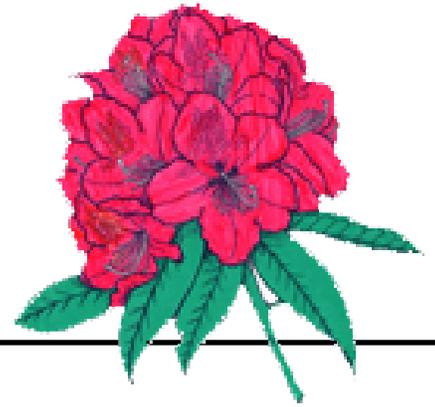


Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society
March 2016



Wed, March 23, 7:00

Presbyterian Church
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

Eastern Native Azaleas

Last month we learned about our native rhododendrons here on the coast. This month from **Mary Jasch** we'll get to learn about the native azaleas on the other side of the country.

Mary publishes and edits DIG IT! Magazine, the Art & Science of East Coast Gardening, at www.dig-itmag.com. Her articles and photography of gardens, horticulture and nature have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Backpacker Magazine*, *The Boston Globe* and other publications. Her award-winning photography is currently in a

nationwide traveling exhibit with the Natural History Field Museum of Chicago.

Mary also produces guided garden bus trips and is the Garden Conservancy's Open Days representative for Mendocino County. Last Sept. we had our first meeting of the year at the Olivia & Chuck Hasty's garden in Little River. Mary had arranged their garden to be on the Conservancy garden tour. She is author of *Best Hikes with Dogs - New Jersey* (Mountaineers Books), one of a series across the country.

For 23 years, she owned an interior landscape business that designed, installed, and maintained corporate interior plantings, outdoor container gardens, and retention basins as sound ecological habitats. Mary holds a BS, *magna cum laude*, in Natural Resources Management/Applied Ecology from Rutgers University.

Mary is familiar to many of our members as she has judged our Show a couple of times. With Mary's broad background in the horticultural world this is bound to be an enlightening meeting. Don't miss it.

Don't forget that if you

bring a new guest you and your guest will be given a 1 gal. plant.

Azaleas 101, A Short Course

What is an azalea? It's a rhododendron, at least today it is. If the past gives us a clue about the future, the taxonomists may once again change how these plants are grouped. At one time the plants we think of as azaleas were placed in a different genus than those we recognize as rhododendrons, i.e. the elepidotes and lepidotes. Recent DNA studies show that the deciduous azaleas may be more closely related to the elepidotes than they are to the evergreen azaleas.

For practical purposes count the anthers at the tip of the stamens. The azaleas have 5 anthers instead of the 10 or more that the other rhododendrons



Mary with her sister-in-law, Rosalie Stanley, our longtime Secretary



have. Many of the azaleas are deciduous and many are evergreen. Only a couple of the 'true' rhododendrons are deciduous.

A Flash in the Pan???

Some rhododendron images are included in this issue. What do these have in common? Over 20 years ago in 1994 some of the prominent rhododendron people in California were asked to name some of their favorites. Go to [CALIFORNIANS RATE THEIR RHODES](#) to see an interesting, historical article.

Can you name them? **Are they still worth having in your gardens?** A key to their names is on the last page.

2016-2017 Chapter Officers

A slate of candidates for the Board positions will be presented at the March meeting. This position does not require knowledge of rhododendrons or knowing other members. It's a fun way to get involved without taking on a load of responsibility. Any member may be nominated, including yourself. Voting will then occur at the April General Meeting.

Noyo Chap. Board Meeting

March 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by Pres. Dennis McKiver.

Present: Dennis McKiver, Valerie McKiver, Ben Nicholson, Ken Jones, Rosalie Stanley, John Winding, Marianne Peterson, & (non-board member, Dick Jones)

Absent: Jim Celeri and Judy Parker

•Officers for 2016-2017 terms need to be presented to the membership at the March meeting.

•Dennis proposed to amend our By-Laws to eliminate the term limits for all board members (officers and directors). The board agreed and Dick will rewrite Article 5 of our By-Laws and put the revision in the March newsletter. (See next page.) Dennis will present the directors at the March meeting and ask for nominations from the floor.

•Voting for officers will take place at the April meeting.



•The board talked about changing meeting times (no action taken).

•Doing special projects as we once did was discussed. Possible ideas are to have a 'rhodie help day' somewhere in the community and a fall plant sale that could include bulbs, perennials and other plants donated by members.

•John reported that the city hadn't responded to his request for \$2000.00 for promotion purposes.

•Roxanne from the Gardens will put info about the show in the MCBG Bloom Blast.

•Next year the show committee really needs a publicity chairman.

•Ben reported that ~5 students from the High School will be



ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall henceforth be known as the Board. ~~Board members shall be limited to two consecutive terms in any one office.~~ The Board shall consist of four elected officers, four elected Directors and the immediate past President. Each Director shall serve for two years and the terms of office shall rotate so that ~~two~~ half of the directors shall be elected each year.

Proposed By-Law Amendment

The Board is proposing a change in the **BY LAWS OF THE NOYO CHAPTER**. This proposal will be presented at the March General Meeting. It will become effective if passed by two-thirds of those members present.

Below are the proposed changes. The 2nd sentence will be deleted. In the last sentence “two” will be deleted and replaced with, “half of the”. The deletions are in red, and the addition is in blue and is underlined.

available to help with set up of the show.

- Ben reported that we have \$8304.66 in our account. All the bills have been paid and we took in \$62 at the last meeting.
- Dennis and John will be picking up 700 plants from Log Cabin Nursery in Oregon around April 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

Show Business

At the March 16 Show meeting the group finalized several changes in our entry rules.

- The Medium Rhododendron Hybrids (Classes 23.a - 23.e) will be trusses only and an additional class will be created for sprays from these classes (i.e. “*Medium Rhododendron Sprays, Any Color*”)
- Rule VII will be changed from 6 to 5 entries of the same hybrid for a subclass. Similar hybrids

(e.g. ‘Taurus’ and ‘Grace Seabrook’) will be grouped together as a separate subclass if there are 5 or more entries of the similar hybrids.

- Class 52: The last sentence of this rule will be deleted. This will result in Flower Arrangements being included in the Sweepstakes Award.

- This year we will be displaying the **blue ribbon winners and trophies with their respective classes**, not on a large blue ribbon table as in the past.
- Plants for the Show Sale will be available to members as a **pre-show sale** beginning April 4. The plants will be at Dennis McKiver’s home. Call him (707-813-8383) to make an appointment.
- If you still have **old ribbons** that could be reused the Chapter can save some money. Please **scour your boxes and bookshelves** and gather them up



and bring to the March 23 General Meeting.

- Trophies** should be returned at the March meeting.

•If you have any of the **signs** that are used to stick into the ground around town please return them to John Winding ASAP (937-2140). They cost ~\$25 each and we need time to get them ordered if we need more.

•**‘Bottles to the Inns’** is set for Wed., May 4 @ 9 am. The more

help we get in delivering the bottles the easier it is for all the others doing it. Sign up at the March 23 meeting.

Bring trusses to the Giomi's that morning, or the previous evening.

We **need wine bottles** (high shoulder type). The label does not have to be removed as our label is placed over it. Contact Terry Giomi (964-4435) if you can provide some. (This seems like a good reason why you have to have a second glass tonight!)

•On Monday, April 4, at 6 pm the **Fort Bragg City Council** will issue their annual **proclamation** declaring the Rhododendron

Week. Plan to attend to show your support for our endeavor.

•**We can save ~\$700** if we provide some help on the tent set-up and take-down. The tent will be set up on Monday, May 2. The take-down will be ~May 17. If you can help contact John Winding (937-2140).

The next **Show Meeting** is Wednesday, April 20 at noon in the Meeting Room at the MCBG. Come and share your ideas and help those who are organizing the Show.

Some dates to note for our Show

May 2 - Tent goes up

May 3 - Move tables & bottles
May 4 - Bottles to the Inns
May 4 & 5 - Tent set up of tables, coverings, and fixtures

May 5 - start accepting entries @ 3:00

May 6 - Bring entries, 9am - 1pm

May 6 - Judging, 3-5pm

May 7 & 8 - Show open to public, 9am to 5pm

May 16 - Take down Show, move bottles and tables back to storage garage

May 17 - Tent take down

May 25 - Show Awards & mini Show

Contact John Winding, Rosalie Stanley, Ben Nicholson, or Dick Jones to find out how you can help. Contact info for these people is on the last page.

Important Meetings

Board meetings: 1st Wed (4/6, 5/4, and 6/1), 1 PM at David's Restaurant. All members are welcome.



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***Board of Directors**

Mark Your Calendars 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule

- Wed., March 23, **Mary Jasch Eastern Native Azaleas**
- Wed., April 27, **Dennis McKiver** Prepping for Show
- Sat. and Sun., May 7 and 8

Noyo Show and Plant Sale

- May 25 **Noyo** Show awards; Mini Show, members only
- June TBA, Member Garden Tour
- Apr. 23, **DeAnza** Ch. Plant Sale
- Apr. 20-24, 2016, **ARS Annual Convention, Williamsburg, VA**
- Apr. 29-May 1, **Eureka Ch** Show and Plant Sale

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Some Favorites from 1994

Page 1: 'Noyo Chief'
Page two, top: 'Nancy Evans'
Page two, bottom left: 'Mi Amor'
Page two, bottom, right: 'Crater Lake'
Page three: 'Taurus'
Page four: 'Dame Nellie Melba'