

# 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. Our meeting may be in person or via Zoom. Meeting information will be sent to members via email and available in this newsletter. In person meetings will be at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery Bearcat Room, 515 12th St SE, Salem, 97301, with dinner at 5:00pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

## CHAPTER MEETING November 08, 2023



**Speaker:** *Sandi Jensen*

**Title:** *Fuchsias, Not Just Your Grandmother's Flowers*



Dinner at 5:00pm in the Bearcat Room at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery with the Program at 7:00pm. Complete details on Page 5





## President's Report Nov. 2023

Well, there is finally snow in the Cascades! Glad it isn't down in the valley...

We had a fun conference in Florence. A lot of great speakers and several of our members were in attendance. The host club made it hard to watch our sugar intake because their members baked cookies and every break in between speakers they encouraged us to go get some cookies!

Our October membership meeting at the Ram Pub was fun and the Bearcat room was full! Mark Akimoff was our speaker and he gave an interesting talk about wild flowers in Oregon. There were two visitors at the meeting, Mike Bones, Siuslaw Club and Jack Olsen, our District 4 Director. Mike brought a rhododendron door prize that was auctioned off. Dinner and the company was wonderful, as usual!

Our membership drive is off to a good start. We currently have 14 regular members, 1 sustaining member and 4 associate members that have paid. We are reaching out to previous members to see if they are interested in renewing their membership, and of course, we are always looking for new members! If you know anyone who would like to learn more about rhododendrons and have fun with a fun group of people, please bring them to the meeting on November 8!

The plant auction went well with 15 plants sold. Anne suggested that the 12 remaining plants should be re-potted. If anyone is interested in helping with that, please let us know. I still need to pick up my plants from Anne, I hope she doesn't resell them!

Our webmaster, Kathy Lintault, has the website back up, however it still needs some work on the content. We will be helping her with that, and if anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

A December potluck is being planned – more information to come.

I picked the last of my green beans before the frost. Fall is definitely here!

**Dana Malby** - WCARS President

## September Minutes



## Mary Crofts Secretary Oct 11, 2023

We gathered at The Ram in Salem, in the Bearcat Room, which is becoming a "comfortable" place to meet and eat. A good crowd showed up; all chairs were filled and I think we had to bring in additional places to park. In addition to the usual suspects, we had two new members: Nancy and Jay Burr. And we had our evening's speaker, Mark Akimoff, founder, propagator and owner of Illahe rare plants, plus Mike Bones of the Florence chapter, past director of ARS Region 4, and Jack Olsen of the Eugene Chapter' current director of ARS region 4.

President Dana Malby called the meeting to order with first-up being our budget for this year. Treasurer Adele O'Neal had copies for all and after a brief discussion, the budget passed with a voice vote. Adele also talked about the on-line plant auction. All but 12 of the rhodies sold. After Adele receives payment, the happy bidders can head to Anne Gross's home and garden to pick them up. No surprise as who won the most...Karen and Roger Landers. (But now that I've actually seen their place, they do have ALOT of room for rhodys.) The sale total added \$899.77 to our bank account. At the next board meeting we will discuss how to determine the fate of the 12 remaining rhodies.

The upcoming Western Regional Conference in Florence, hosted by the Siuslaw (Florence) Chapter was discussed and, of course, was well promoted by Mike Bones, since it's in his backyard at the Florence Event Center, a modern and beautiful venue. Quite a few of us are planning to attend and I know we'll have a great time.

It was time for Mark's talk but first we took a brief intermission to view and purchase the rare plants and bulbs that Mark had the kindness to bring to our meeting.

Mike Bones also came bearing gifts. Mike had with him a R.Blitz, a small hybrid with red flowers that he said he had stolen from Log Cabin Nursery (Springfield) earlier that day.



**R. Blitz photo by Arbode Garden**

Mike auctioned this plant but was only able to squeeze out \$20 from this reluctant crowd.

Program Chair, Keith White, introduced Mark Aki-moff ,who’s program was of his Wildflower Adventures Around Oregon. Mark started working with plants when he was a kid. His grandparents had green thumbs so when Mark spent time with them in the summers, they taught him about how to raise and care for all sorts of plants. (Mark is a “local” having grown up in the Battle Creek area of South Salem). When Mark grew old enough to be paid to work, he spent time in Maui with an uncle who had a nursery that specialized in palm trees for landscaping hotels. He studied biotechnology at Montana State University and horticultural science at OSU, where he got his degree in horticultural science. Mark has had several horticultural jobs, but a critical job was working with the famed Jack Poff, as propagator at the Rae Selling Berry Botanical Garden in Portland. Rock gardens were Jack’s specialty. This area of gardening has been Mark’s main interest ever since. Another of Mark’s jobs has been the curator position of the historic Lord and Schriver home and garden in Salem,

Mark backpacks into alpine backcountry areas all over Oregon (and some of Washington) looking for the rare small bulbs and alpine plants that would probably be lost if it wasn’t for someone like Mark who is propagating them and testing them for hardiness. In doing so, Mark is saving and preserving these small treasures. To top off his credentials, Mark is on the faculty of and teaches at Chemeketa Community College.

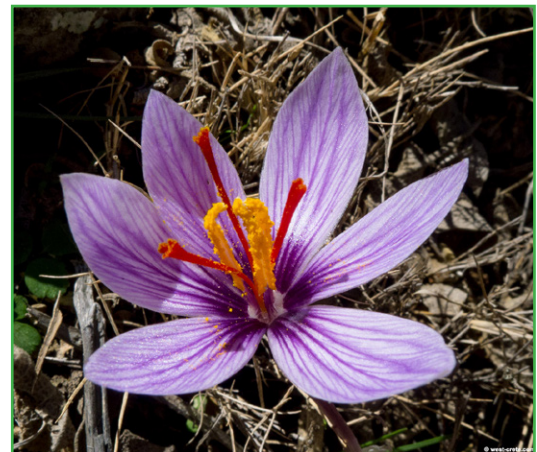
Then I (Mary, ed.) had a problem. Until this point, Mark was just talking to us. But to get to the “good stuff” of his talk, he needed the lights off to show his slides. And you have to believe your Secretary

Trying to read my writing in almost total darkness is like, impossible. I was making notes on top of notes. When I finally had a chance to see the scrawls in the clear light of a bulb (no pun intended) the whole thing since darkness was illegible.

So, since I was able to figure out the names of some the plants and from there, go on-line to Mark’s Illahe Rare Plants website, I’ve found some of them and have added a few more from the catalogue that just looked interesting. I must say that having seen his program and viewed the photos on the Illahe Rare Plants website, Mark is a remarkably good, very artistic photographer. Mark has found most of these in Oregon and he seems to find a lot of them in the John Day area.



**Colchicum: ‘Glory of Heemstede’:** An heirloom Dutch hybrid with large “globs” of flowers with white centers.



**Crocus cartwrightianus;** Possibly the ancestor of the “fabled” saffron crocus. A beautiful deep purple.



Same crocus but with '**Marcel**' at the end of the name. White blooms grouped together.

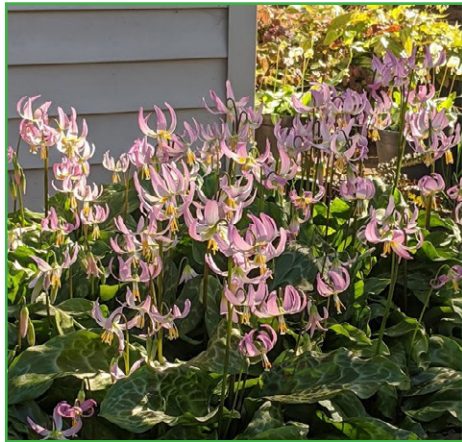


And if you like the really "odd" plant, he has rare carnivorous plants.

This was a very enjoyable program. Mark's web site is: [illaherareplants.com](http://illaherareplants.com) I suggest that for another enjoyable experience you peruse this website

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

Most of the previous flower photos were taken by Mark, as are these from his website.



**Erythronium 'Best In Show'**: Larger blooms than usual with this flower, in pink with strong stems up to 10".



From the John Day River, **fritillaria pudica** with yellow as bright as the Painted Hills.

Mark's catalog also includes bulbs that are more the "usual" type but are unusual because they're rare. One of his iris offerings is the '**moreaea aristata**' which is white with a stunning blue-green iridescent "throat".



A chilly but fiery late October sunrise over the xeric garden at illahe.



Nothing says ole' fashioned like **Gloxinia!** Believe it or not, it's the first time I've ever grown this wonderful tuberous **Gesneriad.** It was slow to get going but looks great on the patio with the pumpkins all ready to take a turn as king of the season!



Where the wild things are....the wild **Mexican, Dahlia sorensenii** takes a long time to get going, often it starts blooming a week before the first frost! But even if it's only for a week, it's an enjoyable show.

Mark also has a Blog wesite that you might find interesting: [illaherarebulbs.blogspot.com](http://illaherarebulbs.blogspot.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**WCARS December Potluck**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
**Redgate Winery**  
**Gather at 12:00n Dinner at 1:00**

# November Program



## Fuchsia's, Not Just Your Grandmother's Flowers

**Dinner and the program will take place in the Bearcat Room at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery at 515 12th St. SE, Salem, OR 97301.**

**Dinner at 5:00pm and the program at 7:00p**

### Sandi Jensen's Bio:

I have been growing fuchsias for 45+ years. Our home sits in a grove of fir trees in the coast range between Eugene and Florence. Our shaded setting lent itself well to fuchsias and begonias, so I learned to grow them, and they have taught me a lot. These days, "hardy" fuchsias have become popular, and although I have a few in the ground, I grow most of my fuchsias in pots. I do many cuttings to attempt to keep from losing varieties here in the Pacific Northwest, and because I'm obsessed with creating 'babies' from cut and /or broken stems.

I hope my talk will encourage you to grow fuchsias next spring.

### Newsletter Editor Comments:

Keith and I visited the home of Sandi and Larry Jensen several years ago, as I was interested in adding some hardy fuchsia's to my garden outside our office. It gets lots of shade and I've always loved the variety of colors available. I started by sending Sandi an email asking questions about fuchsia's and she quickly responded with "Come for a visit, we'll talk and you can pick out some plants." And that's exactly what happened. Her greenhouse was overflowing with hanging fuchsia baskets, potted fuchsia's and pots with cuttings. And then there were all the potted plants outside on tables....When we went up to their house, the back porch had an abundance of hanging baskets with hummingbirds galore! It was quite an experience. Needless to say, I went home with quite a number of fuchsia plants, most of which I planted in the ground and a few of the less hardy that I planted in hanging baskets. I have lost a few along the way but still have a number of plants blooming each year.

Sandi gave this program at the ARS Florence Conference and it was educational, personal and delivered with a sense of humor. I hope you enjoy what she has to say as much as I did.

Sandi and her husband Larry have a long standing involvement with the ARS. Larry is the past President of the Siuslaw Chapter and Sandi is the current Newsletter Editor.

The following pictures are of Sandi assisting with decorating Rhododendron 'Florence Fiesta' and two of her fuchsia's blooming in my yard. I have lost a few fuchsias I planted in the ground but most are living and thriving. I apologize but I don't know the names of the 2 that are pictured, I only know that they are beautiful!



**These 2 fuchsias are still blooming in my garden - pictures taken by Keith White on Nov 1.**



## Smith Garden Work Day

The day dawned clear and sunny as I put on my long-johns, as the temperature was predicted to be a cold 32 degrees. I was not looking forward to experiencing that "cold to the bone" feeling I would get out in the damp and shade of the garden. But I was thrilled that it wasn't raining.

Keith and I arrived at 9:30, and I have to admit I was disappointed that there were only 2 people besides Tom Gressler and Anne Gross there working. As the morning progressed there were a few more that came and went but not many compared to past work days.

By mid-afternoon however, all items on the list of chores were completed

The following are some pictures taken by **Ali Sarlak**.



**Such a beautiful Garden!**



**Anne and Tom - The Bosses**



**Keith & Mary Ellen with their weapon of choice**



**Even with her eyes closed, Nancy knows exactly what to do with those ferns.**



**Bill and Mary Ann staking out their territory and tasks**



**It's difficult to get a good picture of Ali because he is truly a "jack of all trades", always on the go and does many different tasks quickly and efficiently.**

**The following are photos by Mary Ellen Ramseyer**



**Jay looks like he knows just what to do with that saw.**



**Dennis and our President, Dana, trimming those pesky ferns**



**Tom, Dennis and Keith and obviously Keith has chosen a different weapon of choice here.**



**I think there's a fungus amongus - on a piece of wood.**



**Cyclamen hederifolium  
blooming in the garden**



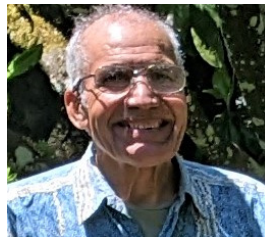
**A rhody still in bloom  
photo by Ali Sarlak**



**R. hanceanum**



**Photos by Mary  
Ellen Ramseyer**



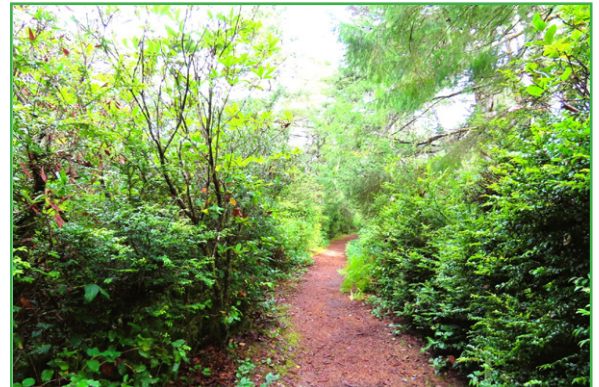
**Mike Miller Park  
Article and Photos by  
Ali Sarlak**

I love hiking in natural areas. I am trying to educate myself about the flora: shrubs, trees, alpines, fungi and all of the rest of native plant life, as well as the geology, animal life and everything else.

One of the sites I have visited over and over in different seasons is the Mike Miller Educational Park near Newport. Approaching from the North (heading South on Hwy. 101) the park is located just past the historic Newport bridge (that spans the Yaquina River, Estuary, and Bay).

There are several good reasons why I like this park, but the most important is the great display of our native R macrophyllum .

The trail starts with a long alley of rhododendrons, huckleberries, salal, Western Hemlock ,Sitka spruce trees and much more.



In this area The R macrophyllum are very happy. Possibly this is because these plants are sheltered from the Pacific Ocean salt breeze. These flora enjoy frequent mist and rains and the cooler climate of the coast.





I think that some of the rhodies are as high as 20 feet, hugging the Hemlock trees, surrounded with beautiful native huckleberry shrubs. (evergreen vaccinium ovatum ? ed.)



What also interests me at this time of year, in the Fall, after some rain and cooler weather, are the mushrooms. They are prolific. Walking through old growth conifers, along the trails I find my favorite species of fungi (mushrooms). I either take photos so that I and my friends can enjoy them that way, or often I take the edible mushrooms home to fry.

I consider myself so lucky to live in such a place with so many diverse environments: ocean, mountains, high desert, alpine areas, and all the rest.

### **Ali Sarlak**

Member, ARS chapters Eugene, Salem and Portland Oregon and Eureka California



Thanks to Kathy Lintault, our WCARS Chapter is no longer in the dark. Due to her skills and creativity we are back online with a new website that is colorful, user friendly and full of information. That being said, it is still "under construction" with much to be added once Kathy returns from her garden tour of Australia in mid-November. Click [here](#) to see this work of art for yourself. I hope you are as impressed as I.



## **ARS Western Regional Conference**

The conference was held at the Florence Event Center in Florence, Oregon. This venue was very modern and large and impressive. The facility was "Top Drawer" as was the catering.

This was a very good and fun conference. For starters, there was coffee and other beverages and a plethora of home baked cookies and more available throughout the whole conference. The Siuslaw chapter members kept baking and bringing it on. There was a very good variety of plants, Rhodies et al, at the plant sale. There were a lot of fun people to meet and reminisce with, as well as talk plants with. The conference started Thursday, Oct 19th evening with social time from 4 – 7 PM including plenty of snacks and drinks.

On the morning of Friday October 20th, the program was kicked off by a welcome/orientation talk and an official welcome from a City Council woman representing the mayor of Florence. The ever entertaining Jack Olson gave The first talk "My Favorite Flowers" with a broad representation of Hybrids and Species photos and discussion about what was special about these plants, and with discussion of and explanation of Hybrid and Hybridizer history and the presentation of sister seedlings mixed in. Jack is a great teacher. He defines the botanical terms he uses as he goes along. (He is a retired teacher and coach).

The next presentation was Sandi Jensen on Fuchsias. This was a great program including all the nuts and bolts, failures and successes as well as all the pretty flowers. Sandi's talk was so good that I asked her to present it to the WCARS at our meeting November 8th.

Next was Florence Chapter president, Day Farland, with "Geriatric Hybrids" ...A review of the old timer rhododendrons that are so good and some of which can still be purchased at nurseries. Very interesting. Gets my blood rushing.

We broke for lunch....Many great restaurants in the nearby Old Town area, and funky fun shops, all very nice old buildings from time past. Old town is on the waterfront where fishing boats are

moored. Very atmospheric as well as scenic.

After lunch the first speaker was Mike Bamford, the Eastern VP, talking about deciduous azaleas. I loved this talk. It was deciduous azaleas that lured me into the ARS. Lots of good photos of species and hybrids including the crosses made to create these beauties. There is a lot of countryside in the SE US where the hills are covered with these azaleas. Remember that there is The Azalea Society of America.

The next talk was by Augie Bergman. Titled "Rhody Wood". In reality, Augie has rarely made anything out of rhody wood. But he gave us an excellent talk, with examples, about his history with wood turning and a lot about how one must select and treat the wood before turning it on the lathe. He sources almost all of his wood from fallen trees in this area. He had many beautiful examples of his work. He gave the technique and history of making these pieces.

Next was Will Clawsen, Horticulturist and Assistant Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Will gave a history of the RSBG as well as showing us how all the improvements are made and why they are made and what is new and planned for the future. Will is a superior field botanist and photographer as one might tell from his articles in "Rhododendron Species", the annual journal of the RSBG.

After Will's program the plant sale and silent auction were open from 4-6 PM. About the silent auction: Every chapter and several businesses contributed baskets that attendees could bid on. Adele O'Neal from our chapter created a beautiful, large basket including donations of wine, nuts, and a host of goodies from chapter members. The Silent Auction made \$900 for the Siuslaw Chapter to help defray the costs of this conference. (There were slightly less than 100 registered as some nearby chapters participated almost not at all. So, the silent auction proceeds helped the Siuslaw Chapter near the break-even point.)

I should also mention here that there was a book sale with many excellent volumes going for very modest, almost free, prices. Willamette Chapter contributed excess journals and books from the 2022 ARS convention book sale in Vancouver, WA.

The after-dinner speaker was Lorrie Zeller-Bolivar. Lorrie is the director of Log Cabin Nursery. She

gave a charming and insightful history of the Log Cabin Nursery in Springfield, all the nuts and bolts. Lorrie showed us that there is no "down season" at Log Cabin. The nursery staff are very busy year 'round with no slowdowns. It is a really good story. (this is where Anne Gross goes to get the plants we sell at the Smith garden and in our chapter plant sales). The nursery did start in a log cabin. Later on, Saturday night, Log Cabin Nursery Founder and CEO, Terry Henderson, joined us for dinner. Lorrie's program was so good that I asked her if she would present it to our chapter. But true to form, she is just too busy to get away from the nursery. Maybe I can convince Lorrie to do a Zoom program for us.

Next morning, Saturday October 21 was as nice a day outside as could be. I walked the streets of Old Town starting at 6 AM. On foot, one sees a lot more. As I strolled past the "Rest-O-Bar" a gent passing me advised that this establishment made great Pizzas and Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches.

The conference kicked off at 9 AM with Jack Olson talking on "Foliage and Buds". Any talk given by Jack will keep you awake. His talks are always lively and educational and include his beautiful photography.

Next was Mark Akimoff, our WCARS October speaker, with a program on rare bulbs. Mark is a professional grade photographer. He does wonderful landscape photos as well as those of the flowers of the bulbs et al that he propagates. Check out the [Illahe Rare Plants website](#) if you want to see what I mean. Mark's program was very educational as well as beautiful. Who knew what fantastic plants grew in our wild areas.

Next was Mike Bones of the Siuslaw Chapter. Mike is the just past district 4 director. Mike gave a discussion of how the Siuslaw Chapter had integrated with the Florence community, including the schools and civic organizations. The walls of our conference room were covered with the rhododendron art projects that Florence school kids did. I think that there were about 20 classrooms represented with their work hung on the walls all around the conference/dining room and covering the speaker's dais. (the Siuslaw Chapter is the biggest in the West). What energy this chapter has.

Next was lunch on our own. We took the local's advice and had lunch at the Rest-O-Bar. A super

meal. Mary Crofts ate with us. She found out about this establishment's great Lasagna. It was great in the taste sense and in the size sense. She took home a box that would cover at least two more meals. Really overwhelmed my car's air supply.

After lunch our speaker was Linda Derkach, president of the ARS. Linda led an audience participation discussion on how to build up your chapter. How to better your chapter. There was a lot of back and forth with the attendees. Between Linda and Mike Bones I made note of about 20 suggestions, which I typed up for discussion at our Nov 1st WCARS Board meeting. I will pass these notes out at our Nov. 8th program.

Next was to be Cara Michelle Still from OSU plant research to discuss hybridizing. Cara could not make it so we had another OSU plant researcher discuss plant genetics. Her project is to genetically engineer useful plants that are invasive so that they are no longer invasive but are still environmentally useful.

The next speaker was Atsuko Gibson presenting her expedition to her homeland of Japan, in search of native rhododendrons in several locales. Atsuko was born and raised in Japan. As part of a visit home with her family, the family took trips to several of the wild places that they could access on the Island of Honshu. We got to see – as my memory serves me - *R.pentaphyllum* and *R. quinquefolium* and relatives and a few other Japanese rhododendrons in the wild. Atsuko gave us insights about family life in Tokyo and a good look at Japanese countryside. (Atsuko is highly skilled in horticulture. For many years she had been chief propagator at the RSBG. Now she is Assistant Director as well as supervisor and worker in almost everything. All of the staff at RSBG spend some hard hours in the garden.)

After dinner we had a short colorful and inviting program by Richard Fairfield on "Rhododendrons on the 49th Parallel", the 2024 ARS International Conference in Bellingham, WA May 2-5. Sounds Good!

Our after-dinner speaker was Richard Favell on "Big Leaf Rhododendrons". This gentleman has a garden in Connecticut and one in Florence. Richard showed us how he is working on developing big leaf hybrids (and maybe more hardy selections from species seedlings) that can withstand

harsher weather than their progenitors. Very fascinating.

With the announcement of the Silent Auction winners, the conference was adjourned for perusal of the plant sale and well lubricated and well-fed conversation.

### Keith White - WCARS Program Chair

The following are some photos at the conference taken by Keith White and Mary Ellen Ramseyer.

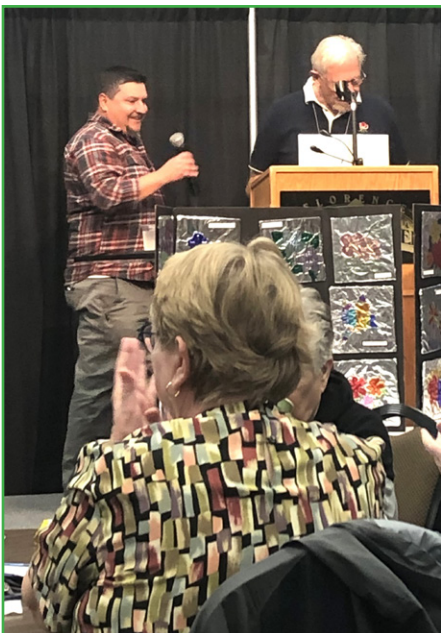




**Plant Sales, Bonsai's and Rhododendron Whorls**



**WCARS Chapter members Ali Sarlak, Adele O'Neal, Dana Malby, Anne Gross and Thuy Chrestensen. Mary Crofts was also in attendance but I have no picture of her. 🙄**



**Keith introducing Mark Akimoff as a speaker and colorful Rhodies by school children**

# R. oldhamii is the Flower for November



Our R oldhamii began blooming in late September and still has some flowers on November 3rd. Oldhamii blooms reliably and prolifically in spring and in Fall. Flowers are intense orange with red in the throat. All parts of the plant are hairy. Ours is 17 years old and is about 4 feet high and 3 feet wide. It is planted such that it gets morning sun and afternoon light shade. This plant has been abused, having been moved once for construction to a too shady site then to the present site. Planted on a low mound of potting soil, fine gravel and more local dirt than usual.

Oldhamii, a lepidote, from Taiwan is a member of Section Tsutsusi. Rhodies of this section are usually referred to as "evergreen azaleas". R oldhamii, according to Cox(S) "Encyclopedia of Rhododendron Species": Height 3.5 to 9 ft, a spreading shrub. Branchlets with dense glandular hairs and scattered adpressed hairs. Leaves persistent, dimorphic, spring leaves 3.5 -8.8 x 1.8 - 2.5 cm, summer leaves 1.5 -2 x 0,8 cm, ovate-lanceolate, upper and lower surfaces covered with long pilose, light brown hairs. Inflorescence 1-4 flowered. Corolla funnel-shaped, 2.5 -3.5 cm long, 3.8 cm across, brick red to coral pink, spotted calyx with 2mm long, glandular and pilose hairs. Stamens (8)-10, style glabrous. Distribution: Common in Taiwan, sea level to 2,700m (9000 ft) on cliffs, grassy slopes and around water.

Oldhamii is rarely offered by the RSBG. I could only find one other nursery where it is offered, in Australia, Moidart Nursery, but sold out. Seeds are advertised as available from Twining vine nursery. The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden rarely offers it in their catalog. The last offering that I could find was 2006, which was when I got mine.

Right now I have 5 cutting grown plants, rooted at VanVeen Nursery. I took VanVeen Nursery 4 new cuttings this autumnn.

**Keith White** - author of this article and photos.



## Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest all is gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain,  
So open wide the doorway —  
Thanksgiving comes again!

**Old Rhyme.**



## 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

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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>

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

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

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