

Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society
December 2012



Tuesday, Dec 11, 7:00
Presbyterian Church
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

Time to Celebrate

The turkey and stuffing's long gone and now it's time for some serious Holiday fun. In many of the Noyo homes this starts with our annual Holiday Potluck. As usual, we'll start with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30. Actually, you could start **at 3:00 and assist with the set-up**. For those who want wine or beer, BYOB, otherwise liquid refreshments will be provided as well as flatware and plates.

If you've not signed up yet for your potluck contribution please contact **Shirley Kelley** (937-1550, spckelley@att.net) asap. Typically we need appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, decorations, beverages, and help with the set up/clean up.

For those that would like exchange gifts we'll have a White Elephant gift exchange again. Bring a wrapped gift and put it in the mix. After the first person has selected a gift the remaining participants are free to select a new one or one that has been selected by a previous selector. As a guideline the gifts should have a value around \$10, and should be new. All of us have stuff around the house that we think is worthwhile. We know all of it's worthwhile since we still have it. This'll help you do a little early spring cleaning and have some fun at the party.



Festival of Lights

In case you've not enjoyed the [MCBG's Festival of Lights](#) the schedule has been extended. Click [here](#). It's worth the visit.

Calendars

On the last page be sure to check the meeting dates for next year's meetings and our Show. We're changing to the 4th Wednesdays.

In the Spirit of the Holidays

The season of sharing is upon us and here are a few ideas.

- The **Food Bank** can always use a turkey.
- Chuck Presig** (964-5016) has a bunch of 6' grape stakes he'd like to give to anyone with some fencing needs. He'll even cut them to length. He also has lots of holly berries (attached to branches!) for decorations.
- Dennis McKiver** (*82-964-3636 or 477-6653) can use plastic pots, especially 1 gal. Dennis has many plants he's retrieved from the Descanso Nursery. Many of these will be used for Noyo Chapter purposes. Contact Dennis if you'd like to help him in this endeavor.
- We have many rhododendron friends back East who were effected by the severe storms in Oct. Earlier donations made to the [Red Cross](#) through the **Weather Channel** generated matching funds.
- On the next page is the updated list of **Noyo Chapter Proven Performers**. With this list you'll be prepared when you go Xmas shopping (even if it's for yourself).

Noyo Chapter Proven Performers 2012

In October Bruce Philp, Dennis McKiver, and Dick Jones revised the 2004 Noyo Chapter Proven Performer list. It's formatted below so that if cut out and folded it will neatly fit in your purse or wallet, and you'll be prepared when you visit a nursery. You can feel confident that these plants will perform well here on the Mendocino coast (and probably anywhere from Monterey up to Washington along the coast).

Elepidotes

'Alice'
'Anah Kruschke'
'Bibiani'
'Bronze Wing'
'Bruce Brechtbill'
'Cornubia'
'Cotton Candy'
'Dame Nellie Melba'
'David'
'Dr Arnold Endtz'
'Fastuosum Flore Pleno'
'Fire Rim'
'Fireman Jeff'
'Halfdan Lem'
'Horizon Monarch'
'Jan Dekens'
'Jim Drewry'
'Lady de Rothchild'
'Leo'
'Loderi King George'
'Markeeta's Prize'
'Mrs. E. C. Stirling'
'Nancy Evans'
'Noyo Chief'
'Noyo Don'
'Noyo Dream'
'Pink Delight'
'Pink Pearl'
'Point Defiance'
'Red Walloper'
'Red Eye'
'Royal Purple'
'Rubicon'
'Ruby Hart'
'Seaview Sunset'
R. macabeanum
'Taurus'
'The Honorable Jean Marie
de 'Montague'
'Very Berry'
'Vulcan'
'Windsong'
'Windsor Lad'

Lepidotes

'Blue Diamond'
'Crater Lake'
'Egret'
'Fragrantissimum Improved'
'Fort Bragg Centennial'
'Ginny Gee'
'John Paul Evans'
'Lemon Mist'
'Mi Amor'
'Passionate Purple'
'Patty Bee'
'Patricia Marie'
'PJM'
'Snow Lady'
R. burmanicum
R. davidsonianum
 'Ruth Lyons'
R. impeditum
R. rubiginosum
 (aka *Desquamatum*)
R. russatum
'Vibrant Violet'

Deciduous Azaleas

'Arneson Gem'
'Beaulieu'
'Cannon's Double'
'Cecile'
'Gibraltar'
'Homebush'
'Irene Koster'
'Kathleen'
'King Red'
'Marion Merriman'
'Princess Royal'
R. occidentale
'Totally Awesome'
'Washington State
 Centennial'
'White Lights'

Evergreen Azaleas

'Aphrodite'
'Billie Dee'
'Brienne'
'Cameo'
'Caroline Gable'
'Hexe'
'Hino Crimson'
'Ima Shojo'
'Inga'
'Nuccio's 'Happy Days'
'Peggy Ann'
'Ripples'
'Rose Queen'
'Ward's Ruby'

Rhododendron of the Month is 'Pink Delight'

(submitted by Dennis McKiver)

It's my favorite winter bloomer since it blooms all winter, isn't adversely affected by the rain or light frost and cut flowers will last two weeks or more in the house. It blooms over a long period. In my yard in Fort Bragg, the first blooms usually appear at Thanksgiving and it continues to bloom up through March and sometimes into April. The patient gardener can color up the dull landscape of winter with this large grower, as it can take several years for it to begin blooming. Perfect anywhere you want to create a wall of foliage and flowers, just step back and give this one some space. You will not be disappointed! It wants to grow very tall and tree-like, however it responds well to pruning it you want to keep it a wonderful large shrub. Personally, I like my trees to grow into trees and not prune them into bushes. The flowers are a lovely white with a bright pink picotee edge. It has fantastic foliage of dark green pointed leaves with a light cinnamon indumentum.

It's listed in the book of *RHODODENDRON HYBRIDS*, 2nd Ed. 1992, Sally and Greer, page 241, as a Hybrid cross of *R. arboreum* X unknown. However, the Royal Horticultural Society lists it as "a selected clone of *arboreum*". Additionally they say it was introduced, "pre 1950 (probably 1809), this clone was introduced in 1974 by Wakehurst – selection from *arboreum* ssp. *cinnamomeum* var. *roseum*. Species distribution: Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Assam." In any case it's been around for a long time, winning the Royal Horticultural Society Award of Merit in 1926. It is mentioned in an [article](#) about rhododendrons in New Zealand with a photograph in the [American Rhododendron Society Journal 42:2](#) (1988), p. 87.



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Mark Your Calendars

2012-2013 Meeting Schedule

Meetings typically are at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg **starting at 7:00 pm.** **Show Com.** meetings are at 6:00 preceding each general meeting.

•Tuesday, December 11

Xmas Potluck

•Wednesday, January 23

•Wednesday, February 27

Don Wallace, Singing Tree Nursery

•Wednesday, March 27

•Wednesday, April 24

•Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12

Noyo Show

at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

•*Spring Potluck*, TBA Saturday,?

•April 20-21, 2013

Cal Chapter Show and Sale

•May 1-5, 2013

ARS Convention, Olympia/Tacoma

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