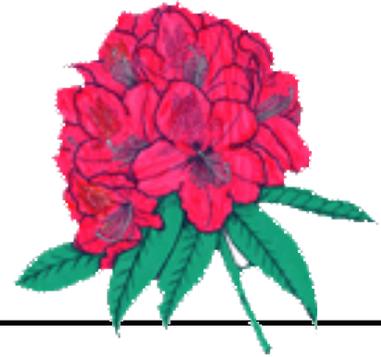


Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society
February 2015



Wed, Feb. 25, 7:00

*Presbyterian Church
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB*

Growing Pencils?

Van Veen Nursery is a specialty wholesale nursery established in 1926 by Theodore Van Veen Sr. It is known worldwide for the outstanding quality of its rhododendrons and azaleas. Ted Van Veen Jr. took over the nursery in 1961 and wrote the book on rhododendrons with his "*Rhododendrons in America*". Kathy Van Even is now the 3rd generation owner of the nursery. You can visit the nursery's website to by [clicking here](#).

The ARS awarded Kathy a Gold Medal in 2011. She joined her father Ted as the (likely) only father-daughter recipients of this prestigious award.

Kathy has an extensive background. She studied physics at the Univ. of Portland. Then at the



Univ. of Washington she studied Quaternary Paleoecology (the use of fossils to reconstruct ecosystem of the last 2 million years) after earning a B.S. in geological oceanography.

You're welcome to join us for an informative presentation on propagating rhododendrons from cuttings. This has been the specialty of the Van Veen Nursery since Kathy's Grandfather started it in 1926. Kathy brings the accumulated knowledge of her ancestors and is said to be able to "root a pencil".

Dinner with Kathy

If you'd like to have dinner with Kathy and a few other members call John Winding by Mon., 2/23.

New Meeting Format

In order to make our meetings more enjoyable and less business-like we'll get down to the more important items, i.e. refreshments and the featured speaker at the beginning of the meeting, and then conduct chapter business at the end. To facilitate this an effort will be made to get more business items in the newsletter.

Happy Birthday Joan

We have another nonagenarian inspiration. Joan Murphy celebrated her 90th birthday last week with her family.

Show Committee

Probably we'll have the opportunity to sponsor a Class at the Show like we did a couple of years ago. John will report on this at the Feb. general meeting.

Don't forget that we need bottles for displaying trusses at the local businesses before the Show, only high-shouldered ones and you need not remove the labels. Screw tops cannot be used.

Next Year's Officers

Once again it's time to consider who will be our leaders for 2015-2016. At the March General Meeting the Board will submit a slate of candidates provided they can find willing members. Voting will be done by the members present at the April meeting.

Following are brief descriptions of our offices so as to help you decide which you'd like to consider.

The **President** presides at meetings, appoints chairpeople and in general coordinates the operation of the chapter.

The **Vice-President** assumes the duties of the president when the president is unavailable, and is the Program Chairman.

The **Secretary** keeps a record of the chapter business, e.g. records minutes of meetings.

The **Treasurer** maintains the financial records of the chapter, disburses funds, and files necessary government forms.

The **Directors** participate in the business and decisions of operating the chapter, and perform duties as assigned by the President.

The Officers are elected for one-year terms (although it is a general practice to get elected for a 2nd term.) The Directors are elected for two-year terms.

If you have any questions contact any of the Officers or Directors. Hopefully you can help

them put together their recommended slate of candidates at the March meeting. All of these positions are elected and any Noyo Chapter member is eligible to run for office. Any member may nominate any other member, *including themselves*.

Noyo Chapter Minutes

January 28, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by President, Jim Celeri.

- Devon Billings was welcomed to the meeting.
- There were no minutes to approve.
- It was reported that Chuck Priesig had passed away and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Carl Nelson is ill and is living at Sherwood Oaks. Jim Bogue had shoulder surgery and is recovering at his Santa Rosa home. Byron Jonk had a pace maker put in and is doing well. Lastly, Joan Murphy has been under the weather but is looking pretty good.
- Marianne & Nanette were thanked for tonight's refreshments.
- Terry reported that not much has changed with finances. Bills have been paid and Tim Walsh refused his fee of \$300.00. Motion to accept the treasurer's report (Tubbesing/S. Foresman m/s)

• Terry reported that membership is down about 6 and renewals were much better than he expected.

• A nominating committee for next year's officers will be formed soon. Most officers will need to be replaced.

• There will be Board meeting February 10th, 7 pm at the Giomi's.

• John reported on the Phone Tree he needed an organizer and a couple more people to make calls. Dick will orchestrate, Judy Parker and Nanette volunteered.

• Susan reported on the last Show meeting. Dennis will be picking up some plants soon with the bulk of the purchased plants arriving closer to the Show. We still need high shouldered wine bottles.

• Dennis McKiver was introduced and spoke about Bonsai.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm (Nanette/Jane m/s)

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

Noyo Chapter Board Meeting

February 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President, Jim Celeri.

Members present: Terry Giomi, Dennis McKiver, Susan Tubbesing, Henri Bensussen, Dick Jones, John Winding, Ken Jones, Rosalie Stanley and Jim Celeri

• February Speaker - John is arranging plans for our February Speaker, Kathy Van Veen. He will pick her up at the airport, find lodging at a motel or with a member, have lunch, do a tour of the MCBG, and have dinner before the meeting. Ken will check with the Brewery for a menu and cost for 10 to 20 people and report to John.

• Meeting Format - John thinks we spend too much time with business and should be focused on rhododendrons. Terry discussed the value of the info provided and Dennis reported on the Eureka Chapters format. It was agreed to try a new format for our general meetings and encourage participation at Board meetings. Rosalie will help create a new agenda for our next meeting.

• Financial Update - Terry reported that there were no changes, only a few bills to pay.

• Nominating Committee - The Board acted as the nominating committee and Jim and Dennis will call some potential members to fill in the vacant offices. Nominations will be presented at the Mar. general meeting along with any nominations from the floor.

• The next Board meeting will be on March 10th, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

Thrips Problems

The following excerpt is part of a Martin Wilkie article "[problems with rhododendrons, THRIPS ADVICE](#)".

"Thrips are tiny dark-coloured insects approximately one millimetre long which live on a variety of plants, including rhododendrons and other evergreen shrubs such as Viburnum davidii in particular. Almost too small to see with the naked eye, they feed on leaves by piercing or scraping the surface of the plant cells and sucking up the contents, leaving a characteristic silvery or bronze appearance and misshapen new foliage. Mites operate in a similar way, but the results are more sandy coloured with black specks, and there is also often a fine webbing left under the leaves."

Your editor thinks he has a number of plants infested by thrips. About a half dozen plants, including 'rainbow', 'Cary Ann', *R. elliotii*, 'black sport', and 'vulcan' have the distinctive silvery leaves.

All of these plants are relatively large and have been in place for many years. The hybrids are 'older' hybrids. Each of these plants have other well established plants nearby.

Do you have enough thrips to consider it a problem? If so, on which plants? Maybe some are thrips prone. What kind of exposure on infected plants, i.e. full sun, partial sun, heavy shade? What control methods have you used?

If this is a condition of interest to you please share your experience at our meeting next week or reply to Dick Jones.



***Rhododendrons from Log Cabin Nursery
for sale now***

Dennis McKiver now has these 1 gallon plants for sale @ \$10 each.

- Brickdust** - 30" - Orange rose flowers
- Fastuosum Flore Plena** - 6' - Lavender blue double flower with darker spotting
- Hachmann's Belona** - 3' - mounded plant with pink flowers
- Hachmann's Brasilla** - 4' - yellow with veins of orange to red
- Kaparett** - 5' - Frilled light pink/huge burgandy blotch
- Lanvendula** - 3' - Lavender flowers, bronze foliage
- Lucy Lou** - 3' - White
- Milky Way** - Small clusters of white flowers
- Mrs. Myrtle Purple** - 5' - ruffled star shaped medium purple
4' - Deep, bright pink flowers with dark edge bloom. . Winner of 3 Gold Metals.
- Pink Cherub** - 3' - Rose pink with fuchsia edges
- Pink Jeans** - 5' - purplish red rim, yellow white center, red star throat
- Pontiyak** - 3' - Pink
- Princess Ann** - 2' - Yellow
- Ring of Fire** - 4' - Yellow ringed with orange
- R. bureavii X Fabia** - 4' - Light pink flowers darker upper lobe
- R. strigilosum X ?**
- Rosewine** - 4' - Pink edges, white center, yellow green blotch.
- Sapporo** - 5' - White with purplish red blotch
- Satin Memories**- 3' - Pink flowers
- Scheebuckett** - 6' - White with red eye on upper lobe
- Strawberry Chiffon** - 4' - Strawberry red
- Sugar Puff** - 3' - White
- Tall Timber** - 6' - Purple
- Tortoiseshell Wonder** - 4' - orange-salmon/ salmon-pink combinations
- Tressa McMurry** - 4' - Pink
- Weston's Landmark** - 4' - very dark pink
- Winsome** - 3' - Rose cerise blooms

Also, Dennis has three 16 lb. bags of Lilly Miller Rhododendron fertilizer left over if anyone would like to buy it at his cost, \$14.

The Botanical Gardens is going to have Rhododendron Garden Walks every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 1:00 P.M. in March, April, May, and June. Dennis conducting most of the walks, but is unable to do some of them. He needs some help if anyone is willing. Right now he needs someone to do the walk on April 18.

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Treasurers Report - 2/14/15

		Budgeted	Actual
		2014-2015	2014-2015
Bank Balance 2-14-15	\$8,497.06		
Savings 2-14-15	\$25.00		
INCOME			
Dues:			
ARS			\$2,012.00
Chapter			\$648.00
Plant Raffle	\$400.00		\$154.00
Interest	\$0.00		\$0.00
Show	\$8,500.00		\$0.00
Donations	\$60.00		\$385.00
Misc.	\$0.00		\$0.00
Table Rental	\$400.00		\$400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,360.00		\$3,599.00
EXPENSES			
Species Foundation	\$100.00		\$100.00
MCBG	\$100.00		\$100.00
ARS Dues	\$1,860.00		\$2,012.00
District Director	\$300.00		\$0.00
Hospitality	\$125.00		\$134.88
Awards and Memorials	\$100.00		\$89.77
Newsletter	\$200.00		\$167.09
Administrative Exp.	\$75.00		\$115.20
P.O. Box	\$60.00		\$62.00
Programs	\$1,200.00		\$100.00
Rent	\$500.00		\$250.00
Show	\$8,389.00		\$585.00
Filing	\$0.00		\$0.00
Insurance	\$230.00		\$0.00
Web Page	\$135.00		\$131.28
Bank Charges	\$135.00		\$197.96
Raffle	\$0.00		\$0.00
Misc.	\$0.00		\$0.00
Capital Outlay - Projector	\$400.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,909.00		\$4,045.18
TOTAL INCOME(-LOSS)	-\$4,549.00		-\$446.18

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Mark Your Calendars

2014-2015 Meeting Schedule

(Normally General Meetings will be on the 4th Wednesdays and Show Meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesdays.)

•Wed., February 25

Kathy Van Veen

Propagating Rhododendrons

•Tues., March 10, **Board Meeting**

•Wed., March 25, **Steve Hootman**

*Exec. Dir., Rhododendron Species
Botanical Garden*

•Wed., April 22, **Prep for Show**

Annual Show and Plant Sale

•Sat. and Sun., May 2 and 3

(Set-up and judging, Fri., May 1)

Show meetings - 3rd Tuesday,

noon @ MCBG, 3/17, & 4/14

ARS Annual Convention

May 6-10, Sidney, B.C.

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