where he sits on the Executive Board. He is thoroughly Rhodo-holic.

In 1991 a Eureka lady (Irene Van Natter) called all the garden/plant societies together to see if there were enough people interested in exploring making a botanical garden in Humboldt County. Tim was on the first board of directors for the newly formed Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation. Tim and his wife June have been very actively involved at all levels of the Humboldt Botanical Gardens, both at the board and at the "hands-in-the-dirt" levels. In 2014 they spent more than 600 hours volunteering. We hope you will enjoy Tim's program on the new Humboldt Botanical Garden, just possibly the best place anywhere to grow Rhododendrons (...and a few other special plants as well)!

Tim and other Eureka Chapter ARS members have been instrumental in developing, selecting plants and caring for the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden.

Tim is a Master Gardener, too.

Rhododendron Species Botanical
GARDEN

July 15, 2019

ARS Willamette Chapter
Wallace Reed, President
940 Leffelle St. SE
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Mr. Reed & ARS Chapter Members,

On behalf of Rhododendron Species Foundation, I would like to thank you for your application to participate in our Engraved Commemorative Paver Program in memory of Bob Grasing received July 3rd, 2019. Your thoughtful contribution makes it possible for us to develop and improve the garden.

All funds generated from the RSBG Paver Program, less the cost of the stones and engraving, go directly to support Garden operations and the conservation of *Rhododendron* species.

Federal tax regulations require substantiation of the value of any tangible benefits you receive from the RSF in consideration of your contribution. For your engraved paver, the tangible benefit value is \$20.00. The tax-deductible amount is \$280.00. Please keep this written acknowledgment of your contribution for your tax records.

Once again thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,



Steve Hootman
Executive Director

Thank you!
He will be missed

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ADDRESS CHANGE

Carol and I have moved to a new home now in Salem proper. It was time for us to downsize so we did. It is surprising what you can get and what you can't get in a manufactured home. I will be planting a few rhodies here but way short of the 350+ we had out in the country.

We are amazed at how easy it was to feel at home this fast here.

Are new address is 4730 Auburn Road space 42. We have one of the largest lots in the park. The park is known as 'Salem Greene'. In our move we dropped our land lines just going with our cell phones. Carols phone is 971-218-3265 and mine is 503-910-2227.

Dick Lundin

PS: The rhodies are safe for now as we sold our old house to Granddaughter Shelby and her husband.

New Safe Sanctuary Policy

New Safe Sanctuary Policy for using the First United Methodist Church's Carrier Room for our Willamette Chapter ARS Meetings.

Unfortunately, the world in which we currently find ourselves involves a wide range of abusive behaviors that we may experience, or unknowingly inflict.

A catalog of such behavior includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. As part of our Willamette Chapter American Rhododendron Society's (WCARS) agreement to use the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Salem, Oregon's Carrier Room for our Chapter Meetings, on behalf of the Chapter Wallace Reed, President of the Chapter has signed a document that indicates that he has read the FUMC's Safe Sanctuary Policy and will provide its contents to all members of WCARS at their request.

While the FUMC Safe Sanctuary Policy deals extensively with forms of child abuse, it also deals with the possibility that periodic users of the FUMC facilities such as the Carrier Room such as the WCARS might abuse any among ourselves, any others we may invite to our meetings, any FUMC staff, or others we may encounter during our use the Carrier Room and the FUMC's nearby environs. Please be advised.

RAMS HAS BEEN SET UP

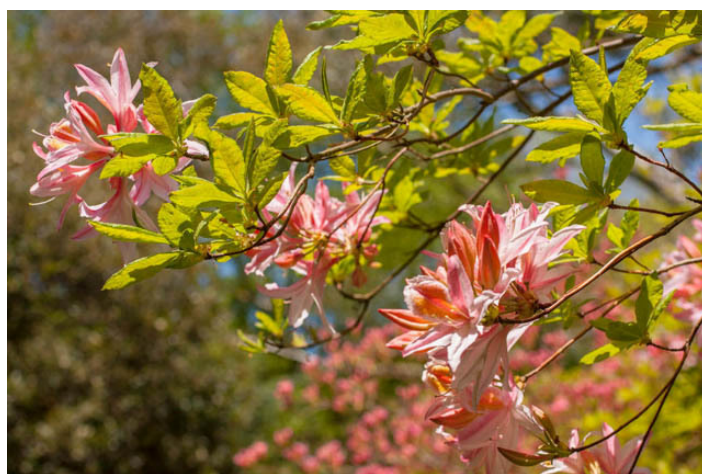
Today, I made reservations at the RAM for our WCARS pre-Chapter Meetings for the [18th of Sept.](#), [9th of October](#) and [13th of November](#) for the balcony area where we have been meeting.

Wally Reed - Prez

REFRESHMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Susan Doellinger

RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA COMPANION PLANTS Thanks to Gardenia.net



Azaleas and Rhododendrons, with their beautiful flowers, are one of the best-loved sights of spring. Producing a blaze of color, these popular ornamental shrubs are, however showy for only a relatively short season when in bloom. Their spectacular display can be extended by selecting species or cultivars with different blooming times or by planting companion plants for greater diversity.

Appealing and long-lasting planting combinations can be created with companion plants that enjoy early or late blooming periods, showy fall color, persistent showy berries or that provide attractive textural contrast with your Azaleas and Rhododendrons. These companion plants, whether shrubs, bulbs or perennials, must however be able to thrive under the same growing conditions as Azaleas and Rhododendrons. *

HERES HOPING YOU HAD A GOOD SUMMER AND ARE READY FOR MEETINGS TO START



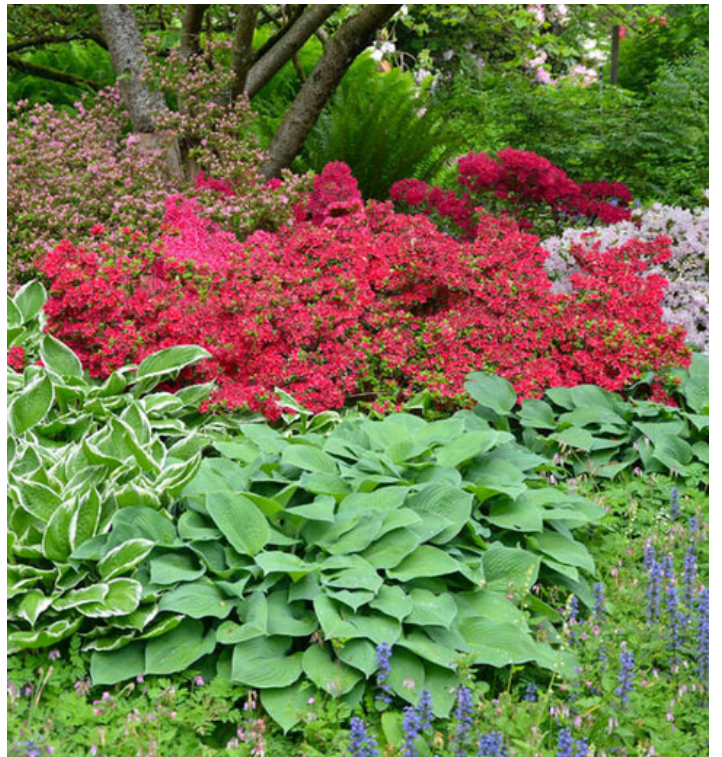
Create appealing and long-lasting planting combinations with your Azaleas and Rhododendrons. These evergreen or deciduous shrubs are famed for their showy fall color, persistent showy berries or provide attractive textural contrast. *



Various charming flower bulbs or perennial plants work well when grown as companion plants to Rhododendrons and Azaleas. However, since most Azaleas and Rhododendrons provide colorful interest in spring, choosing bulbs or perennials with fall and winter interest would enable you to enjoy appealing and long-lasting planting combinations. *



Shade-loving plants, Ferns are wonderful companion plants to Rhododendrons and Azaleas. They are both desirable and suitable additions to the splendid flowers of Azaleas or Rhododendron and give an extra dimension to the garden. If planted thickly, they make a charming groundcover and, thanks to their light rooting, do not take away the required moisture from their shrub companions. Their form and texture also tend to reduce the legginess of your Azalea shrubs and handsome effects can be created by choosing the perfect leaf shapes that complement and contrast beautifully to the growth habit for your Azaleas and Rhododendrons. *



Shade-loving Hostas are natural companion plants to Rhododendrons and Azaleas. They are not only suitable and desirable, but they give an extra dimension to the garden when combined with the glorious blossoms of Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

[By going to their site](#), 'Gardenia.net' you can find much additional information. Much to much to try to put into this newsletter.

STATE FLOWERS OF THE UNITED STATES

AL Camellia, *Oak-leaf hydrangea* WF
AK Forget-me-not
AZ Saguaro cactus blossom
AR Apple blossom
CA California poppy
CO Rocky Mountain columbine
CT Mountain laurel, *Mirabilis jalapa* CH
DE Peach blossom
FL Orange blossom, *Tickseed* WF
GA *Azalea* WF, *Cherokee rose* FE
HI Hawaiian hibiscus
ID Syringa, mock orange
IL Violet, Milkweed
IN Peony
IA Wild prairie rose
KS Sunflower
KY Goldenrod
LA Magnolia, *Louisiana iris* WF
MD Black-eyed Susan
ME White pine cone and tassel
MA Mayflower
MI Apple blossom, *Dwarf lake iris* WF
MN Pink and white lady's slipper
MS Magnolia, *Tickseed* WF
MO Hawthorn
MT Bitterroot
NE Goldenrod
NV Sagebrush
NH Purple lilac
NJ Violet
NM Yucca flower
NY Rose
NC Flowering dogwood, *Carolina lily* WF
ND Wild prairie rose
OH Scarlet carnation, *Large white trillium* WF
OK Oklahoma rose, *Indian blanket* WF, *Mistletoe* FE
OR Oregon grape
PA Mountain laurel, *Penngift crown vetch* BC
RI Violet

SC Yellow jessamine, *Goldenrod* WF

SD Pasque flower

TN Iris, *Purple passionflower* WF

TX Bluebonnet sp.

UT Segoe lily

VT Red clover

VA American dogwood

WA Coast rhododendron

WV Rhododendron

WI Wood violet

WY Indian paintbrush

AS Paogo (Ulafala)

GU Bougainvillea spectabilis

MP Flores mayo

PR Maga

VI Yellow elder

Thought this would be of interest to some as it was for me. I knew a very few of them.

LABRADOR TEA PLANT

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[See Article History](#)

Labrador tea, common name for two species of low-growing, [perennial](#) evergreen shrubs in the *Rhododendron* genus of the [heath family](#) (Ericaceae). *R. tomentosum* is circumpolar and also native to eastern [North America](#). The name is also sometimes applied to a closely related shrub of the [Rocky Mountains](#) region. The plants used to be in the now eliminated genus *Ledum*, which differed from *Rhododendron* only in having separate, not fused, petals and capsules that open from the bottom first.



Labrador Tea
(*Rhododendron
groenlandicum*)
Kenneth Fink/Root
Resources

R. groenlandicum is found in cold boggy areas and grows to about 1 metre (3 feet) high. The twigs are reddish. The fragrant leaves, which are sometimes used for making tea, are smooth-edged and elliptical and have a rusty "wool" on the underside. The leaf margins are recurved. The white or creamy flowers, 2 cm (0.8 inch) wide, are borne in a terminal cluster. There are five sepals and five petals.

This article was most recently revised and updated by [William L. Hosch](#), Associate Editor.

RHODODENDRON

The name Rhododendron comes from the Greek words "rodon" which means "rose" and "dendron" which means "tree", hence **Rose Tree**. Rhododendron flowers are usually produced in **trusses**. The family Ericacea, into which the genus Rhododendron falls, also includes heathers, mountain laurels, blueberries and cranberries as well as manzanita, trailing arbutus, madrone, huckleberry, kalmiopsis, sourwood, blueberries and a number of other genus. Rhododendrons are referred to as **the King of Shrubs** since they are regarded by many as the **best flowering evergreen plants for the temperate landscape**.

Facts About Rhododendron

Most people know rhododendrons as **big leathery leafed shrubs** with round clusters of white, pink, red, or purple blooms.

Rhododendron was discovered by The 16th century Flemish botanist, Charles l'Ecluse.

Rhododendron was introduced to Britain in 1656 from the European Alps, and so the name **Alpine Rose** for Rhododendron histrum.

Exploration in America came as a result of a partnership between English Quaker Peter Collinson and botanist/farmer John Bartram of Pennsylvania. This led to the importation to England of the American natives, Rhododendron canescens, Rhododendron nudiflorum, and Rhododendron viscosum in 1734, and Rhododendron maximum in 1736.

Rhododendron ferrugineum, another species from the European Alps also known as the Alpine Rose, came along in 1752.

The Washington State Senate confirmed that

the **Coast Rhododendron / Pacific Rhododendron** (Rhododendron macrophyllum) would be the **floral emblem for Washington state**.

Rhododendron is also the **national flower of Nepal**, and the **state flower of Sikkim in India**.

All the parts of Rhododendrons are dangerous, especially leaves, showing symptoms of Stomach irritation, abdominal pain, abnormal heart rate and rhythm, convulsions, coma, death. Honey made from the nectar of Rhododendron flowers is also toxic and should not be consumed.

What is the difference between Rhododendrons and Azaleas?

The genus Rhododendron includes both **Rhododendrons and Azaleas**. In this genus, both Rhododendron and Azalea are used as common names. The distinctions that follow are made by gardeners. The Rhododendron plants are usually **evergreen** and those labeled Azalea plants are **deciduous**, although there are a few evergreen Azaleas like those in the florist or nursery trade. To the typical gardener, azaleas are conspicuous because they don't have trusses. The exception to this is the Home-bush type azaleas which have a very tight ball shaped truss but this type of azalea is deciduous. It should be mentioned that the tropical Vireya rhododendrons don't have a truss either and look more like azaleas but are in general treated as a special class, different from most other rhododendrons and azaleas.

Rhododendrons have **ten or more stamens**, while Azaleas have **five**.

Rhododendrons have large, paddle-shaped leaves and large, bell- or funnel-shaped flowers borne in terminal trusses. Azaleas have small, elliptical leaves and trumpet- or tubular-shaped flowers at the ends of the shoots. Still some rhododendrons, called lepidotes have small leaves and small flowers and some rhododendrons are naturally miniature have miniscule leaves and flowers. It is true that all azaleas have small leaves compared to the large leaved rhododendrons, the lepidotes.

Rhododendrons are erect, growing up to 80 feet high, while Azaleas are more twiggy, spreading bushes, usually reaching a height of no more than **8 feet**.

Both Rhododendrons and Azaleas provide **fragrant blossoms** in an array of colors - from pure white and light pastels to brilliant orange and gold to purple and red. Some blossoms change color over time or are marked with contrasting colors.

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**ONLINE SHOPPING AND THE ARS STORE
A REMINDER TO HELP FUND THE ARS**

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 very wide range of merchants who have agreed to give the American Rhododendron Society a referral fee of 4% to 25% 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. Wally Reed - President

MONTHLY EVENTS

EUGENE CHAPTER

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

SIUSLAW CHAPTER

First Presbyterian Church 3996 Highway 101,
Florence, OR

Third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

PORTLAND CHAPTER

All Saints Episcopal Church
4033 SE Woodstock Ave, Portland, OR

Third Thursday, and the program begins at 7 pm.

SALEM HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

First Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Salem Heights Community Hall
3505 Liberty Road S.

TUALATIN VALLEY CHAPTER

First Tuesday of the month at 7 pm Washington County
Fire District 2 31370 NW Commercial Street
North Plains, OR 97133

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Under chapters under web sites

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Black Widow

Predominate Flower Color: Red

Flower/Truss Description: Flower openly funnel-shaped, about 3 1/4" across, wavy edges, opens dark grayish purple aging to darker than dark red with a dark speckled eye. Ball-shaped truss holds 19-21 flowers.

Fragrant: No

Bloom Time: Midseason

Foliage Description / Plant Habit: Leaves elliptic, broadly acute apex, cuneate base, 6 1/2" long, glossy, bullate. Upright and spreading habit.

Height: 3 feet in 10 years.

Cold Hardiness Temp: -5°F (-21°C)

Parentage (Seed Parent x Pollen Parent): (Frank Galsworthy x Leo) x Warlock

Elepidote E) or Lepidote (L): E

Hybridizer or Selected by: Thompson

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