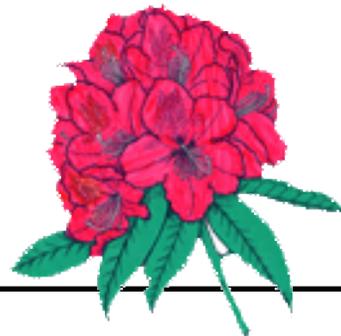


# Noyo News

## Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society  
October 2014



**Wed, Nov. 19, 7:00**

*Presbyterian Church  
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB*

### **Gardens Around the World**

*“A garden to walk in and  
immensity to dream in--  
what more could he ask?  
A few flowers at his feet  
and above him the stars.”*

Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to travel around the world with the goal of visiting and exploring gardens, botanical, public and private, come and listen to **Tim Walsh** as he describes “**Great Gardens, Botanical, and Otherwise.**”

Tim Walsh is a certified “plant nut” and, by association, has caused his wife, June, to become both a Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver. They’ve made friends and acquaintances from around the world through their membership and participation in several plant societies. The Walshes have been visiting gardens here, there and everywhere for over 30 years. This program will be a visual tour of gardens showing specific gardens and

plantings that Tim and June have found to be especially interesting and which have influenced them in helping their passion in the development and maintenance of the Humboldt Botanical Garden. Tim will share photos and stories of some of their trips through gardens in Europe, New Zealand and Australia, and throughout the United States and Canada.

“There are a vast number of plants that grow on this planet and there are many ways to collect and present these plants for scientific, aesthetic and personal reasons,” Tim points out. The unique climate along the shores of Humboldt Bay offers the chance to grow many exotic species in our baby garden



and you will learn about some of those unusual plants in this program. Tim is a firm believer in the old Irish saying “...never build a garden larger than your wife can maintain,” but he is beginning to stretch the limits. He laments “so many plants, so little time!”

Tim Walsh is a charter/founding member of the Humboldt Botanical Garden. He and June are active volunteers at the garden nearly every week of the year. Tim is a huge proponent of Rhododendrons, his first plant love, and many other plants as well.

Tim and June are active in the Eureka Chapter as well as the ARS. The ARS acknowledged their contributions to the Society by awarding them a Silver Medal. They are well known in the Noyo Chapter as they’ve presented and judged here numerous times.

Our November general meeting will be memorable as Tim knows his stuff, and how to present it.

## **ARS Dues**

*(submitted by Terry Giomi)*

*The September 2014-2015 Noyo renewals were due last September. The second, and final, reminders were mailed November 4, 2014. Please direct any questions regarding the dues/renewals to Membership Chairman, Terry Giomi, 707.964-4435, [tjgiomi@aol.com](mailto:tjgiomi@aol.com)*

Come on Folks! Terry wants to finish up this membership renewing. Help him out.

## **Show Committee**

As scheduled, the Show Committee will be meeting on Wed., Nov. 19, at noon in the Meeting Room at the MCBG. Remember, all members are encouraged to come to these meetings and provide input.

## **Telephone Tree**

Your Board is considering a telephone tree to facilitate communication within the Chapter. For it to work we'd need a minimum number of people willing to be callers. The goal would be to have each caller contacting probably no more than 5 or 6 people.

Would you be interested in being a caller? If so, contact John Winding (707-513-0082) or Dick Jones (964-4353)

## **Hospitality ???**

Jim Bogue volunteered to head up our Hospitality Committee, **provided** someone will co-chair it with him. At this date no one has stepped up to the

plate. Much of what most of us enjoy about the Noyo Chapter is the social aspect of sharing with friends. Certainly much of that enjoyment is enhanced by our refreshments each month. Shirley certainly showed us that. Jim has only been a member for a couple of years and does not know many of us.

Shouldn't you consider assisting him? If not you, who?

## **Noyo Chapter General Meeting**

October 22, 2014

Noyo Chapter General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Vice President, John Winding

- There were no new members or guests.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved (Nanette/Reba, m/s)
- Terry gave the treasurer's report and discussed why our bank accounts have been merged into one account at the Mendo Lake Credit Union. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report (Susan, Byron, m/s)
- New Wellness and Hospitality chairmen are still needed. Jim Bogue volunteered to share duties for hospitality but would really appreciate someone to help him. Jim thanked those who brought refreshments tonight.
- Terry reported that membership dues can be paid tonight or mailed to him, preferably soon so that he doesn't have to send reminders or make calls. As of tonight 43 of 65 regular members have renewed and 4 out of 5 associate members have renewed

so overall we're not doing too badly.

- Bruce Philp's friend Wilma is not doing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.
- The Show Committee has agreed to buy plants from Log Cabin Nursery and will also send cuttings of 'Noyo Chief' to Van Veen Nursery in Oregon for future sales. The Chapter will also participate again with the Fort Bragg Promotion Committee
- The Christmas Party will be held December 17th at David's Deli, \$15.00 per person if we have 30 people. They will provide a traditional dinner. BYO wine or booze and make a commitment by the November meeting or call Dick Jones.
- Parker Smith was introduced as tonight's speaker.
- Dennis described the raffle plants

Meeting adjourned at 8:50  
(Susan/Teresa, m/s)

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

## **Get Some Roots**

*Layering* pertains to which of the following?

- A) photo editing tools while using Photoshop
- B) types of cakes
- C) a way to dress when it's cold
- D) a method of propagating plants

All of the above are correct. While some of us spend inordinate amounts of time fooling around with Photoshop, snacking on a nice piece of cake,

and keeping warm as winter comes upon us, our focus here will be on **layering** as a method of plant propagation.

In a nutshell layering is when roots grow from an above the ground stem and eventually the stem is disconnected from the parent plant thus creating an independent plant. This method of propagation goes back at least to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Likely you've seen evidence of this process in your gardens. In your editor's yard the wax myrtle, wild strawberries, black berries are not welcome as they spread out their stems and branches and grow roots to take hold. Not so offensive is *Chlorophytum comosum*, aka spider plant, hanging down from up near the living room ceiling.

Common ground layering requires that a stem be bent down so it can be secured under the surface of the soil. After pegging down a branch it is common to

either cover it with soil, compost or moss and then weigh it down with a rock so that it will not spring back out of the soil. It's necessary to check to see if it's moist during dry periods.

Rooting can be encouraged by wounding the stem, i.e. by making a small cut through the bark. This wounding interrupts the flow of water and nutrients and the plant (hopefully) grows roots so as to get nutrients and water. Some people put a toothpick in the cut area to hinder the plant's healing and closing off the cut area. Using root growth hormones can also help.

When the stem has developed roots it can then be separated from the parent plant and planted.

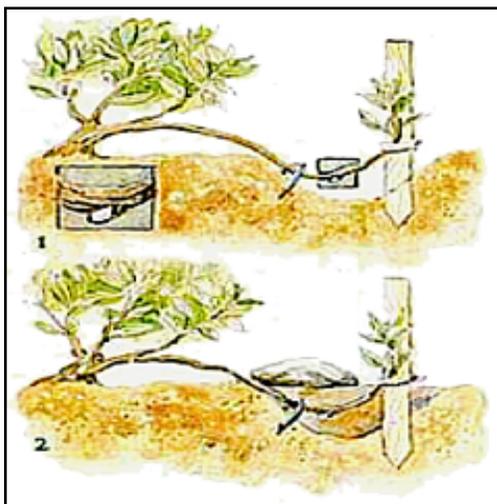
When stems or branches are too far from the ground **air layering** can be done. The same process is followed here but with an artificial soil environment. This is done by wounding the stem and then wrapping some

moisture holding medium (e.g. moss) around the wound and enclosing it with some plastic. As with ground layering when adequate roots have grown the stem can be separated from the parent plant and planted.

Dennis McKiver has had good results with air layering. Besides Dennis, the following links are worth checking if this is a new venture for you.

- [How to layer rhododendrons](#)
- [Technique of Air Layering in Plants](#)
- [Plant Propagation by Layering: Instructions for the Home Gardener](#)
- [Air Layering Plants, the Dirt Doctor](#)

## *Happy Rooting*



Ground layering



Air layering

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

President*	Jim Celeri	813-1868,
Vice President*	John Winding	937-2140, <a href="mailto:whistle@mcn.org">whistle@mcn.org</a>
Secretary*	Rosalie Stanley	367-0720, <a href="mailto:jpmohn@mcn.org">jpmohn@mcn.org</a>
Treasurer*	Terry Giomi	964-4435, <a href="mailto:tjgiomi@aol.com">tjgiomi@aol.com</a>
Directors*:	Henri Bensussen, 1 yr	964-8844 <a href="mailto:gardnrz2@mcn.org">gardnrz2@mcn.org</a>
	Dennis McKiver, 1 yr	964-3636, <a href="mailto:dmckiver@comcast.net">dmckiver@comcast.net</a>
	Ken Jones, 2 yr	964-0495
	Susan Tubbesing, 2 yr	962-0565 <a href="mailto:susan.tubbesing@gmail.com">susan.tubbesing@gmail.com</a>
Past President*	Frank Celeri	367-1554, <a href="mailto:frank.celeri@hotmail.com">frank.celeri@hotmail.com</a>
Show Chair	Susan Tubbesing	962-0565 <a href="mailto:susan.tubbesing@gmail.com">susan.tubbesing@gmail.com</a>
Membership	Terry Giomi	964-4435, <a href="mailto:tjgiomi@aol.com">tjgiomi@aol.com</a>
•Hospitality	Jim Bogue & ???	964-4268, <a href="mailto:vogueb1@yahoo.com">vogueb1@yahoo.com</a>
Plant Raffle	Jim Celeri	813-1868, <a href="mailto:grounds@gardenbythesea.org">grounds@gardenbythesea.org</a>
Wellness		
Editor	Dick Jones	964-4353, <a href="mailto:dic@mcn.org">dic@mcn.org</a>
*Board of Directors		

## ***Noyo Chapter***

American Rhododendron Society  
P.O. Box 1068  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-1068

## ***Mark Your Calendars***

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

*(Normally General Meetings will be on the 4th Wed., and Show Meetings will be on the 3rd Wed.)*

### ***•Wed., Nov. 19 - Tim Walsh Gardens of the World***

- Wed., Dec. 17 (3rd Wed.)  
Xmas Dinner, David's Deli, 5:00?
- Wed., Jan. 28
- Wed., Feb. 25
- Wed., March 25
- Wed., April 22

### ***Annual Show and Plant Sale***

•Sat. and Sun., May 2 and 3  
(Set-up and judging, Fri., May 1)

### ***Show meetings***

(3rd Wed., noon @ MCBG)  
(11/19, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, & 4/15)

### ***ARS Annual Convention***

May 6-10, Sidney, B.C.