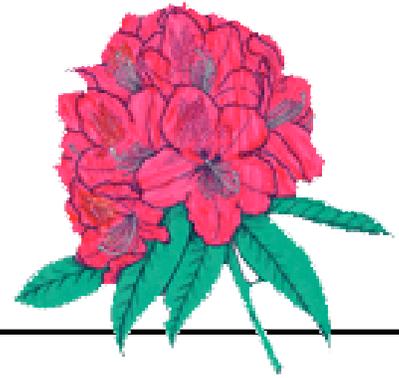


Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

April 2012



Tuesday, April 10, 7:30

Presbyterian Church
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

Show Prep 101

Our annual Show and Sale is now less than a month away. Jim Celeri and Dennis McKiver will conduct an open forum type of meeting explaining how to get ready for the Show. What and when to look for your entries, how to prepare them, what to avoid and any questions raised will be covered.

You could bring in some trusses or sprays and have them evaluated.

Don't forget that there will be the last Show meeting at 6:30 prior to the regular meeting.

Polling Time

Officers for the 2012-2013 year will be elected at the April meeting. Any member at the meeting may nominate a member, including themselves, for an office. At the March meeting the Nominating Com. presented a slate

of officers. See the General Meeting Minutes below. Only members at the meeting may vote.

This is a good time for you to get yourself a little more involved.

Show Business

We're making a big change this year as the Show's venue is moving from Dana Gray School to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Work has been progressing for this new location. Contact Jim Celeri (964-7526) if you'd like to help Jim get the new challenges met.

As in the past we'll be delivering 'bottles to businesses' on the Wed. before the Show. Bring trusses to the Giomi's on Tuesday afternoon, or by 9 am on Wed. If you'd like to help distribute the bottles contact Terry Giomi (964-4435). The more help we have, the less time each of us has to work on this.

We still need a few more clerks for the judging. The job entails recording the judges' selections and directing them to each class they are judging. It's a fun way to get to know knowledgeable rhody geeks and more about judging. You must be available from 9 to noon on Sat. morning. Contact Dick Jones (964-4353) if you'd like to work as a clerk with the judges. If you have a card table we may need some.

Keep your cameras ready for some photo ops for the People's Choice Photography entry.

It always helps if exhibitors have their entries ready to put on the tables when they arrive at the Show site. This means that you've already groomed yours and have your entry cards filled out. Remember to get entry cards from Jim Celeri at the April 10 meeting. If you cannot get them then contact Jim (854-7526).

Member exhibitors are encouraged to bring their entries to the show Friday evening between 5 and 7 PM. Entries will be accepted on Saturday between 7 and 9 a.m. If you live out of town and cannot get there that early arrange with Jim Celeri (964-7526) beforehand.

Exhibitors need not be members of the Noyo Chapter or the ARS so encourage and help your friends select and bring some trusses or sprays. Non-members are eligible for all awards, although trophies will remain in the custody of the chapter.

Remember, with the Show at a new site this year, it will be new to all of us. Tolerance and a little more help than usual will help to make our transition smooth.



Mary Anne Payne MCBG Diector (on the right) meeting with (counterclockwise) Sam Foresman, Joyce Gilbertson, Jim Celeri, Shirley Kelley and John Winding



2012 Theme, "Rhododendrons in Our Gardens"

Noyo Chapter Minutes *General Meeting*

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President, Frank Celeri.

- Mary Anne Payne was welcomed as a new member & tonight's speaker.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written (Nannette/Byron m/s).
- John Winding gave the treasurers report and thanked those for sponsoring classes.
- Wellness - Frank sadly reported that Vern Piver had died last week of cancer.
- Hospitality - Shirley thanked Sue Kleinbach & Nodja Jones for tonight's refreshments.
- Membership - Terry reported that we were down 16 members from last year He also recommended that we check the roster to see if your name is there since it was noted that Bea Aker had been left off the list. Terry also passed around two sign-up sheets for helping at the membership table during the Show and placing trusses at local businesses.
- Show - Jim reported that all was going well and that a rule change had been approved. Bonsai will be included in the Sweepstakes award and photography and floral arrangements will be included as peoples' choice awards.
- Newsletter - Dick reminded everyone that if you are not on the email list but have email to let him know (online newsletters are in color).
- Steve Hootman, Executive Director of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, will be visiting the Eureka, Cal & DeAnza chapters later this month. We're trying to include him here for an extra meeting on March 23rd at the Botanical Gardens. No admission fee will be charged.
- Dick will email the details and suggested you call him or Frank if you are not on the email list and would like to attend.
- Ken Jones introduced the slate of officers for the 2012 - 2013 year:

Jim Celeri, President; Joyce Gilbertson, Vice President; Rosalie Stanley, Secretary; Sue Kleinbach, Treasurer; Ken Jones & Dan Konigsberg, 2 year Board members. (Sam Foresman & Shirley Kelley have 1 year left on the Board.)

- Jim introduced tonight's speaker, Mary Anne Payne.
- Show & Tell - Dick brought in three trusses, two arboreums & Bibiani, "a great early red"
- Raffle plants were described by Jim Celeri.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm(Terry/Sam m/s)
Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

Show Meeting

March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Show Chair, Jim Celeri.

Members Present: Jim Celeri, Sam Foresman, Frank Celeri, John Winding, Rosalie Stanley, Bruce Philip, Nannette and Terry Giomi, Dick Jones, Shirley Kelley, Lucy Johnson, Bob Schoenhoff, Theresa and Byron Jonk

- Members discussed having an additional meeting on March 23, 2012 to have Steve Hootman speak. He is the Ex. Dir. and Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. Costs of travel and hosting are covered and the meeting room at the MCBG is reserved. Dick will contact the Mathey's & Walsh's to determine an appropriate time. This meeting will also be open to other interested groups, e.g. the garden club, etc. No admission will be charged.
- A motion passed to give the RSBG \$100.00 (m/s Frank/Shirley). This amount was in our budget.
- We need about 700 feet of white plastic to cover the show tables. Sam will look into it.
- Rule changes were tabled last month regarding whether photography, bonsai and floral arrangements should be included in the Sweepstakes Award. A motion passed to include bonsai in the sweepstakes but have photography and floral arrangements remain as peoples' choice awards. (Sam/Frank m/s)
- Dick will change the rules.
- It was discussed how to honor Eleanor Philp (photo of her with silver medal) at the Show.
- John reported that \$450.00 had been received in Eleanor's name.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

All Work and No Play . . .

Several members were asking Sue Kleinbach for her stuffed fruit recipe at our last meeting. In case you didn't taste the treat or missed the recipe here it is. Treat yourself.

Cheesecake Stuffed Peaches

Ingredients

- 6 fresh **peaches**, halved and pitted
- 1/4 cup **butter**, melted
- 3 tbsp **cinnamon sugar** (3 tbsp sugar combined with 1 tbsp cinnamon)
- 1 (4 oz) pkg **cream cheese**, softened
- 1/4 cup **sugar**
- 1 **egg yolk**
- 1 1/2 tsp **vanilla**
- granola cereal (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line a 15x10x1 inch baking pan with parchment paper; set aside.
3. Trim a very thin sliced from the rounded side of each peach half so the halves will stand flat on the baking pan. Dip peach halves in melted butter to coat. Arrange peach halves, cut sides up, in the prepared pan.
4. Sprinkle cut sides of peaches with cinnamon sugar; set aside.
5. In a medium mixing bowl beat softened cream cheese with a mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add sugar, egg yolk and vanilla. Beat until combined. Spoon cream cheese mixture into peach centers.
6. Bake, uncovered, about 30 minutes or until lightly browned and softened. Sprinkle with granola. Serve warm or room temperature.

Serves 6.

Hammerheads, Our Forbidden Fruit . . .

Like the majority of ARS chapters Noyo does not allow hammerheads to be judged as trusses.

Brenda Macdonald of the Fraser South Rhododendron Society up in Vancouver wrote the following heretical piece for the June 2011 issue of The Yak, their newsletter.

In praise of illegal things . . .

Many of you are probably aware that unlike our Justly Famous Beer Bottle Truss Show, many other garden clubs and rhododendron chapters have annual truss shows that are adjudicated by a panel of judges. And it goes without saying that if there are to be judges, there will be laws - rules about the categorization, the preparation, and the presentation of the flowers being judged.

For rhododendron trusses in particular, one of the great iron-clad rules is that "hammerhead" trusses will be disqualified. (That is, except for the FSRS show, which has a special category for Hammerheads.) They are essentially illegal.

For those confused by the terminology, a hammerhead is a single leaf stem that, at its growing tip, has more than a single flower bud.

All sorts of research has not clarified for me the derivation of the term hammerhead as it applies to flowers, although there are many confusing references to wooden hammerhead trusses being used in fancy log houses, hammerhead bridge piers and other such engineering marvels, as well as a slightly unnerving reference to a large and rather ominous looking electric guitar. But nowhere could I find how the leap from bridge trusses to flower configurations came about, or why having more than a single flower rachis growing out of the same terminal should be so described. Ah, the mysteries of engineers and botanists, more aligned than we ever knew.

Some species and hybrids tend to produce hammerheads with generous abandon. These are fairly universally accepted on small lepidote rhododendrons such as "Bob's Blue" where they can add significantly to the floral display. But some of the large elepidote hybrids are also very prone to this sort of excess flower production, and for the average gardener looking to maximize flower return on gardening investment, this seems to be a very good thing indeed. 'Yeti', which to the best of my knowledge is an unregistered Finley hybrid ('Crest' x 'Crest'), is a paragon hammerhead producer, and all the better for it. Almost all of the upper branches have two and sometimes three flower buds, leading to an exuberance of blossoms that is quite endearing. As single blossoms they are very attractive, a creamy, dense white that up close display a pale yellow throat. But from far away the yellow throat is not apparent, it simply adds to the rich colour of trusses that can only be described as voluptuous.

Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain whether that really big truss at the top of your plant is a hammerhead or not. Two and three trusses all jammed together often look like a single truss, just more so - taller, wider, and fuller.

Truss shows and judges aside, how can this not be a good thing?

Brenda Macdonald

Perhaps Brenda's ideas are worth discussing. Your editor, for one, does not have a judge in his home checking what's in the vase.



(Left) Note the stem on the left bud. This is not a hammerhead.



(Right) All of these buds are on one stem. This is a hammerhead.

Punctuation commands our scrutiny just as our trusses do.

John gets a letter from his gal Jane right after a big fight:

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy--will you let me be yours? Jane

But John knew Jane, knew that her punctuation was terrible, and knew that, especially in light of their fight the night before, the letter really should have read like this:

Dear John:

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be? Yours, Jane

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Mark Your Calendars

2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

Meetings typically are at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg starting at 7:30 pm. **Show Com.** meetings are at 6:30 preceding each general meeting.

- Tuesday, April 10
- Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6

Noyo Show & Plant Sale

- Saturday, May 19 - Spring Potluck

Other Northern California Shows

- Cal Chapter, Oakland, April 14 - 15
- Eureka Flower Show, April 28 - 29

Western Regional Conference ARS
Nanaino, B.C. Sept 21-27, 2012

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