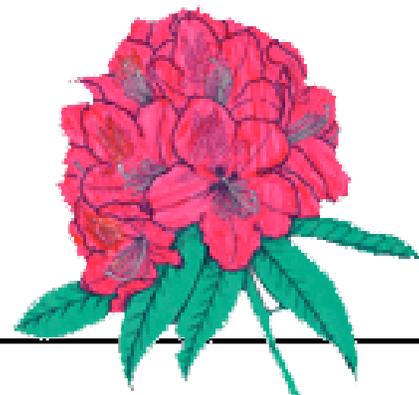


Noyo News



Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society
February 2010

Another Master Planner...

***Tuesday, Feb 9, 7:30 pm
Presbyterian Church
367 So Sanderson Way, FB***

Our program coordinator, Marianne Petersen, has enticed (unrelated) **Jacob Petersen**, to present his ideas on coordinating different aspects in garden planning.

Jacob will be speaking about the relationship of gardens, recreational program, and water

through the lens of three of his recent urban park projects: Discovery Green (Houston), South Waterfront Neighborhood Park (Portland), and Los Angeles State Historic Park (Los Angeles). Each of these projects exemplifies a unique approach to garden design and the integration of water and recreational programming to create diverse and enriching urban landscapes.

While most of our personal landscapes are not on the scale of Jacob's urban experiences his ideas will be applicable for our own little landscapes.

Noyo Chapter Web Site

The newsletter is now available online at our web site noyochapterars.com Have you been to the Noyo Chapter web site? If not, take a look.

To see our Noyo newsletters, go to our web site

www.noyochapterars.com and click on "Noyo Chapter Newsletters", then, at Noyo Chapter Newsletters click on the link you find there.

This will take you to the new Noyo blog page which has the newsletters. Once there, just click on the issue you wish to view. Be patient as it takes a couple of moments to download. This download depends on the type of web connection you have. You can even print it out from there!

Terry Giomi has spent several hours working on the our site and deserves a thank-you from all of us!

Check It Out

Make sure you read Dennis McKiver's article in the just arrived Winter issue of the ARS Journal. See p. 38.

Kudos to Dennis for getting published.



Urban Garden at Discovery Green, Houston

Noyo Chap. Minutes

General Meeting

January 12, 2010

- Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by Vice-President, Marianne Petersen
- No guests or new members
- A motion to approve the Nov. 10, 2009 minutes passed (m/s B Aker, S Levine)
- Treasurer John Winding's report was accepted. (m/s F Celeri, Charvet)
- Rose reported that Eleanor Philp is still experiencing difficulties from her pacemaker operation and may go back into the hospital. She's enjoys contact with her friends.
- Thanks to Theresa Jonk and Shirley Kelley for tonight's refreshments.
- No membership report
- Dick requested any submissions (e.g. article, poem, book review, etc) for the newsletter to add more variety. He requested that internet people visit the chapter web site so that it has many hits. This helps our sponsors and helps keep the site high on the Google list.
- Jim reported on the Show. We'd like to provide lodging for our judges so if you'd be willing to provide lodging please contact Dick Jones. We've ordered plants from Log Cabin Nursery in Oregon to get more variety in our plant sale.

Old Business

- Shirley reported that there are some bowls left from the Xmas Potluck. Contact her if you are missing one.

New Business

- Marianne pointed out that it is the time of year for us to get our leaders in place for next year. The current president and vice-president cannot hold those offices again. More importantly it's good for different people to take some of the responsibilities. Contact Rosalie to indicate your interest.

- Marianne introduced our DVD program, a film prepared by Ron Rabideau about his trip to Arunachal Pradesh.

- Dennis described the plants in the plant raffle. Dan Charvet donated all of them.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm
- Respectfully submitted,
Dick Jones, Secretary Nov. 10, 2009

Show & Plant Sale

Committee

Jan 12, 2010

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm by Jim Celeri

Present: Jim & Frank Celeri, Shirley Kelley, Dick Jones, John Winding, Dennis McKiver, Marianne Petersen

• Insurance

After considering pros and cons of switching carriers it was decided to stay with our local agent, Northcoast @ \$450 (as per budget). A motion to this effect was passed. (m/s Jones F Celeri)

• Plant Sale

To provide more variety of plants 325 1 gal. @ \$4 were ordered from Log Cabin Nursery in Ore. Jim and John will drive up to get the plants, probably in late Jan or in Feb.

To meet our budget projection of income from the plant sale we'll need 475 1 gal. from the Celeris.

Plant prices were tentatively set at \$13 for 1 gal., \$25 for 2 gal., and \$40 for 5 gal, with a discounted price for buying more than one plant. These prices will be finalized (in Feb?) when we see what the local nurseries are charging.

• Judges

Dick reported that Denis Hughes (from New Zealand), Bob & Diane Weissman (DeAnza Chapt.), and June & Tim Walsh (Eureka Chapt) have agreed to judge. Cynthia Frank is still pursuing some possible judges. There is a possibility that Fred Whitney, Denis Hughes' friend in Seattle, may come down to Fort Bragg and he might be inclined to judge.

Denis Hughes feels that he needs to make a 'contribution' so he'd like to provide a program. The group liked the idea of having a featured guest speaker at the Show. It was felt this would be one more inducement for attending.

We need to provide lodging for some of the judges. A request for lodging will be made to the membership.

• Ribbons

After a discussion about multiple ribbons it was decided that in Feb we will decide whether to change our rules which stipulate only 1 ribbon for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries.

Next meeting: Feb 9, before general meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Jones, Secretary

Show Planning

There will be a Show Planning meeting at 6:30, before our general meeting on next Tuesday, Feb 9. As always, everyone is welcome to share their ideas.

As indicated in the Show Minutes we may need lodging for some of our judges. If you'd be willing to provide lodging, probably on Friday and maybe on Saturday please contact Dick Jones (dic@mcn.org or 964-4353).

Time to be Counted

It's that time of year to consider who will be our officers next year. You do not need to know about rhododendrons, nor do you need to know lots of the members. All of you can function as an officer.

The chapter has many people who are involved and likely will remain involved. These people will assist you just as they have in the past. Ask Terry or Lucy who each served as president after being in the chapter for a relatively short time. Ask Rosalie who hates speaking in front of groups, yet she's survived. The chapter has thrived as these three each served two years as president.

Please contact Rosalie indicating your willingness to serve in some capacity.

What We Want and What We Get

This year it seems like there have been more rhododendrons than usual prematurely sending out a few incomplete blooms. With the rain and generally cold weather these buds typically do not fully open. They then quickly turn brown as they do not continue vigorously opening. What follows is kind of a brown mess.

On the left, below, are what we've come to expect at this time of year, a fully blooming 'Pink Delight' and some *R. macabeanum* buds getting ready to start swelling in a month or so.

On the right, below, is what we might be getting, and not wanting. From top to bottom these premature 'blooms' are 'Honey Butter', 'Black Sport', and a Yak cross.



Bruce Palmer is the author of the following article that was published in the January issue of the Eureka Chapter Newsletter. It offers an explanation that may explain this premature, partial blooming.

WORD OF THE MONTH

By Bruce Palmer

Most of the plants in our yards are "asleep" at this time of year. This condition is known as DORMANCY, the word for this month. It's from the Latin *dormire*, to sleep. Flowering plants have invaded a wider variety of climates than plants that evolved earlier in Earth's history, such as ferns and conifers. One factor that has made this possible is that the growth and flower buds become dormant late in the summer and remain so until after the cold winter. As the days lengthen, the buds begin to grow under the influence of plant growth hormones. The three factors together: temperature, day length and growth hormones, determine when and how well the new buds grow into leaves, stems and flowers. Different plants have different requirements. We can't grow peaches well near sea level here because the winters are not cold enough.

Jeannie Timmerman prompted this word by observing that a lot of her rhodies are blooming when they should still be dormant. Quite a few of ours are also, not well, but producing partial trusses. A reasonable guess as to what is causing this is that the dormant buds responded to the prolonged cold spell we had in October. That should not have happened around here until about now, January. After it warmed up again, some of the dormant buds began to grow. A majority of the buds appear to have gotten it right, though, so we will probably have plenty of trusses for the show in April.

A lot of study and experimentation has allowed the horticultural industry to produce plants for the trade almost any time of year. Sun Valley Floral Farm in Arcata is an excellent example. Azaleas sold by florists, typically *Rhododendron obtusum*, are produced in completely enclosed buildings where light, day length and temperature can be strictly regulated. Rooted cuttings are kept in refrigerated conditions, about 40 degrees, for five weeks with a specific light level for 12 hours per day. After that, buds are induced by raising the temperature to 60 degrees and often by spraying the plant with growth hormones. The whole process takes a bit more than a year to produce a plant for sale. When you buy or receive that one gallon azalea plant for Valentines Day, you might have a new appreciation for what went into its production.



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Mark Your Calendars

2009 - 2010 Meeting Schedule

(Meetings are at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Bragg starting at 7:30 pm.)

- Tuesday, Feb. 9
- Tuesday, Mar. 9
- Tuesday, Apr. 13

- Saturday & Sunday, May 1 & 2
33rd Show & Plant Sale
"There's No Place Like Home!"

- Saturday, May ? - Spring Potluck, TBA

- 2010 ARS Annual Convention, Long Island, NY May 14-17,
- 2010 ARS Western Regional Conference, Florence, OR, Oct. 7-10

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