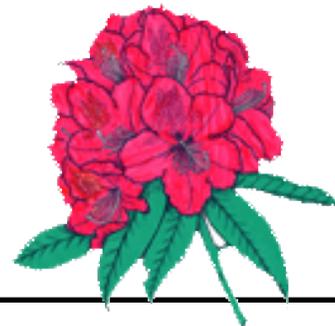


# Noyo News

## Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society  
March 2015



**Wed, March 25, 7:00**

Presbyterian Church  
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

### **An Evening with Steve Hootman**

Steve Hootman will return to the coast for our March meeting. He made a presentation here 3 years ago. Steve is the Executive Director and Curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (RSBG). As such, he undertakes regular plant-hunter expeditions throughout the world to discover, identify and acquire species rhododendrons.

Over the past 26 years Steve has become a foremost international authority on Rhododendron taxonomy and distribution. He was awarded the American Rhododendron Society's highest honor, a Gold Medal, in 2007 for his internationally significant scope of work with the genus Rhododendron. The RSBG maintains the largest collection of species rhododendrons in the United States and is committed to disseminating information about them.

His presentation is being co-sponsored by the MCBG with the Noyo Chapter. Given Steve's notoriety it would be wise to arrive a little early to make sure you sit where you choose.

### **Dinner with Steve**

A no host dinner on Wednesday (Mar. 25) will be at the Wharf Restaurant at 5:00 pm. Rsvp to **John Winding** (937- 2140 or 513-0082) by Tuesday at 2 pm.

### **Next Year's Officers**

Last month's newsletter detailed the responsibilities of our various offices. The Board will present a slate of candidates at the March meeting. Any member may nominate any other member, **including themselves**. All nominees will then stand for election at the April meeting.

As stated previously, it's time for some different people to be involved in the chapter leadership. Some of the old guard are in need (and deserving) of a break.

It's time for **you** to give serious consideration.



*Steve Hootman at 2012 presentation*

Three years ago as this writer was taking Steve to the airport in San Francisco we discussed a number of things. Most memorable was his explanation of how many people mispronounce words like *maddenii*. Given his knowledge, the following article by Bruce Palmer in the current Eureka Chapter newsletter seems very pertinent.

### **WORD OF THE MONTH**

by **Bruce Palmer**, Eureka Chapter

Tim will be giving us a talk on *Rhododendron maddenii* and its relatives this month, so it seems like a good time to discuss what some of those endings for scientific names mean. The species name in this case is *Rhododendron maddenii*. Rhododendron is the genus (Greek, genos, race) designation. The *maddenii* part is called the specific epithet (from the Greek *epitheton*, that which is added). The epithet is supposed to distinguish each species in a genus from all others in the genus and the name sets a plant apart from all other plants. This system of naming plants was a simplification of previous descriptive systems and was first used widely by Linnaeus in the eighteenth century. At that time Latin was still being used in as the common language among clergy and scholars in Europe. To facilitate understanding among biologists, Latin names and descriptions for organisms were required. That practice developed into a set of agreed-upon practices revised and published periodically as the **International Code of Botanical Nomenclature**. Epithets are supposed to be descriptive, calling attention to certain obvious visible characteristics, but botanists have never been able to resist naming newly discovered plants after friends, acquaintances or sponsors. In this case the famous plant collector J.D. Hooker named the plant in 1851

(that's what the Hook after the species name means). According to H. H. Davidian in his four volume *The Rhododendron Species*, Lt. Col. E. Madden was a traveler in India. We don't know what his relationship to J.D. Hooker was. Davidian is the best source for the meanings of specific epithets.

So, why does the epithet end in -ii? The ending -ii (or -i, depending on how the person's name ends) was supposed to indicate that the person named was the discoverer of the plant, but it was never used consistently that way. The first code in 1867 required this, but the rule was never enforced and was later discarded. Thus we have species epithets ending in -ii (*Rhododendron maddenii*), indicating possession in Latin, literally Madden's Rhododendron. If the name was strictly honorary, it was supposed to end in -anum as in

*Rhododendron macabeanum*, named after Mr. McCabe, a deputy district administrator in the Naga Hills in North-west India where the plant was discovered. With this ending it's an adjective, the McCabe Rhododendron.

Macabeanum is spelled differently from the man's name because the code requires that Irish or Scottish names starting with M, Mc or Mac are to be spelled mac.

To confuse all of this even further, Latin is highly gender-sensitive. Thus the ending -ae and the name *Rhododendron dalhousiae*, named by J.D. Hooker after Lady Dalhousie, wife of the Governor General of India. The original idea of distinguishing whether a plant was named after its discoverer or was an honorary epithet was still being debated when I took taxonomy courses in the 1950s, but nobody pays attention anymore and you can use either form to designate the new rhododendron species you discover when you take that trip to the Himalaya next year.

After all this if you think everything is settled, guess again. The code that governs naming is revised every few years and is no longer called the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature*. The latest code, adopted in Melbourne in 2011 is titled the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi and plants*. What appear to be typos in the title (with algae, fungi and plants not capitalized) are not. Advances in microscopy and biochemistry have led us to realize that differences among groups of organisms are not as distinct as we once thought. We are no longer sure that algae, fungi, plants and animals are sufficiently distinct from each other to be placed in separate kingdoms. A good example at the family level is in Oriental cuisine. Next time you go to an Oriental restaurant note that the lotus root, from a plant we thought was in a family with water lilies, isn't even remotely related and is no longer put in the same family. Instead the lotus is much more closely related to the proteas, those plants from Southwest Australia and South Africa that give us the exotic blossoms and Macadamia nuts.

## ***Noyo Chapter Minutes***

### ***General Meeting***

February 25, 2015

Meeting called to order at ~7:15 pm by President, Jim Celeri.

•Kathy Van Veen, our speaker, presented her program on the propagation program at her nursery.

•Jan. minutes were approved.

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

•Susan reported on the last Show meeting. The Garden Club has agreed not to have the pop-out tent for their arrangements. The membership and Silent Auction will be in canopy areas by the entrance to the exhibit tent. Our 1 gallon

plants will be sold for \$12 or 2 for \$20. There will be Class Sponsorships @\$50.

•The Hospitality com. still needs someone to co-chair it with Jim Bogue.

Submitted by,

***Dick Jones***

### ***Board Meeting***

March 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Vice President, John Winding.

Members present: Terry Giomi, Susan Tubbesing, John Winding, Ken Jones, Jim Celeri, and non-Board member Dick Jones.

•Publicity for the Show is being shared between the City of FB, the MCBG (Liz Petersen), and the Noyo Chapter (Sara Nathe). Coordinating this has been a problem. A motion (m/s Winding/Tubbesing) was passed to allow for co-sponsoring publicity (e.g. PSA's) with the MCBG and the Noyo Chapter. Much concern was voiced about who controls the Show.

•John will arrange for a no host dinner at Silver's at the Wharf on Wed., March 25 for members to meet Steve Hootman.

•Dick will research possibilities for the purchase of a digital projector @~\$400 and report to John. An attempt will be made to have it purchased by our March 25 meeting.

•John discussed the sponsorship of entry classes at the Show for \$50. It was agreed to offer Class 1, the 'Noyo Chief' class to Gail Bowman, as her father, Paul Bowman, is generally credited with it's introduction.

•Election of next year's officers will take place at the April General Meeting. The Board will submit a slate of candidates at the March meeting. Currently, there are no candidates for Vice President or Secretary.

•Meeting adjourned at about 8:30

•Submitted by

***Dick Jones***

***Noyo Show Update***  
***Class Sponsorship at the Show***

As noted in the Board minutes like a couple of years ago we will have the opportunity to sponsor a Class at the Show this year. This is a way to support the Chapter and indicate a Class that is of special interest to you. The fee will be \$50 to have your name posted with your class.

Contact John Winding (937-2140, [whistle@mcn.org](mailto:whistle@mcn.org)) for your Choice.

You may sponsor any of the 53 Classes. See our **Rules** on our Noyo Chapter website. Below are some of the more common Classes.

- 1 - Noyo Chief
- 2 - White
- 3 - White with Blotch
- 4 - Picotee
- 5 - Cream/Yellow
- 6 - Apricot/Peach
- 7 - Pink with Blotch
- 8 - Light Pink
- 9 - Medium Pink
- 10 - Deep Pink
- 11 - Lavender
- 12 - Purple
- 13 - Orange
- 14 - Scarlet/Orange-Red
- 15 - Bright Red
- 16 - Blood Red
- 17 - Blue Red
- 18 - Maddenii Series Hybrid – Lg
- 19 - Maddenii Series Hybrid - Med/Sm
- 21 - Yakushmanum

- Trusses to the Inns, Wed, April 29. Help and trusses are needed. Contact Terry Giomi (964-4353) if you'll help.
- Help is also needed with the Silent Auction. Contact Henri Bensussen (964-8844).
- Contact Jim Celeri (813-1868 ) if you are willing to help with the tent set-up.
- Please return your trophies and ribbons to the March meeting.

***NOYO CHAPTER ARS***

Treasurers Report - 2/14/15

Bank Balance 3-9-15	\$7,964.64	
Savings 3-9-15	\$25.00	
	Budgeted for	Actual for
	2014-2015	2014-2015
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues:		
ARS	\$ 1,860.00	\$2,012.00
Chapter	\$ 670.00	\$658.00
Plant Raffle	\$400.00	\$249.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Show	\$8,500.00	\$20.00
Donations	\$60.00	\$385.00
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Table Rental	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,890.00</b>	<b>\$3,724.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
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	\$179.15
Administrative Exp.	\$75.00	\$115.20
P.O. Box	\$60.00	\$62.00
Programs	\$1,200.00	\$538.75
Rent	\$500.00	\$250.00
Show	\$8,389.00	\$585.00
Filing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$230.00	\$206.61
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,909.00</b>	<b>\$4,702.60</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME(-LOSS)</b>	<b>-\$2,019.00</b>	<b>-\$978.60</b>

*Where were you when Steve Hootman was here in March of 2012?*



*(Clockwise from top right)*  
 Trudy & Richard Smart  
 Bruce Philp, John Winding & Chuck Preisig  
 Lucy & Phil Johnson  
 Judy & Bob Mathey  
 Jim Bogue & Steve Hootman  
 Maybelle & Milo De Witte  
 Henri Bensussen, Reba Dible, Mary Webb, and Joan Murphy

## ***Noyo Chapter, ARS Officers & Chairpersons***

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## ***Mark Your Calendars***

### ***2014-2015 Meeting Schedule***

*General Meetings will be on the 4th Wed.  
and Show Meetings will be on the 3rd Tues.*

•Wed., March 25

***Steve Hootman***

*Exec. Dir., Rhododendron Species  
Botanical Garden*

•Tuesday, Apr. 10, ***Show Com.***  
Noon, Meeting Rm, MCBG

•Wed., April 22, ***Prep for Show***

•Sat. and Sun., May 2 and 3

### ***Noyo Show and Plant Sale***

*(Set-up and judging, Fri., May 1)  
MCBG, Fort Bragg*

•Sun, Apr 12

***DeAnza Chapter Plant Sale***

•Sat, Apr 18

***Cal Chapter Show & Plant Sale***

•Sat. and Sun., April 25 - 26

***Eureka Chapter Show & Plant Sale***

•Sun., April 25

***Monterey Chapter Plant Sale***

•May 6-10, ***ARS Convention***  
Sidney, B.C.