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February Meeting

A PASSION FOR RHODODENDRONS—THE MOVIE

You will enjoy this program. We will be previewing a DVD titled A Passion for Rhododendrons produced by Mendocino Coast Films and the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. This was filmed at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens and at “Outstanding Gardens on the Mendocino Coast”. It is a delightfully intimate film which highlights the magnificence of rhododendrons on California’s Mendocino Coast.

This DVD beautifully illustrates the broad diversity of rhododendrons as both hybrids and species. You will meet renowned gardeners who have devoted their lives to cultivating and hybridizing these remarkable plants and will learn secrets from these experts for producing award winning blooms. Come join us for this beautiful film!

February Horticulture

By Jerry Rock

Time to fertilize! I use the UAP product for rhodies with an NPK of 12-6-6. Depending on the side of the plant, I spread about a tablespoon around the drip-line very sparingly. We had a bad windstorm in January, so you might want to take a look at your plants for damage. Ask me questions at the meeting. I’ll gladly give you my two cents!

R. ‘Christmas Cheer

THE ULTIMATE RHODODENDRON CONFERENCE

April 9-11, 2010 - University of BC Botanical Garden, Vancouver, BCA reminder about this great opportunity to increase your rhododendron knowledge and have a great vacation. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis and is limited to 100 gardeners. The conference is split into 2 levels of experience—basic and advanced. See the ARS Journal for more information.

• Feb. 4, 2010

First Baptist Church
Sunshine Room
81st & State Ave
Marysville, WA

• Meet’n Greet: 7:00PM

• Program at 7:30pm

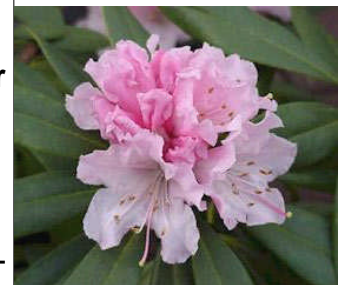
Refreshments

Last name starts with
L—Z

Raffle

Thank you to those
who bring items.

Thank you to those
who buy the raffle
tickets!



Pilchuck Chapter ARS Meeting Minutes — January 7, 2010

Things got off to a hectic start in trying to set up for our guest speaker. The overhead screen failed to deploy and the projector to be used for the evening program died. So as Shirley Rock scooted off to get some new equipment, President Barbara called the meeting to order and took care of the ongoing business of our group.

Fred Kirby is continuing to research various transportation companies that may provide a good price for a “hoped for” Spring trip to various gardens in the area.

There is some question as to where our Mothers Day plant sale will take place, as there has been some ownership changes of last year’s facilities in Mount Vernon.

Some of the club members will investigate this matter further.

Shirley Rock is working with the management of The Plant Farm, in Smokey Point, to see if we may be able to set up a “flower truss” display at their facilities. She is currently waiting for a response from the owners.

The projection equipment finally was set up, and Richard showed the program of their trip to the gardens and other highlights in the islands of Japan. The features that make up an Oriental garden were very interesting.

The meeting concluded with a raffle of plants and miscellaneous garden items.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Lawson - Secretary

What Blooming Now?



R. ‘Olive’

This lovely rhododendron blooms in February in our area. The cross is R. moupinense x R. dauricum. It is hardy to -15°F and grows to 4 ft. in ten years. The photo was taken by Ron Knight.



R. ‘Rose Mundi’

This Standish and Noble hybrid grows to about 4 ft in ten years, and is hardy to -5°F .

Note: You will see R. ‘Christmas Cheer’ too!

Programs for 2009-2010

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!

Feb 4— Passion for Rhododendrons

Mar 4— program provided by the fuchsia club

April 1—provided by the fuchsia club

May 6— Picnic

May 8— Plant sale at the Master Gardener plant sale in Mt. Vernon

May 14-17 ARS Annual Convention, Long Island, NY

Mar 22—bus trip to Canada—get your driver's license enhanced now!

June—August—No meetings

Sept.2- TBD

Oct. 8—10—ARS Western Regional Conference, Florence, OR

Bring a friend or neighbor to a meeting and share the fun!

Birthdays

January 17th—Chuck Blankenship

February—Marie Lawson (2/16); Lenita Kirby (2/24).



Photo by Steve Henning

Rhododendron of the Month

Would you like to participate in the 'rhododendron of the month'? Just e-mail a photo of your favorite rhody, and it will be displayed right here. This is one of Chuck Blankenship's favorites. R. 'Viennese Waltz' resides in their Oso garden. This 1976 John C. Lofthouse cross (Lem's Cameo x Pink Petticoats) was registered in 1984. Grows to 5 feet in ten years, is fragrant, and is hardy to 0°F.



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