

# Noyo News

## Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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**Wed, Nov. 15, 7:00**

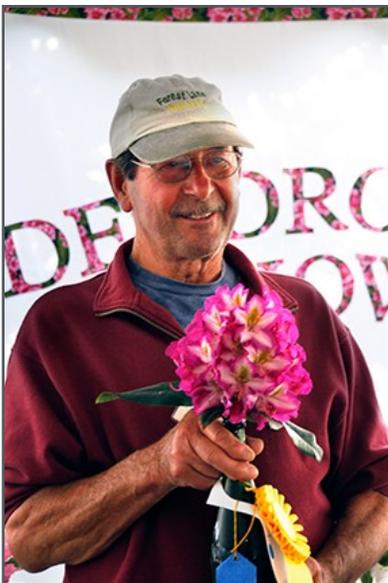
Presbyterian Church  
367 So. Sanderson Way, FB

### **Propagating Rhododendrons**

#### **Ken Jones**

Long time Noyo Chapter member Ken Jones will detail the key steps he uses to propagate rhododendrons. Ken's been hybridizing and has been operating his nursery, Forest Lane Nursery, for several years. This month's presentation will help you understand how you can get started.

Below is one of Ken's recently registered hybrids, 'Noyo Star'. With it he won the People's Choice at our 2014 Show.



### **2017 November President's Message**

November is getting started in a big way, what with the early rains nourishing our beloved Rhododendrons. We eagerly search for new flower buds along with last minute cleanup. Along those lines even with a chance of rain there was a nice turn out for our Day in the Rhododendrons work day at the Botanical Gardens. We accomplished a great deal of cleanup of dead wood in the tender species rhododendron garden. Our next planned work day will be on Saturday December 2 at 10:00 . Hope to see you there for a good time of work and fellowship.

I have not heard any rumblings about the Rhododendron Show. We last left with the thought of having a Show committee work on the show. We received no luck with the sign up sheet to be on the committee other than "I always help". Some work is already accomplished e.g. scheduling with the Botanical Gardens, and the Show Tent. Fran and I of course plan on helping where we can and are needed, however this is a major function of our club and really requires a team effort. Who is willing to devote a little bit of time to make the show fitting of our club. We are running out of time to get our advertising and press releases started.

Along the lines of our Rhododendron Show, I just received this note from Dennis Mckiver. "Terry Henderson from Log Cabin Nursery came down yesterday to deliver rhododendrons to the Botanical Gardens and Hare Creek Nursery. I had him bring us 60 plants for our raffles and for pre-sale to members. We are missing the boat getting plants for our Show and Sale. Terry says he is running low and doesn't have much of a selection left. We need to make a commitment soon if we are going to have any plants at all to sell. In the future we need to get our order in by early summer or before. Log Cabin is the only Commercial Wholesale producer left, so his plants are in demand. In the future we need to get our order in before the other nurseries and Botanical Gardens."

We had Dennis Bottemiller from the ARS Species Foundation as Octobers' speaker. If you were not able to attend, his presentation was as always fabulous, enlightening, and we learned a lot . Plan to come for this month's speaker and presentation on Rhododendron Propagation by our own Ken Jones of Forest Lane nursery. If you haven't seen his nursery, you should take time to go there.

Hoping to see all of you at our November meeting. Remember this month the meeting will be on November 15th.

**Ted Steinhart**

## ***October club meeting***

*(Submitted by Ted Steinhart)*

Our speaker in October was Dennis Bottemiller, the nursery manager from the ARS Species Garden in Federal Way, Washington. Before the evening's meeting we met with Dennis at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden for a walk. Dennis spent a good deal of time giving pointers and general information to Sophia Pisciotta who is the Gardens nursery manager. Sophia is planning to propagate some rhododendrons and was able to have a lot of her questions answered by Dennis Bottemiller. Dennis has an excellent presentation on the ARS Species garden, and the work involved getting the conservatory built and started. There was so little time that we had with him and so much knowledge that we gained from him. I am already looking forward to hearing him speak again at another presentation where ever that may be.

### ***Club workday at the Botanical Gardens***

We had a great workday at the MCBG Gardens November 4th. Many people came and accomplished a lot of work. Jim Celery was ready with tools, a place to work and lots of good instruction. The group included Linda Lawley, Theresa Jonks, Donna Worster, Judy Parker, John Winding, Ben Nicholson, Fran and Ted. Although we ran the risk of rain, the weather was beautiful. Hope to see you at our next workday on December 2nd at 10:00. a.m.

### ***Membership***

We would like to remind and encourage any members who have not renewed yet to do so soon. Also, Fran will have membership applications at our next meeting so that we can all encourage our friends and neighbors to join.

### ***In Our Yards, a Few Tips***

(The following suggestions are from the Fall 2017 issue of **STRIVE**, an AARP newsletter.)

### ***Fall Yard Cleanup Do's and Don'ts***

**Do warm up** for at least 10 minutes before raking or other heavy exercise.

### **Don't bend at the waist.**

Bend at the knees and squat to pick up heavy items. Avoid twisting your back.

**Do** wear shoes with slip-resistant soles.

**Don't** use a ladder if you take medicines that can make you dizzy or drowsy, or if you have balance issues.

**Do** choose tools that are easy to grasp and use, especially if you have arthritis.

**Tetanus** bacteria live in soil. Digging with sharp tools puts gardeners at risk. Adults should get a tetanus booster shot every 10 years.



Did these folks have a good time working at the Noyo Show?

Please re-read Ted's second paragraph on page 1.

**We need to have some member(s) step up and be willing to direct the Show organization.**

Keep in mind that there is a long history of many members helping put on the Shows. You will not be alone.



***A Nice Fall Treat***

Every year there are some plants that have a partial blooming period. There may be several blooms but typically not the whole plant, and often there are trusses that only partially open. And then next spring the plant does not bloom on those stems.

Notwithstanding these rebel plants, like the 'Fragrantissimum Improved' above, there are a number of plants that exhibit a normal bloom in the winter. Locally some that perform well include 'Pink Delight', 'Cornubia', and 'Robyn'.

If you want some nice trusses for the winter months now is the time to acquire some winter blooming rhododendrons.



**'Pink Delight'**



**'Cornubia'**



**'Robyn'**



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## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **2017-2018 Meeting Schedule**

**General Meetings** will be on the 3rd or 4th  
Wed @ the Presbyterian Church in Fort  
Bragg.

•Wed., Nov 15

### **Propagating Rhododendrons**

**Ken Jones**

•Wed., Dec 20, 3:00 pm

•Wed., Jan 24

•Wed., Feb 21

•Wed., Mar 21

•Wed., Apr 25

•Wed., May 23

•Sat and Sun., May 5-6, 2018.

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

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

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