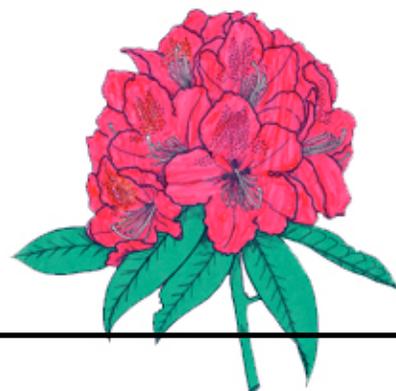


Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society
January 2011



Is there a Fungus Among Us?

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 pm
Presbyterian Church
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

It's still the 'season' for mushrooms and we're lucky to have **Mario Abreu** giving us an introduction to mushrooms here on the Mendocino Coast.

Mario is well known to many of us. For several years he was active in the Noyo Chapter. He's been working at the MCBG for the past 14 years. At the Gardens he is the curator of the heather collection, supervisor of plant propagation and the coordinator for the natural areas. He's very involved in the heather circles serving as president of both the local Fort Bragg Heather Society as well as the North American Heather Society. He was one of the prime organizers of the international Heather Convention held here on the coast last summer.



This presentation will heighten your awareness of some of the local mushrooms, maybe for food, maybe for art, maybe just to broaden your appreciation of your environment.

So, what are mushrooms?

If you are old enough to remember the Yankees winning five straight World Series, or Dewey 'beating' Truman, then you likely think of mushrooms as a special kind of plant. This is an outdated classification.

Mushrooms reproduce with spores, often live in the soil, and produce 'fruiting' bodies which all are plant-like traits. They do not produce their own food by a process such as photosynthesis which makes them more animal-like.

Currently, many taxonomists now group the fungi, which includes mushrooms, into its own kingdom of the 5 or 6 different kingdoms. This classification is likely to continue to change.

Regardless of their taxonomy, this gastronomy to the right is one that always pleases.

Brie with Wild Mushrooms and Herbs

Use any combination of crimini, white button, chanterelle, oyster, portobello, or shitake mushrooms for the filling.
Makes 12 servings.

Nonstick spray coating
8 oz wild mushrooms, thinly sliced
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onion
1/4 cup snipped fresh herbs
1 lg clove garlic, minced
1/8 tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1 1-pound round of Brie Cheese

Toasted baguette slices
and/or crackers

Spray a medium skillet with nonstick coating. Cook mushrooms in skillet over medium heat about 10 min. or till brown. Add green onion, herbs, garlic, salt, and pepper, cook 2 min. more. Cool to room temp.

Meanwhile, using a sharp knife and beginning 1/2 inch from outer edge, make a 1/2-inch-deep cavity on top of cheese. (Save removed cheese for another use.)

Fill cheese cavity with mushroom mixture. Spray a foil-lined baking sheet with nonstick coating. Place the filled cheese on the prepared sheet. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 min. or up to 24 hrs.

To Serve, bake on the foil-lined baking sheet in a 350 degree oven for 10 min. or till just softened. Remove from oven, cool for 5 min. Using a large spatula, lift cheese onto a serving tray. Serve with toasted baguette slice and/or crackers.

Noyo Chapter Minutes

Show Meeting

November 9, 2010

•Members Present: Barbara Smith, Nannette & Terry Giomi, Frank & Jim Celeri, Dick Jones, Bob Schoenhoff, Shirley Kelley, Bea Aker, John Winding

Old Business

•A motion was passed (m/s N Giomi/Kelley) to change the rules so that 3 classes, Floral Arranging, Bonsai plants, and Photography, will be People's Choice as opposed to being judged by the judges. It will be submitted to the general membership for approval.

•In January John will travel to Oregon to pick up plants from Log Cabin Nursery.

•Judy Mathey and Cynthia Frank have agreed to host the breakfast and luncheon, respectively, for our judges.

•Dick reported that we have all of our judges.

New Business

•For the *Traveler's Guide*, we will no longer have "in kind" sponsors.

•Terry and Dick picked up a pick-up load of bottles from Gualala.

•**Show Bottles:** We are missing several bottles from the Show. It is likely that some members are just storing them for next year. **If you have some please contact Frank (367-1554) to let him know how many you have.**

•Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

•*Respectfully submitted,*

Dick Jones, Secretary, Nov. 9, 2010

General Meeting

November 9, 2010

•Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm by President, Frank Celeri

•There were no guests or new members, although member Mark Welch came over from Ukiah and plans to make it to more of our meetings.

•The minutes of the Oct. 12 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Nov. newsletter. (m/s Aker/Dible)

•Treasurer's Report by John Winding, see attached. John pointed out that the \$864 deficit does include the entire year's rental for the meeting hall and our garage storage.

•Bea Aker has volunteered to assume the *Wellness* responsibility as Rose Profft has moved. Please contact Bea (884-1909 or fishrock@mcn.org) if you have knowledge of anyone experiencing health problems.

•Terry reported that our membership renewals are at 57 at this time. This is significantly down from our 70 members last year.

•A special thanks to Joyce Gilbertson, Cynthia Frank and Shirley Kelley for the night's refreshments.

•Frank requested that anyone storing Show bottles contact him (367-1554) to let him know how many you have.

Old Business, none

New Business

•The Show Com. presented for membership approval a change in the rules. A motion (m/s Winding/T giomi) to change the judging of the three classes of Floral Arranging, Bonsai plants, and Photography, to People's Choice Awards was passed.

•Dick encouraged carpooling for our meetings as it saves energy and makes it easier for those members who are reluctant to drive at night, especially in the raining season. If you'd be willing or would like a ride contact these people: Chuck Preisig (964-5016), Nannette Giomi (964-4435), or Dick Jones (964-4353).

•Dick Jones presented a program on the History of the Noyo Chapter.

•Jim Celeri conducted the plant raffle.

•A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed at 8:42. (m/s T Giomi/Aker)

•*Respectfully submitted,*

Dick Jones, Secretary, Nov. 9, 2010

Cash Flow	
9/1/2010 through 11/9/2010	
Category Description	9/1/2010-11/9/2010
INFLOWS	
Club Donations	340.00
Dues	
ARS	1,399.00
Chapter	456.00
TOTAL Dues	1,855.00
Raffle	111.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,306.00
OUTFLOWS	
Advertising and Publicity	
Chamber of Commerce	122.00
Newsletter	44.00
PO Box	44.00
Web Expense	131.28
TOTAL Advertising and Publicity	341.28
ARS Dues	1,429.00
Rent	
Meeting Place	500.00
Storage	900.00
TOTAL Rent	1,400.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,170.28
OVERALL TOTAL	-864.28

Winter in Your Garden

We're still in the middle of winter but after hunkering down for a very rainy December it's tempting to get out in the yard and do some work. With that in mind three of our very knowledgeable members, **Ken Jones**, **Dennis McKiver**, and **Jim Celeri** were queried about what is appropriate at this time. As you'd expect there was some agreement and some disagreement.

Ken and Jim both feel that it's too early to start fertilizing. "Wait till Valentine's Day is what Don Spini always said," exclaimed Ken. Dennis starts about now but uses one of the slow time release (9 month) types of Osmocote. He feels that with the slow release there is not the concern of losing your fertilizer due to leeching by the rain.

Ken and Jim also both feel that pruning should be held off for a couple of months until about March. Typically, the dormant buds take about 2 months before they start growing after pruning. If they come out in about May they then develop into strong, vigorous shoots for future years' growth. Pruning too early, as well as too late (e.g. fall pruning), likely results in weak stems that then are not

up to the task when future years' growth comes on them. Jim does feel that this is a good time to cut out old dead wood. He does caution us to be sure to remember which plants are deciduous!

There's general agreement that this is a fine time to do some planting or transplanting as long as the soil is not too soggy.

Probably because of the weather pattern last fall there seems to be more plants this year breaking out errant buds. For these plants (see 'Enticement' and a yak cross, below) that typically bloom later in the spring these buds often don't open all of their flowers, they're slow to open the ones they do, and these flowers turn brown (and mushy) pretty quickly. Plants that normally bloom (see 'Robyn', below) at this time open their buds in the regular fashion and last longer regardless of the adverse weather conditions. Jim feels that it's very worthwhile to be active about deadheading these old, brown, mushy flowers as they can harbor many pathogens that can cause problems later in the spring when there are lots of flowers.



'Enticement'



Yak Cross



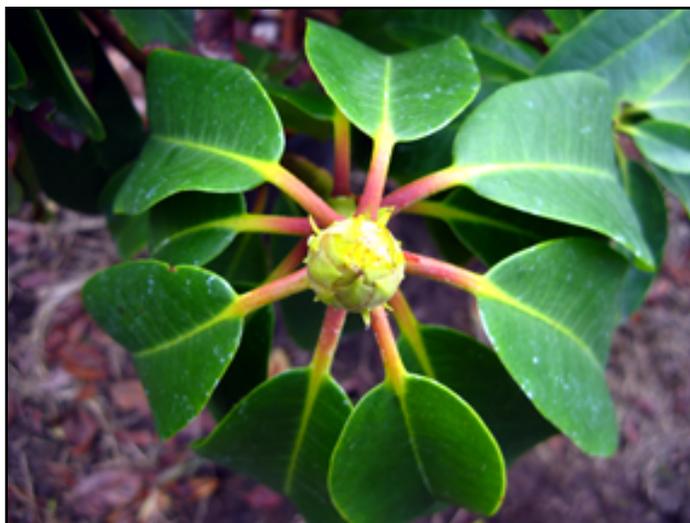
'Robyn'

On the subject of deadheading consider how Dennis spends some of his time in the garden at this time of year. What follows is a portion of an article and some pictures he submitted a couple of years ago.

People ask me, "When do you start choosing your trusses and getting them ready for the show? The answer is now, when the buds are forming. As the buds start to form in fall I start picking out the ones that have potential. Judges like upright terminal trusses and perfect whorls of leaves. So, I look for those terminal buds that have good leaves. I then groom the buds and leaf whorls to make them even better. I remove any extra flower buds (hammer heads) and I remove any unnecessary leaves that throw off the balance of the whorl. I also remove any leaf buds that form under the flower bud and could push the flower bud over so it doesn't open upright. This is especially necessary on those rhododendrons whose new leaves have a tendency to emerge prior to the flower buds opening.



*'Mrs Furnival'
hammerhead
buds before
grooming*



*'Mrs
Furnival'
with a single
terminal but
and perfect
leaf whorl*

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Mark Your Calendars
2010 - 2011 Meeting Schedule

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

- Tuesday, Jan. 11
- Tuesday, Feb. 8
- Tuesday, Mar. 8
- Tuesday, Apr. 12
- Saturday & Sunday, Apr. 30 - May 1

34th Show & Plant Sale

“Oldies But Goodies”

- Saturday, May 21 - Spring Potluck
- Board Meetings: TBA

Show Meeting

There will be a Show meeting at 6:30 before the General Meeting on ***Tuesday, Jan 11***. All members are encouraged to attend .

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