

Noyo News

**NOYO CHAPTER
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 2019**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7PM

The meeting is early this month because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Presbyterian Church

367 S. Sanderson Way, Fort Bragg

Guest Speaker: Jaime Jenson, Lead Gardener, Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. (See President's Message)

Membership:

We are doing really well with our membership drive. As of November 11, we have renewed 45 members, 2 associate members and added a new one. Thanks so much to all of you who have renewed. Try to remember if you haven't yet renewed so that you don't miss out on getting your Winter Journal from ARS. Any questions call Fran at 964-6896.



2020 ARS Photo Contest

The contest is open to ARS members in good standing as of the contest closing date of July 31, 2020. All photos must be taken prior to July 31, 2020 and cannot be entered in the JARS photo contest previously. All entries should prominently feature either rhododendrons, azaleas and/or vireyas in the composition.

Categories:

- Flower, truss or spray
- Plant in bloom
- Landscape or plants in the wild or gardens
- Foliage
- People, insects or animals
- Other, for creative or artistic effects of any kind; i.e. software such as PhotoShop.

There is a lot more information for photo guidelines, please see the ARS Journal Fall 2019 for complete contest instructions

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those who have not been to the last couple of meetings, LeeAnn Dickson is our new Newsletter Editor. After many years of faithful service as newsletter editor, Dick Jones has retired. Dick has done a wonderful job and is looking forward to stepping back from monthly responsibilities. Let's all help LeeAnn by being involved with getting her information for the newsletter and letting her know how you like her efforts.

This month our speaker is Jaime Jenson, lead gardener at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. Jaime will be updating us on what has happened recently in the gardens. All one has to do is wander over to the Vegetable Garden and stand in awe at the massive changes that have occurred under her leadership. After seeing these changes you will get a feel for what is possible in the rest of the garden. Of course she is not doing this by herself, but is leading a very talented, capable and dedicated group of gardeners and volunteers supported by a fabulous administration. Come listen to what is and what can be and the future of the Garden.

Of interest for creative gardeners is an opportunity to make your own wreath. December 7th, Fran and I will be holding a workshop at the botanical gardens. In the workshop we will help you make a beautiful wreath, materials will be supplied. There will be two sessions, 10:00- noon and 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Each timeframe will be limited to 8 people. As space is limited, sign up early at the garden store for this opportunity. Costs is 45.00 which includes all necessary materials. All proceeds from this workshop goes straight to funding items for the gardens.

December 15th at 3:00 p.m. at David's Deli, our chapter will hold our annual Christmas dinner. As in past years, you will be able to bring appetizers, drinks or snacks to share. Our Chapter will be paying for the cost of the dinner. We will be ordering off of David's menu. Please remember the staff at David's with tips as they are working after hours to accommodate us.

I am hoping to see you at both the November meeting and December dinner!

Ted



Gardening Tip of the Month!

Special Thanks to Singing Tree Nursery and Don Wallace for our Tip this month. Don will also be our special guest speaker at our March meeting.

“You obviously wouldn't plant a rhododendron in the desert, nor should you plant a gardenia outside in Minnesota. Each location will have a unique set of conditions that dictate what plants will thrive there. There are more conditions across the USA to address them all. I will mention a few that make sense here in our coastal northern California area. Below are some suggestions for placing rhododendrons where they will bloom well. Rhododendrons require good light, not necessarily full sun exposure, to bloom well. In the summer months rhododendrons are making flower buds for the next year, and if they have ample light and food, they will create more new flower buds than leaf buds. Many gardeners plant rhododendrons and azaleas in dark shade, as in the photo below, thinking that is where they will best perform. This is usually a mistake. Although a rhododendron will survive just fine in dark shade, they will not bloom much, if at all. So, give your plants ample light (even the north side of your home is fine as there is ample light from the sky) and they will reward you with a lovely display in the spring.”

Item of Interest for Gardeners:

The Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is hosting the UC Master Gardener Class beginning January 16th through April 30th. The class comes to us through UC Davis and will meet every Thursday from 12:30 to 4 pm. For more information contact Tannis @UC Cooperative Extension 707-463-4495 or email tboyd@ucanr.edu Fee for the class is \$250. Call Fran for any information if you have an interest.



Wreath Making with Ted and Fran!

Get your space quick at this fun and interesting wreath making class taught by our own Ted and Fran! Only 8 spaces available for two classes on Saturday, December 7 at 10am and 1pm at the MCBG. Register now at the MCBG desk. \$45.00 includes all the materials and goes toward funding the Gardens. Make sure you bring garden pruners and gloves. See you there!

Quote of the Month

17th Century English Architect William Kent:

“All gardening is landscape painting”



Remember our Annual Christmas Dinner

Be there! December 15th at 3pm David's Deli in the Boatyard Shopping Center.

Bring an appetizer, snacks or drinks to share. Also, the wait staff is working beyond their normal hours, so please bring a generous tip.

Here are some photos from last year's party!



Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 20, General Meeting

Sunday, December 15, Christmas Dinner at David's Deli

Wednesday, January 22, General Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, General Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, General Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, General Meeting

Saturday and Sunday May 16-17 Noyo Chapter Show and Plant Sale

May and June TBA

June Garden Visit, TBA

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