

## Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

### Calendar

- Aug. 6—*Evening in a Garden Fiesta* at the Rhodo. Species Botanical Garden (see story page 2)
- Aug. 19—*Smith Garden Soiree*, 5 pm
- Sept. 16—**Chapter Meeting and Cutting Exchange**
- Sept. 21—**Board meeting** @ Van Veen Nursery
- Oct. 8-10—**ARS Western Regional Conference**, Florence, OR, Oct. 8-10 (BOD)

### Meeting Info

Regular chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month (except in **June, July, and August** which have other events).

**Meetings start at 7 pm** with a social half-hour preceding the main meeting. We clean up and exit by 9:30 pm.

**Location: All Saints Episcopal Church** – At the corner of SE 40<sup>th</sup> and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon



## Smith Garden Soiree

Join us on Thursday, August 19 at 5:00 pm to celebrate the beauty of Smith Garden and the wonderful volunteers who keep it beautiful.

While we're enjoying the delicious potluck food, let's remember to thank **Herb Spady, Anne Gross, Bob Grasing, and Tom Gressler** for giving their time and work to this special garden. According to Smith Garden Chair,

**Ginny Mapes**, this Fabulous Four does most of the weekly work day projects. The next time that Herb makes a Smith Garden report or asks for help at Smith Garden at a Portland Chapter meeting, you might think about how you could lend a hand.

(Stay tuned for next month's article about more of the Smith Garden volunteers.)



Smith Garden at the 2009 Soiree. Photo by K. Collier

Note: A detail map appears on page 3

## Mid-Summer Picnic a Real Blast!

Nearly 80 people converged on **Dover Nursery (Mike and Maria Stewart's home)** on July 17 to enjoy each other, the tours and talks, and the food. There were rhodo members from at least three Districts with several people traveling up from the SW Oregon Chapter.

There were also other surprise visitors such as a couple that vol-

unteers at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, members that have not attended a chapter meeting, and a couple



of Chapter members that haven't been seen much in recent years. The weather was perfect and the food was great...seeing good friends and enjoying a wonderful afternoon was the best. Several members are looking forward to future similar events. What a great time!

Past President **Paula Cash** navigates one of the greenhouses. See more pictures on page 2.

## Purpose

To encourage interest in and disseminate information and knowledge about the genus *Rhododendron*.

To provide a medium through which all persons interested in the genus may communicate with others through education, scientific studies, meetings, publications, and other similar activities.

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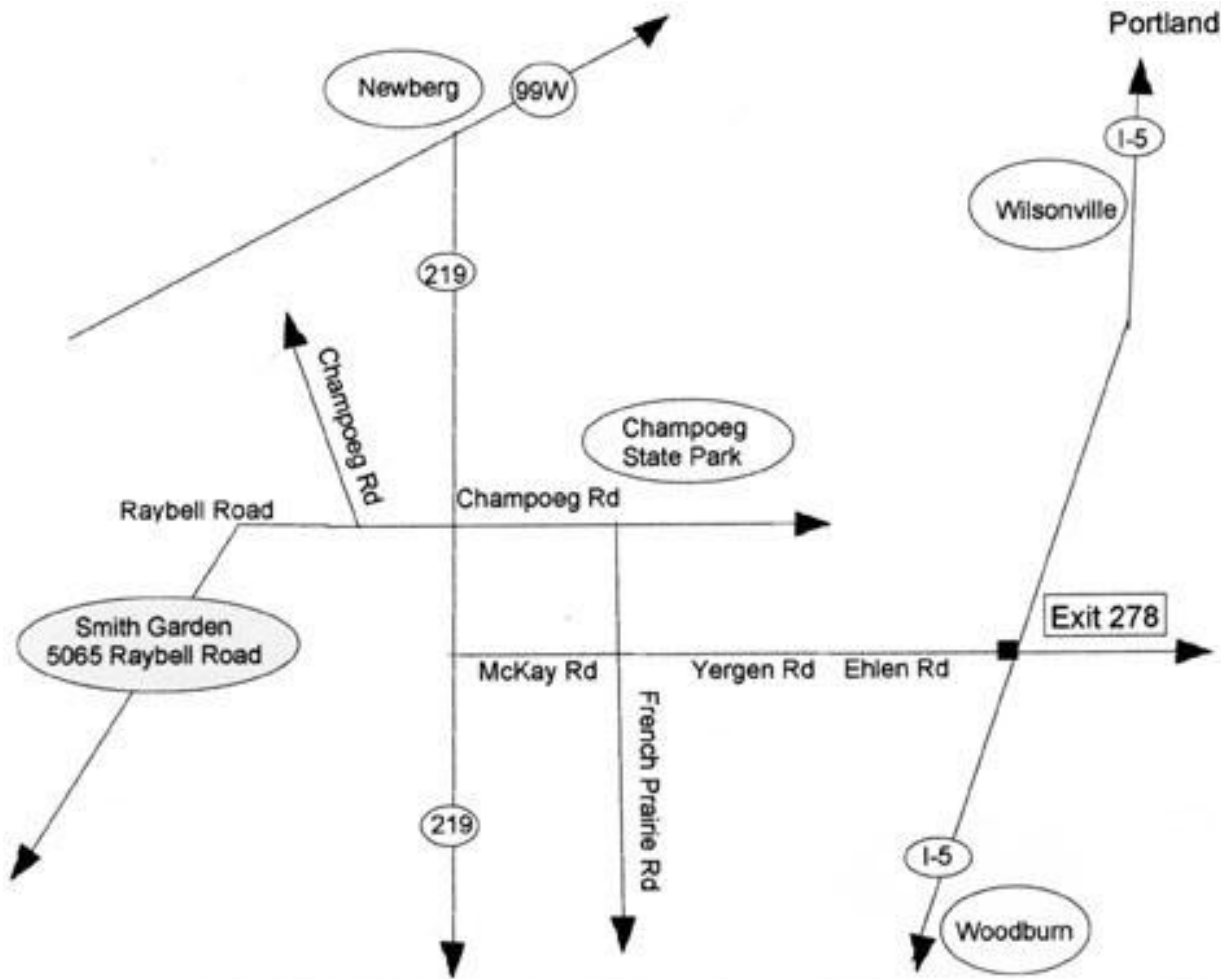
## Mid-Summer Picnic Blast! More Photos!



Mike Stewart led tours through the many greenhouses filled with interesting and well-grown plants.

No shortage of good food and friends at this party! What a great time!





Map to the Cecil & Molly Smith Garden

## NEWS SHORTS

### Evening in the Garden—Fiesta!

You are invited to an evening of celebrations at the August 6 the **Rhododendron Species Foundation Botanical Garden**, Federal Way, Washington.

**Time:** 6–8 pm

**Price** is \$20 members; \$25 guests

**Contact:** 253–838–4646

**Email:** grace@rhodygarden.org

### Eugene Chapter Picnic

Now this sounds like a fun picnic as well... The Eugene Chapter will be meeting at Greer Gardens (**Harold and Nancy Greer**) for a fun pot-luck picnic and cutting party. Imagine if you will be able to take cuttings (within reason) from any plant at the garden!!! Wow!

**Date:** August 15

**Time:** 12 noon

**Contact/RSVP:** Greer's, 541–686–8266 or at hgreer@greergardens.com

### HELP WANTED!

**Like to write?** We've got just the job for you! Our editor is retiring in June and we need a replacement! Depending on your skill level, the process may take as little as 8–10 hours per month.

**Qualifications:** Average computer and word processing skills. You will need access to a computer and printer; Internet access a plus.

If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Van Veen**, 503–777–1734 or at vanveen-nursery@hotmail.com or **Kath Collier**, 503–663–7917 or at talk2write2@wild-blue.net.

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(Thru June 30, 2011) **Steve Hop-  
kins, Brenda Ziegler, Donna Sell,  
Ray Clack, and Carol Barrett.**

(Thru June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,  
Dave Collier, Kathy Van Veen,  
Mike Stewart, and Steve  
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**GARDEN INFO:**

**Crystal Springs Rhodo. Garden**

Chairs: **Bob MacArthur** (360-256-  
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**Cecil & Molly Smith Garden**

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