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Pilchuck Chapter ARS

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May Picnic

Our May meeting will be held at Jerry and Shirley Rock's. Directions: Take I-5 Exit 202 and head West. Turn right on 34th Ave NE (frontage road). Keep right at round about. Turn left at light onto 140th Street NE (this becomes Firetrail). Travel approximately four miles. Turn left onto 34th Ave NW. At the end of the street turn right and go to the very end of the driveway (approx. 1,000 feet). The address is 13314 34th Ave NW. Phone is 360-652-8908 in case you get lost.

May Horticulture

The month of April was very wet. Notice where water pooled. You may want to move plants to higher ground for better drainage! Most plants will bud by May. Watch and prune dead wood for better growth and disease prevention. Get the weeds now before they seed down! It's time to remove winter killed buds to prevent disease.

By Jerry Rock

Jerry's Wacky Synonym Quiz

Example: Sylvester's Desire = Tweedy bird
1-Parisian Hat; 2-Ringling Brothers; 3-Oregon Volcano Pond 4-Avenues Inter-section; 5-Papered Dessert; 6-Not a Nightmare; 7-Big Alaskan Mountain; 8-Physician Abbreviation; 9-Not Smart; 10-Two Friends' Night Out.

Extra credit-Bazooka

Scores:

- 0 = normal brain, not a rhodoholics, yet!
- 1-2 = kindergarten grad
- 3-4 = elementary school grad
- 5-6 = high school grad
- 7-8 = college grad
- 9-10 = genius status
- Extra credit + above = True rhodoholic!

If you want the answers, come to the May picnic! This is a great way to learn the names of rhododendrons.

Next Meeting:

- May 7th
- 13314 34th Ave NW
Marysville, WA
- Meet'n Greet: 5:00PM
- Dinner at 6:30pm

May Program:
Tour the Rock's Gardens

Refreshments

Coffee & tea will be provided
Fried Chicken will be provided by the Chapter
Please bring:
Hot dish, Salad, or Dessert

Raffle None this time!

Thank you to those who bring raffle items!
Thank you to those who buy tickets!!

R. 'Taurus'



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Meeting Minutes April 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Blankenship, and at her request the Treasurer's report was submitted. We are in a good cash flow position. Dave Hammond reported on our participation in the upcoming ARS Convention, and specifically asked for help in preparing the potted plants for sale on Saturdays, April 18th, and 25th. Then help will be needed in unloading the truck on April 29th. These activities will start at 10am on each of the three days. Dave will also need help for cleanup on Sunday, May 3rd, as the Convention comes to a close. A sign-up sheet was past around for helpers. It was noted that you cannot help if you haven't registered for the convention. A paper ballot vote was taken for 2 positions on the Board of Directors. The winning candidates were Jane Smith and Carolyn Hansen. They will hold office for the two years. We wish to welcome onboard, four new members. They are Richard and Jennifer Fairchild, Nancy Moen, and Rose Nicoletti. Welcome to our chapter, and we hope we can share many good adventures with you in the study and collection of Rhododendrons. This Saturday, April 4th, a crew is needed to meet at Dr Glein's home to dig Rhodys for our upcoming plant sale in Mount Vernon, Saturday, May 9th. Volunteers will meet at Sunnyside Nursery at 10AM. There were many excellent plants provided by the members for our annual "Plant Exchange", after which our meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted
Marie Lawson - Secretary

May, June, July, and August Birthdays

May—Cora Zoberst and Shirley Rock. June—Donna Keough and Bruce Hubert. July—Wayne Lawson, and Cheryl Arney. August—Fred Kirby and Jerry Rock. Sounds like a party!

May Plant Sale

The annual Skagit County Master Gardener Plant Fair will be Saturday May 9, 2009 at Skagit County Fairgrounds at 1410 Virginia Street in Mount Vernon. This event is very well attended and has grown steadily through the years. We take care of all advertising and promotion for the Fair.

Since this venue will be new this year for all of us, please bear with me as to the details of set up. We plan to open the vendor gate at 7AM Saturday the day of the event. Once again we will also plan for set-up and display on Friday afternoon from 3-6pm. You do so at your own risk as we do not provide security. We will however know ahead of time if we are having someone on hand to monitor the site overnight. Due to the size of the venue we are anticipating having most of our vendors indoors. Some of our larger vendors may be adjacent to the building on the lawns. This site has good access for all most trucks. The booths are approximately 400 sq feet. Each vendor is responsible for adequately staffing their booth, collecting payment for their own merchandise sales and the security of their booth. It is important to bring enough change as well as your own canopies, display items, chairs, tables and the like. Master Gardeners use colored tags so please use only white tags to mark your merchandise. Master Gardeners will be on hand to lend support throughout the day.

Programs for 2009

If you have a topic that you think would interest the members, please let a board member know. We will do our best to meet your request. We have a potential plan for the year, and will always welcome your suggestions. We hope you enjoy the programs and learn something new. We want to have a little fun too!

May 7 – Picnic at the Rock’s, install officers

May 9 - Plant sale at the Skagit County Fair Grounds, Mt. Vernon

June thru August– no meetings

September 3–Richard Fairfield presents Japanese Gardens in Japan

September 17–20 Western Regional Conference–Tacoma, WA (see the ARS Journal for more information.).

Keep this page next to your calendar!

Answers to April’s Quiz

1—Aurora; 2—Honey Butter; 3—Friday; 4—Frontier; 5—Applause; 6—Award; 7—Bambino; 8—Beautiful Day; 9—Black Magic; 10—Bo Peep.

Claude Monet's paintings have been loved by thousands for many years. Perhaps, his statement will include the reason his landscapes have been treasured.

More than anything, I must have flowers always, always. - Claude Monet

Date	Event	Comments
May 7th	Chapter Picnic	Jerry & Shirley Rock’s Gardens
May 9th	Plant Sale	Skagit County Fair Grounds
June–August	No Meetings	Have a wonderful summer!
Sept. 3rd	Chapter Meeting	Japanese Gardens–Richard Fairfield
Sept. 17–20	Western Regional	Western Regional Conference in Tacoma, WA



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