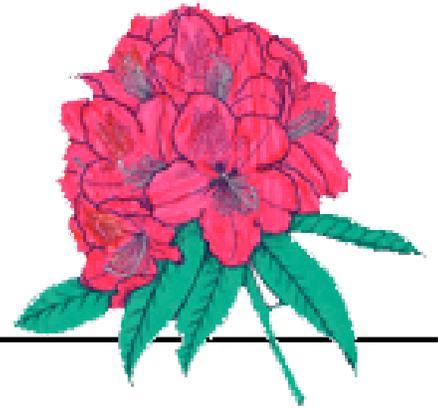


Noyo News

Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

May 2009



End of the Year Potluck

Saturday, May 16 at Noon

Rosalie Stanley's Home

21560 Forster Lane, FB

964-1451

Event coordinator: Theresa Jonk ~ 964-5172

To end the year we'll gather at Rosalie's home again. Directions to Rosalie's are on the last page. If you've not already contacted Theresa do so ASAP. She needs to know what dish you'll bring. Your options are an hors d'oeuvre, salad, baked dish, or dessert. Besides your potluck dish all you have to bring are your eating utensils. Plates and liquid refreshment (wine, water, coffee, tea) will be provided.

The main purpose of this 'meeting' is to have some fun. Additionally, we'll conduct a little business. There will be an overview of the Show, including the awarding of the ribbons and trophies. Bob and Judy Mathey will report to us on the ARS Convention held last weekend up in Washington. Our officers for next year will be installed.

This is our last to get together as a group until Sept. There's plenty of time between now and then for deadheading, planting, traveling, and contemplating your bellybutton. Take the time to share each other's company at one of most fun functions.

Preliminary Show Report

We had another successful Show in spite of rain (and the economic downturn). We had about the same amount of participation as last year with 828 entries (vs 835 in '08) and 20 exhibitors (vs 23 in '09). Financial information is not yet available.

Blue Ribbon Winners

-Bob Boddy, Descanso Nursery
-Brad Caylor
-Forest Lane Nursery (Ken Jones) (6)
-Cookie Holmes
-Phillip & Lucy Johnson (6)
-Dick Jones (11)

-Byron and Teresa Jonk (3)
-Peter Jonk
-Dan Konigsberg (5)
-Babs & Sam Levine
-Cathi Love (2)
-Sunke Mastrud

-Joan Murphy (2)
-Mike McCullough
-Dennis and Valerie McKiver (28)
-Jim & Wendy Ponts (4)
-Richard and Trudy Smart (2)
-John and Susan Winding

Trophy Winners

Sweepstakes Award – Valerie & Dennis McKiver

Best of Show - Dick Jones – ('Roy Hudson' spray)

Best Noyo Chief - Lucy & Phillip Johnson

People's Choice – Lucy & Phillip Johnson - ('Horizon Monarch')

Best Deciduous Azalea Truss – Lloyd G. Turner Memorial Award - Mike McCullough ('Gibraltar')

Best Deciduous Azalea Spray – Rose Turner Award – Valerie & Dennis McKiver (pink Exbury)

Best Evergreen Azalea Spray - Philip B. Cornell Memorial Award –Valerie & Dennis McKiver ('Cameo')

Best Evergreen Azalea Truss – Forest Lane Nursery (Ken Jones) (unnamed)

Best New Seedling – Forest Lane Nursery (Ken Jones) – ('Venator' X 'Creamed Glory' X Self #11)

Best True Red Rhododendron – Celeri and Son Nursery Trophy – Dick Jones ('Halfdan Lem')

Best Lavender Rhododendron - John and Gail Vollmer Trophy – Byron & Theresa Jonk ('Fastuosum Flore Pleno')

Best White Rhododendron - David and Rhoda Ward Trophy – Joan Murphy – “White Swan”

Best Large Hybrid Spray - Bluewater Trophy – Dick Jones – ('Roy Hudson')

Best Small Species Rhododendron - The Philp Family Trophy – Jim & Wendy Ponts
(*R campylogymum*)

Best Yakushmanum Hybrid Truss - Bill & Lorraine Fee Trophy – Valerie & Dennis McKiver ('Mrs Helen Jackson')

Best Pink Rhododendron -
Mendocino Coast Botanical
Garden Trophy -
Forest Lane Nursery (Ken Jones)
(Faggetter's Favorite')



2009 Post Show News

(submitted by Dennis McKiver)

Thank you everyone for putting on another great show! We had 828 entries, which I think is a Noyo Chapter record.

Many thank-yous are in order. Please tolerate my lack of memory if I overlook some deserving people. It is not intentional.

•Rose P., Suzette, and Theresa took care of providing us with refreshments.

•John Winding made a pot of chili.

•Virginia organized the hostess table.

•Jim, Frank, and Ken ran the plant sale.

•Terry organized the membership table.

•Byron organized the cashiers.

•Kathi took care of the trophies.

•Marianne organized the clerks.

•John Winding helped organize the Rhododendron Treasure Hunt which was won by Mary Miller.

•Christy Hartsell brought a vireya display.

•Rosalie made the informative display about rhododendrons around the world.

•Dick took some pictures and did some observing.

•Nodja manned (?) the silent auction/raffle table most of the time.

•Nannette organized, on very short notice, the silent auction/raffle. If she had not stepped up we would not have had it.

•Carol Crawford, with no prompting from the Show organizers made a beautiful new *Rhododendron* Show wall hanging.

•Bob Boddy (Descanso Nursery) and Larry McDougald (from Sunnyside Nursery in San Anselmo) donated many plants. Forest Lane Nursery (Ken Jones) and Celeri & Son (Jim & Frank, respectively) provided the bulk of the plants we sold. Without the support we get from these nurserymen we'd not be able to have our plant sale.

I hope the majority of you liked the way the Show was laid out this year and the changes to the rules. I'm all about changes and incorporating suggestions from members to continue tweaking the show with the goal of continued improvements. If you don't like changes and would rather do it "the way we've always done it", then I'm not the one to be show chair. You are. I'm looking forward to turning the duties over to you and helping you do it your way. If you can work with change then I don't mind being your show chair.

Many of you had some suggestions for next year. While they are fresh in your mind, I would like to have a post show meeting for those interested. It would have to be next week for me. Let's do it Saturday May 9th at 1100 AM at the Botanical Gardens Meeting Room if it's available. I realize not everyone will be able to be there, but there is never a time that will be good for everyone.

Some of the changes I anticipate for next year will include:

1. In 2010 have the Show the second week of May 8-9 instead of

May 1-2. I won't be able to do the show if it's May 1-2.

2. Get commitments from people for the various show functions in the beginning before we spend money on advertising. No sense spending the money if we might not have a show.

3. Having more judges, so we can finish earlier and open up to the public earlier.

4. Having the Arrangements and Photos judged by the judges, so we can award the winners along with the rest of the entries.

Some of the rules were targeted at our show theme of species. We will combine some of the species and hybrid categories because we didn't get many entries in each class.

5. Big leaf rhododendrons include species and hybrids.

6. Combine hybrid and species foliage classes.

7. Combine foliage plants, species and hybrids.

8. Combine blooming plants, species and hybrids.

9. Combine Bonsai, species and hybrids.

10. Combine Large Foliage classes.

11. Combine Large Container Blooming Plants.

This will shrink our classes by 7.

I look forward to hearing your suggestions.

On a side note, someone left behind a beautiful foliage plant that I am now baby sitting, so it didn't get left at the school. Because the entry tags were picked up early before people had a chance to retrieve their entries, I don't know who it belongs to. Let me know if it's yours.

Editor's Note

We all owe a very special thank-you to Frank Celeri and Dennis McKiver who once again organized our Show.

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Mark Your Calendars

- Saturday, May 9, 11 AM
Post Show Meeting
MCBG, Meeting Room

- Saturday, May 16, Noon

Spring Potluck

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Directions to Rosalie Stanley's home

1. Turn east onto Pudding Creek Rd which is just north of the Pudding Creek Bridge at the north end of FB.
2. Turn left onto Forster Lane after traveling just over a mile on Pudding Creek Rd.
3. Rosalie's home (21560 Forster Ln) is about a quarter of a mile on the left.

•Sept 17-20: *Western Regional Conference
Tacoma, Washington*

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