

Noyo News

NOYO CHAPTER
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY
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President's Message

It is once again a beautiful day on the Mendocino Coast after a few refreshing June rains. More rhododendrons are opening up for a splendid show of bright joyous color for all to enjoy. We left May's monthly meeting and The Chapter's Mini Rhododendron Show with lots of smiles and winners. During the meeting the membership voted in two new Board members: Paul Beadleston and Staci Gonzales and confirmed Bob Jorgensen as Secretary. 😊 Congratulations!

I spent some time going over the need to keep the leadership of the Chapter fresh and moving forward with new ideas and strategies.

With no nominations or volunteers to fill the position of president, the matter was given to the Board of Directors for further action. The Board took up the matter at the June 09, 2022 Board meeting. LeeAnn Dickson stepped forward and volunteered to fill the office of President. After discussion the Board accepted her offer and she became President. With 100 percent of board member votes I am very proud to announce to the membership our New president, LeeAnn Dickson! Let us all support her as President of the Noyo Chapter ARS.

The Board also decided to offer opportunities for chapter involvement in chapter functions they are:

Program Chair.	Ted Steinhardt and one more
Hospitality Chair.	Nodja and helpers
Shirt / sweatshirt Committee	Devon and helper
Workday committee	Open for volunteers
Propagation group	Open for volunteers
Name Badges	Open for volunteers

We also need help with groups working in the MCBG to further the rhododendron collections! More about this great opportunity as it develops.

Also, work is under way on a new chapter website which could involve interested members. Our new website address is <http://www.noyochapterars.org>

As you can tell many exciting programs are happening!

Ted Steinhardt
Past President

**THANK YOU TED FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND
LEADERSHIP THROUGH OUT THE YEARS!**



Again, thanks to Ted for his brilliant leadership. With his guidance, we have grown as a chapter to the fourth largest in the nation! With 100 memberships, we are NUMBER ONE in the per capita count. This is amazing for our Mendocino Coast community.

I will have more to report on the next newsletter, so I will say so long for now!

LeeAnn Dickson
President

Upcoming Meeting Information

The next regular meeting of our chapter will be September 21. We are taking our normal summer break.

Mark your calendars for the following important dates:

August TBD Budget meeting -Board members

September 21 Members meeting

October 26 Members meeting

November 16 (early due to Thanksgiving) Potluck dinner!

December 11 at 2pm Christmas dinner at David's Deli

January 25 Members meeting speaker: Christy Hartsell Topic- Vireyas

February 22 Members meeting

March 22 Members meeting

April 26 Members meeting

May 6 & 7 Rhododendron Show

May 24 Members Only Show

All meeting will be held at:

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg, 367 S Sanderson Way.

Really Cool! T-Shirts available now.

Our Chapter designed this fabulous T-Shirts, here modeled by our Past President Ted.

Heavy Beefy T's by Hanes in long sleeve and dark gray with our wonderfully colorful design on the back and on the front too.

They are reasonably priced at \$30 each. We currently have a limited size selection, however we will be ordering more with demand from members.

Wear it with pride to promote our club and Rhodies.



Garden Tip of the Month by Dennis McKiver

One of the things we can do in the off season once we got our rhododendrons deadheaded, pruned, fertilized and mulched is to make sure we have name tags on our plants. I like to double tag my plants, so if one tag gets removed I still have a tag on the plant. I like to have at least one of these tags easy to remove so that as the plant grows I can easily take off the tag and move it to the outside where I can easily see it. I also like it to have large lettering so I can read it at a distance so I don't have to bend down and search for a name. Also when it comes Show time I can use the name tag to tag trusses as I pick them so I can get the right Show Entry Card on the right truss. By having large name tags that I can see at a distance as I walk through the yard I can easily recognize the plants so eventually it's easy to identify the plants by their looks even without flowers. Eventually you learn to recognize your plants just as you recognize your wife or children or other relatives or friends. Here are some ideas for name tags. First of all I got a Brother Label Maker it will print 1 inch wide labels. Next you need the 1" wide tape with 'Extra Strength Adhesive'. This is the 'TZe S251 Tape'. I use the 'Black Print on White Tape'. You can play with the fonts on the label maker, but I found the block letter bold font works best for me. Then you have to buy, scrounge or make some labels to stick it on. In the photo on the middle left side is an example of a standard 1" wide aluminum plant label with the 1" label tape attached. I found these labels will last longer than the metal tag. In the lower left is the label tape package. In the upper left is a 4"x4" square tag that I cut out of a sheet of soft plastic that I got from Tap Plastics. When you make these you cut out the squares with scissors, stack up all the squares, wrap them tight with masking tape, drill a hole (1/2" to 1") in the top center or top corner, unwrap the masking tape, use your scissors to round the corners if desired. Clip with your scissors from the edge to the whole. This lets you just clip the tag on and off a branch as needed. Now all you need to do is attach your name label. If you don't want to bother with the brother label maker you can just write on the tags with a permanent marker. In the upper right corner is a tag I made out of some discarded vertical blinds. These are 3 1/2" wide blinds that are 7 feet long. I cut them in 3 1/2" squares and as above I stacked them and drilled them as before. This plastic has been treated with UV filters since they are designed to hang in sunny windows for years, so they will last a long time in your garden. The orange tag in the lower right is a new idea I have for tags. A friend of mine is a commercial crab fisherman. They have to put plastic tags issued by the State on all their crab traps. They have to replace these tags every year or two. So may have a lot of old tags to discard. If you know a crab fisherman, ask them. You can write on these tags with a permanent marker or use your label maker. You can attach these tags either with a wire or garden tie or as above you can cut a slit to the hole so you can just clip it on a branch. Another idea I've seen used similar to these crab trap tags is to buy some of those plastic ear tags that farmers use to tag their cattle. I'm sure you can come up with some other ideas.



Happy Father's Day

It is time to fertilize your Rhodies!!

Quote of the Month

“When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.”

~Unknown



We are building a new website for our chapter!

We want to thank Member Terry Giomi for all his years of support of our old site. 😊

The new site will offer us more ease in changing and adding new information.

It will also be a .ORG site which shows users we are a non-profit organization. The new site...which is not on line quite yet has the same address, just .org not .com.

<http://www.noyochapterars.org>

Again thank you Terry!!!

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