

Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society

Calendar

- April 2-3—Early Show
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden
2-day Plant Sale!
- April 9—Surprise Party for
Robbie Robinson at
Calaroga Terrace
- April 9-10: Siuslaw Chapter
Early Show
- April 16: Eugene Chapter
Show
- April 16: Field trip to RSF
B.G. in Federal Way
- April 21: Annual Meeting
Chapter Elections
Speaker: Jack Olson
Topic: Rhododendron In-
sights
Plant Auction: Hybrid Rhododendrons
- April 23: Japanese Garden
Plant Sale

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 40th and Woodstock, Portland, Oregon



April Anticipation

By Maria Stewart

The April 21st Chapter meeting has several special parts to anticipate. First, it is our Annual Meeting and a slate of officers and board members will be announced. The voting on the slate of candidates will follow shortly after the announcement.

Since this meeting is the first one after the Early Show, Ann Clack, trophy chairwoman, will announce the trophy winners from the show. Ann always presents the trophies with verve and often accompanies presentations with short stories that bring meaning to the trophies.

We have much more to look forward to on the 21st because our speaker is Jack Olson. He is a Eugene Chapter member and has given quite a number of programs in the past to the chapters of District 4. The title of his talk is "*Rhododendron Insights*" and he plans to excite his listeners about rhododendrons through his commentary. His photos of hybrids will dazzle us. Jack says that he has his own opinions about hybrids and he hopes that his audience will respond to his opinions with some good conversations.

But the evening is not over yet: it's *hybrid auction* night!!! Join in the fun and bid on that hybrid that you can't live without!

See you at the April meeting!



Robbie Robinson and his cross of R. fortunei with R. Sappho, registered in 2004 as R. Robbie Robinson.

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.

The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is registered in Oregon as a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization. Dues and donations are qualified charitable tax deductions.

Meeting Calendar through May, 2011:

**April 2-3: Early Show
Crystal Springs Rhododendron
Garden
2 day plant sale !!!**

**April 9: Robbie Robinson Day
At Calaroga Terrace 3:00PM-
4:00 PM**

**April 9-10 Siuslaw Chapter Early
Show**

**April 16: ARS Eugene Chapter
Show**

**April 16: Field Trip to Rhododen-
dron Species Foundation B.G. in
Federal Way**

**April 21 - Annual Meeting
Chapter Elections
Speaker: Jack Olson
Topic: Truss Selection
Plant Auction: Hybrid Rhodo-
dendrons**

**April 23— Japanese Garden
Plant Sale
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
At the garden in Washington
Park**

**April 26 - Board Meeting
7:30 PM, Van Veen Nursery**

**May 7-8: Mothers' Day Show and
Plant Sale
Crystal Springs Rhododendron
Garden**

**May 11-15: National Convention
Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, WA**

Haiku

Those gusts from the east
Numbing cold, despite the sun,
has nipped the first buds

The sky a slate gray
Laying bare, winter's first light,
the rasp of the wren

The grip of the freeze
has all but passed on; one bird
and yet another

The onset of March —
the patter of rain, at once
a drumbeat

Robbie Robinson Day

Robbie Robinson, last remaining charter member of the ARS, is living at Calaroga Terrace, 1400 NE 2nd Ave, Portland, near Lloyd Center. Calaroga is planning a Robbie Day on Saturday April 9 and wants us to participate. It is to be a SURPRISE! His birthday is the next day (94 I think) and so it will be a two-day celebration with his family present. They will begin at 3:00 PM and ceremonies will last an hour or so. The celebration is in the 3rd Floor Terrace Room and we are asked to be on time and sign in at the lobby desk. A plant of R. Robbie Robinson, Robbie's 1946 cross of R. fortunei with R. Sappho, is being provided by Van Veen Nursery and will be presented and planted at Calaroga in his honor. No gifts are expected. For more information please contact Kim O'Malley at Calaroga Terrace 503-736-3653

Other News Shorts:

The April newsletter of the Willamette Chapter of the ARS is available at: <http://arswillamette.org/current.htm>

March 17th Meeting Re-Cap

By: Maria Stewart

You could tell that spring was in the air (despite all the cold weather!) as we gathered for a festive St. Patrick's Day meeting. Thank you, **Karen and Dick Cavender**, for the Paddy's Day cookies all decorated in green and the delicious cupcakes, too.

Another sign that spring is just around the corner was the many clipboards with sign-up sheets for volunteers. **Linda Rungay**, our Show Chairwoman, needs members to help make our Early Show on April 2nd and 3rd a success. This year is the inaugural of our chapter combining shows with the Daffodil Society and the first year we have held the Early Show and Plant sale for two days. (For more information on the Early Show, see another article in this issue of *Rhododendron News*.)

Both **Carol Barrett** for Crystal Springs R.G. and **Karen Cavender** for Smith Garden asked for help in those two gardens on their respective work days. The months of March, April and May are especially important to make the gardens look their best in time for the ARS Convention coming up in May.

Next, **Maria Stewart** passed around a clipboard and asked for help with the plant sale at the Convention.

Mike Stewart asked for members to sign up to help with the BBQ luncheon at Crystal Springs during the Convention. **Ann Clack** needs six more people to sign up on her clipboard to have a full complement of bus hosts for the garden tours during the Convention.

Speaking of garden tours, **Ray Clack** announced that anyone interested in touring the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way on April 16th may join the group Ray is forming. Please contact Ray if you want to go.

President **Mike Domaschofsky** told us the good news that our chapter earned \$1,800.00 for creating and building, and then manning our booth for five days at the Home and Garden Show in February. On March 19th, **Mike and Dick Cavender** sold rhododendrons all day at the Lan Su Chinese Garden plant sale. They sold a lot of plants!

Our speaker for the evening was **Kathy Van Veen**. We were treated to Kathy's extensive knowledge about the names of rhododendrons. For example, did you know that 'Blue Peter,' 'Windsor Lad,' 'Sefton,' 'Doncaster' and 'Loderi Pretty Polly' were all named for racehorses? Have you heard that 'Blue Tit' and 'Yellow Hammer' are named for birds? Towards the end of her talk, Kathy stated that she would have the final say on the gender of 'Jean Marie de Montague' and she did. If you want to know what Kathy said about the person named Jean Marie de Montague, you'll have to ask her.

We had a wonderful collection of door prizes described and dispensed by **E. White Smith**. There was a dwarf boxwood donated by the Bovees Nursery that I now covet. **Bob and Gretchen O'Brien**, owners of River Rock Nursery, donated two large plants of *Daphne odora*. Thank you for your donations. You help make our meetings special when you share your plants so generously.

*The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and the Daffodil Society Present
Two Shows in One:*

**The Early Bloomers
RHODODENDRON SHOW**

And

DAFFODIL SHOW

And Plant Sale (Open 9 to 5 both days)

April 2nd and 3rd, 2011

Saturday Show Time: Noon to 5 p.m.

Sunday Show Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN

S.E. 28TH AVENUE, NORTH OF WOODSTOCK BLVD.

**Bring your trusses on Saturday to the Exhibit Hall to be entered from
8:00 to 9:45 AM.**

Judging goes from 10 to noon.

Show opens at noon on Saturday.

Plant sale is open 9 am to 5 pm both days.

March 22, 2011 Board Meeting Highlights

By Maria Stewart

Our first order of business was quite pleasant to discuss. President Mike Domaschofsky proposed that the cost of the entrée for our May banquet be covered by the funds earned from our plant sales this spring. The motion passed unanimously.

The BBQ luncheon at Crystal Springs R.G. on May 13th during the convention was discussed. Mike Stewart reported that one more tent will be needed and that more Portland Chapter members will be asked to help with bussing tables. Bob MacArthur will ask the City to haul away the garbage from the luncheon. Carol Barrett reported on work to be done to the exhibition hall by the City. More outlets will be put in, a kick plate will be put around the outside edge, painting will be done and floodlights will be installed inside the outer part of the exhibit hall. We hope all this work will be finished by the time of the convention. The logistics of unloading and loading the tour buses at Crystal Springs was discussed and Ann Clack will ask the tour bus company to figure out the best way to handle that.

Our Early Show will combine this year with the Daffodil Society's Show for the first time. We discussed the equipment and space that might be needed to accommodate the Daffodil Society's Show. Ann Clack is planning a display area for daffodil trophies. Dick Cavender suggested that the Daffodil Society probably has its own display tables. Donna Sell reported that she can add publicity for the Daffodil Show to our Early Show ad in *The Oregonian* and the cost would not be that much when divided between the Chapter and the Daffodil Society. A motion was seconded and passed to have Donna proceed with the combined publicity.

Dick Cavender reported that the vendors for the Mother's Day Plant Sale will be Collector's Nursery, River Rock Nursery, Wild Ginger Farm, Red's Rhodies and Cherry Creek Daffodils.

Rachael Moloney is our new Events Coordinator for Crystal Springs. Mike Domaschofsky and Brenda Ziegler are in talks with Rachael to finalize the contract.

ARS Eugene Chapter Rhododendron Show

By Ted Hewitt

The ARS Eugene Chapter wishes to invite all members of District 4 to our 2011 Spring Rhododendron Show on April 16th. This year we are moving to a new, larger venue at Mookie's Northwest Grill at 400 International Way in northwest Springfield near the I-5 and Beltline interchange. We ask members to bring trusses, sprays, foliage and bonsai to the show between 3:30—4:45 PM. We are keeping this show simple with just a few categories: Deciduous Azaleas, Evergreen Azaleas, Elepidotes and Lepidotes. We will offer trophies in 6 classes, with judging at 5:00PM. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, with a choice of 4 entrees plus salad and dessert, the cost will be \$22.00 including gratuity and there will be a no-host bar. Please RSVP to Paula or Ted Hewitt, 541-687-8119 or ted.hewitt@comcast.net, regarding the dinner. After dinner chapter awards will be presented and we will have fun plant auction with some wonderful choices. Our program will feature Harold Greer talking about *The World in your Garden* illustrated with his fine photography.

Please contact Paula or Ted Hewitt for driving directions.

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(Thru June 30, 2011) **Steve Hopkins,**
Brenda Ziegler, Donna Sell, Ray
Clack, and Carol Barrett.
(Thru June 30, 2012) **Ann Clack,**
Dave Collier, Kathy Van Veen, Mike
Stewart, and Steve Kaminski

GARDEN INFO:

Crystal Springs Rhodo. Garden

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