

Willamette Chapter American Rhododendron Society Newsletter

March 2022 Addendum

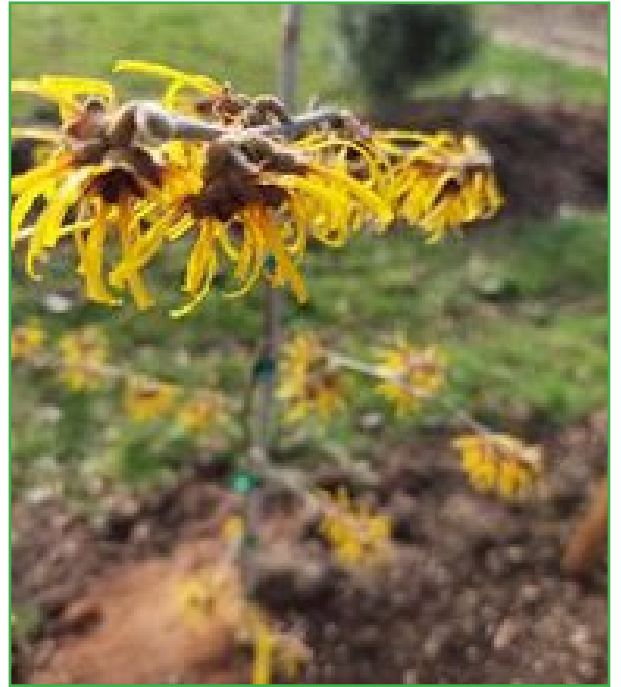
I am absolutely thrilled that I have to add this Addendum to our WCARS March newsletter. I asked you to send me pictures of what was blooming in your yard and you responded. I wanted to include them all because they are so colorful, uplifting and inspiring of the new life that comes with spring but that would have made my newsletter too long, so I decided to add a separate addendum.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who submitted photos. They brightened my day and are teasers of what is around the corner in the next few months. I read a quote by John Harrigan that said "Happiness held is the seed; Happiness shared is the flower" and this is a sample of the beginning:

Bill Vagt sent this from his yard and I choose to include this first as I feel it truly depicts spring emerging from winter. **These are Winter Iris**



I received a number of photos from **Juliana Inman and John Poole** and they are so colorful. What a great way to beat the winter doledrums.





From Willapa Bay on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington, I received the following from **Steve McCormick**. Steve braved a very chilly morning to gather these photos and in my mind I can hear the waves of the ocean and the cries of the seagulls in the background. He said everything blooms later in his area than in Portland or the Willamette Valley.



This camelia is a hummingbirds paradise



R. 'Cheer' basking in the understory of tall spruce

Brilliant blue sky contrasting with the vibrant yellow of Hamamelis 'Arnold Palmer'



Kathy and Roger Lintault's garden is springing into color with a variety of different specimens, one of which is **Cyclamen coum, Galanthus or Snowdrops, and Hellebores**





Above - Camellia japonica 'Kakureiso'

Below - Rhododendron 'Bric-a-Brac'

**Rhododendron moupinense
RSBG 69/109**



Our blooming season is slower to start this year compared to last, but here are a few things from the yard of **Keith White and Mary Ellen Ramseyer.**



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Ypsilandra



Hellebores



Wicklow's Flame