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NEWSLETTER

March / April 2014

Unless specified otherwise, meetings are at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon

Calendar at a Glance

March 1-9	Philadelphia Flower Show, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia
March 20 (Thu.)	7:30 pm, Mike O'Hara, "Rhododendron Hybrids of Jim Barlup"
March 28-30	Azalea Society Convention, Charleston, SC "Doin' the Charleston Azalea Style"
April 17 (Thu.)	7:30 pm, Chuck Feld, "Boxwood Blight & Sudden Oak Death"
April 25-26	50 th Anniversary of the Rhododendron Species Foundation, Federal Way, WA
May 2-4 (Fri-Sun)	Valley Forge Chapter's Plant Sale at Jenkins Arboretum
May 10 (Sat.)	Joint Greater Philadelphia/Valley Forge Flower Show at Morris Arboretum
May 15-18 (Th-Su)	American Rhododendron Society's Annual Convention in Painesville, OH
May 20-31	Post Convention Tour of "ARS Gardens in Northern Germany and Denmark"
June 29 (Sun.)	Annual Chapter Meeting and Picnic
August 17 (Sun.)	Valley Forge-organized District 8 Cuttings Exchange and Auction

President's Message

Our February meeting was testament to people's desire to get out of the house. There were 35 hardy folks at our Joint meeting with the Greater Philadelphia (GP) chapter at the Uwchlan Meeting House. Greg Tepper gave a great presentation on native plants followed by appetizers and wine. Jim Gears gave us a great tour of the SE US with an emphasis on native azaleas of course.

The spring meetings will revert to the Thursday 7:30 time at Jenkins. See details on Mike O'Hara and Charles Felds elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our biggest event of the year occurs May 2-4. We'll need volunteers during the week leading up to the sale to help unload, categorize, and price plants. Contact Chris Smetana cpsmetana@yahoo.com if you wish to help. We can always put more volunteers to work. The proceeds from this event fund our donations for the entire year so we need all of your support.

The flower show will be held at Morris Arboretum organized by the GP chapter this year. Don't forget to go to our website www.ValleyForgeARS.org for details on these upcoming events.

See you in March, Bob Smetana (610) 688-5249, vfarssmetana@yahoo.com

On March 20 (Thursday) at 7:30 pm:

Mike O'Hara: "East Coast-West Coast Hybrids of Jim Barlup"

Mike O'Hara has been an ARS member for 10 years and is President of the Princeton Chapter. Mike has 3/4 of an acre full of rhododendrons and deciduous azaleas. He has hybridized for 5 years and has approximately 500 seedlings in cold frames in his yard from seedlings started the past 2 years. His objective is creating better yellow, orange and purple hybrid rhododendrons. Mike has worked with Jim Barlup (see photo) for 4 years now. Jim has supplied many of his hybrids to Mike to test in his garden. Jim has also sent Mike many packets of seed and capsules of pollen.



Mike will present pictures of many of Jim Barlup's beautiful Hybrids and show some of Jim's methods of hybridizing. Jim Barlup is a member of the Cascade and Seattle chapters of the ARS in Washington State. Jim is the most

prolific and one of the best hybridizers in our country today. Jim's stated goal: "as a West Coast hybridizer, I want to introduce more East Coast hybrids into my garden. My goal is to merge the wide range of Western colors with Eastern hardiness to produce new plants for hybridizers and growers on both coasts." Jim is well known for his East-West hybridizing program. Jim Barlup was awarded the ARS Gold Medal in 2004 in part for his generously sharing breeding material and insights, making over 1,000 crosses each year, critically evaluating his seedlings, and encouraging nurseries and others to test grow his most beautiful selections. Jim is also a professional photographer and has supplied Mike with beautiful photos of his best hybrids. It is amazing what Jim Barlup has produced and many of these are hardy in the East.

Refreshments: Those whose names start with letters H to Q are asked to please bring finger food treats.

On April 17 (Thursday) at 7:30 pm:

Chuck Feld: "Boxwood Blight: It's Here, Are Your Boxwoods Safe?"

Chuck Feld teaches horticulture at the Williamson Free School for Mechanical Trades and has participated in the last 43 Philadelphia Flower Shows. He was employed by J. Franklin Styer Nurseries for 20 years and is in the PA Landscape and Nursery Association "Hall of Fame".

Boxwood Blight has been reported throughout Europe and the United Kingdom since the 1990s.

Boxwood Blight is a new disease



for the United States and is now possibly in Pennsylvania. It arrived in Connecticut in 2011 and is now reported from Connecticut to the Carolinas.

Boxwood blight is a fungal disease caused by *Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum* (Syn. *Calonectria pseudonaviculata*). Once infected, a boxwood will quickly yellow and drop its

leaves. There is no treatment or cure and the infected plants and surrounding leaf litter must be burned and soil sterilized to prevent reinfection. See article on page 8.

For more information, go to <http://www.boxwoodblight.org>.

Also, an update on Sudden Oak Death

Recently, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture has been busy tracking down over 100 potential cases of sudden oak death (SOD) in Pennsylvania. Some have involved commercial operations, some residential consumers.

Caused by the plant pathogen Phytophthora

Refreshments: Those whose names start with letters R to Z are asked to please bring fingerfood treats.

ramorum, the disease affects oaks and a wide variety of other plant species including those in the Rhododendron and Viburnum genera. If plants are found to be infected, they must be destroyed.

SOD has not yet been found in the wild in Pennsylvania but forests in the far west have been infected. Certain forested areas in California and Oregon have been devastated by the disease.

For more information, go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/management/fhm-invasives-sod.shtml>

Valley Forge Chapter Annual Plant Sale at Jenkins Arboretum May 2 to 4, 2014

May 2 (Friday): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Party and Presale
(by reservation, \$30/person. Check to Chris Smetana or
ARS, P.O. Box 715, Southeastern, PA 19399-715)

May 3 (Saturday): 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Public Sale

May 4 (Sunday): 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Public Sale

Chair: Chris Smetana (610) 688-5249 cpsmetana@yahoo.com

This is the big event of the year! As always, we will have a fine selection of rhododendrons, azaleas, and “companion plants”, such as other shrubs, small trees, including Japanese Maple, and choice perennials.

Publicity. You should receive in the mail this year’s plant sale flyer. Using this flyer or copies of it, please inform your gardening friends, neighbors, and colleagues and post a flyer, if possible, at your workplace or other locations, such as a local library or stores. Any publicity is appreciated.

Help is needed and appreciated. Expert or novice, please sign up at the April meeting or

commit yourself when called, or just show up on workdays (Monday to Thursday preceding sale) or on public sale days (May 3 and 4).

There are all kinds of chores to be done. Snacks/food and beverages will be provided.

Plant donations are welcome. Please pot up your surplus garden gems as soon as possible, so they look good at the time of the sale, label them with their Latin or common names, if possible, and bring them by **Thursday May 1**. Many customers head first to the donations table, which can add tremendously to the success of the sale, the proceeds of which benefit a number of horticultural, conservation, and educational efforts.

Rhododendron and Azalea Flower (Truss) Show at Morris Arboretum

100 E. Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia (Chestnut Hill)

Widener Visitor Center (use main entrance to public garden)

Saturday, May 10 (the day before Mother's Day)

Chair: Michael Mills (215) 527-7145, mmm19119@gmail.net

This juried flower/truss show is hosted this year by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter at Morris Arboretum (in odd-numbered years by the Valley Forge chapter at Jenkins Arboretum). Members of all area chapters are invited to **bring their entries between 7 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.** to make this the usually stunning and highly educational exhibit,

www.ValleyForgeARS.org or www.gpchapterars.org

which is **open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Classification lists and entry tags will be available at the April chapter meetings and at the contest site, where help and guidance are offered to exhibitors. The classification lists will also be available on the chapter web sites, and tags may be requested from Michael Mills.

Plant Labels are available for Chapter Members

In cooperation with Jenkins Arboretum, plant labels are made for VF ARS members from January through March. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Jackson (noelevajackson@comcast.net). Labels will be made **only** for members and only for their **own use**. The sequence of orders processed will give priority to active members.

Quantity: 96 labels maximum per order/member.

Cost: \$20.00 for 1 to 96 labels, with check made out to Valley Forge Chapter, ARS, and money passed on to Jenkins.

Writing the information for labels:

Each line of a WP document becomes one plant label of one or two lines (your choice, depending also on how much info you want to have listed). If you want two lines, the lines must be separated by a semicolon (;) and no spaces. The lines must be single-spaced (for a total of 96 lines maximum).

Examples:

P.J.M.:(Weston) = 2 lines on plant label, no spaces before or after semicolon

Girard's Pleasant White = 1 line on plant label

Notes:

1) No line on the plant label can be longer than 26 characters (including spaces). If you have 2 lines, neither line can be longer than 26 characters (including spaces).

2) The format is yours, i.e., it may be 'P.J.M.' or

just P.J.M. Names should not be abbreviated.

3) Species names cannot be italicized by the engraving machine.

Checking label information: After you have prepared your list (as outlined above) and thoroughly checked/rechecked your own resources, you are encouraged, but not required, to send or e-mail your copy to Eva Jackson (noelevajackson@comcast.net) for a final check of spelling and other errors (yes they do creep in!). The copy will be returned to you promptly, with suggestions, if necessary, but you have the final say. It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is to check for accuracy of labels that cannot be corrected once engraved and that may pass on false information on numerous occasions (plant sales, flower/truss shows, cuttings exchanges, garden tours).

Engraving label information: The final plant list should be emailed to Harold Sweetman at: Harold@jenkinsarboretum.org, with 'metal plant labels' in the subject line. Labels are machine-engraved by a Jenkins Arboretum staff member onto large sheets.

Finishing labels: The engraved label sheets must be cut into individual labels, their corners rounded, and a hole punched for wiring. **This job needs to be done by you** at Jenkins Arboretum (with tools provided and as instructed). Wire for attaching label to plant is **not** provided.



The ARSStore.org got off to a good start. In the first 80 days it sold \$1,500 worth merchandise and netted \$70 for the ARS. The most popular items were books and software. It also sold a number of other items including 2 digital projectors and a Spode Stafford Rhododendron plate.

The store has three divisions:

1. **ARS Logo Merchandise:** featuring knit, woven and denim shirts, jackets, caps, visors, and computer briefcases.
2. **Amazon Merchandise:** featuring Rhododendron & Azalea Books, Garden Books, Garden Tools, and any other item sold on Amazon.
3. **Participating Merchants:** featuring other merchants who agree to give referral fees to the ARS for each purchase when you mention ARSStore.org.

ARSStore.org has no expenses, only earnings.

To access each division, go to ARSStore.org and from there select what interests you. If you don't see an item, use the Amazon search feature. Amazon sells just about everything. You get the same low Amazon prices from the ARS store, but by using it the ARS gets a fee for referring you. As long as you go to Amazon from ARSStore.org before making a purchase, the ARS gets a referral fee.

2014 Annual ARS Convention

May 15-18, 2014, Cleveland, OH

Registration Discounted before March 15.



www.greatlakesrhodies.org

The American Rhododendron Society invites you to attend, Annual International Convention May 15-18, 2014, Greater Cleveland area, situated along the scenic shores of Lake Erie - *WHERE EVERY GARDEN TELLS A STORY*. Welcome to the "City of Trees," experience the special beauty and variety of a Midwestern spring. Visit carefully chosen tours - in our woods, along our shores in private and public gardens in the Greater Cleveland area. Visit:

- David G. Leach Research Station,
- Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH
- Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden
- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- Cleveland Botanic Garden
- Lake View Cemetery
- Mimi Gale Garden, A Private "Gem"
- 3 more private gardens on Sunday

Speakers will include Ian Adams, Clem Hamilton, Enjoy speakers with fresh perspective and interesting garden themes that will entertain and inform. Plant Sale will be overflowing with plants from W.W. Nurseries. All roads and airways (Hopkins International Airport), lead to Quail Hollow Resort Hotel in Painesville, OH, where the Convention will be held. Put this meeting on your calendar and plan to attend.

For further details visit the [conference website](#).

2014 Gardens Tour in Northern Germany and Denmark

The ARS Board attempted to get the Danish Chapter to hold a convention following the 2014 ARS convention in Cleveland but was unable to arrange it. The Board subsequently asked William R. Heller, president of the Seattle chapter, to plan a rhododendron garden tour of Denmark and Northern

Below is the itinerary for this '2014 Rhododendron Garden Tours in Northern Germany and Denmark'. The tour will leave just after the 2014 ARS Convention in May in Cleveland, OH. You do not have to attend the convention to go on this tour of Northern Europe. We will all meet at one of 2 hubs: either JFK or Newark in the East, or Seattle in the West, to fly to Hamburg, Germany. A Coach will pick us up and take us to the rhododendron Gardens and sites in Northern Germany and Denmark.

The cost is \$3,975 each for double occupancy rooms (\$4,400 for single occupancy). The

Tour includes round-trip Airfare from the airline hubs, coach and driver, hotels, all breakfasts and 4 dinners. The fare is based on present exchange rates and fees and should be accurate within about 10%.

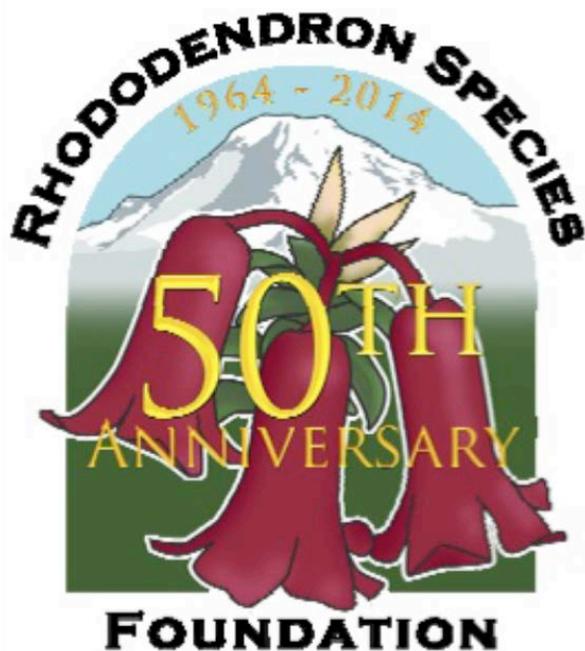
We ask that everyone on the tour meet at one of the two airline's hubs and fly as a group to Hamburg, so we know everyone will be there when we arrive in Hamburg. Once we know who is going and from where they are coming from, group airfares to Europe will be arranged and we will let people know exactly where they need to meet the group.

The itinerary sets out an exciting twelve-day tour sure to delight rhododendron lovers. Review the tour schedule and if you find it enticing, download the [Registration Form](#), [Itinerary](#), and [Overview](#). Contact Bill Heller at william.r.heller@boeing.com for additional details or confirm your interest in the tour. [<http://rhodyman.net/tour/index.htm>]

Northern Germany and Denmark Tour Itinerary

May 20, Tue.... Dep. for Hamburg, Germany
May 21, Wed. ... Arrive Hamburg, take Coach to hotel in Oldenburg, Germany, stay 3 nights.
May 22, Thu.... Westerstede for its Annual Rhododendron Festival
May 23, Fri. Hobbie Linswege Rhododendronpark, Schlosspark in Lütetsburg.
May 24, Sat. Brun's Nursery & Rhododendron Park in Gristede, Bremen Rhododendron Park in Bremen.
Travel to Hamburg hotel, stay 1 night.
May 25, Sun.... Hachmann's Rhodoland, 'Planten un Blomen' Hamburg Botanical Garden.
Travel to Sonderborg, Denmark, stay 1 night.
May 26, Mon... Inge & Harry Froloch's garden in Sønderborg, Haje & Askel Højgaard's garden in Skarbakp, then Ulla and Svend Aage Askjaer's garden in Spøttrup. Travel to Viborg, Denmark, stay 1 night.

May 27, Tue. ... Rhododendron Haven by Helle & Claus Erik Jorgensen in Tarring, Halse's garden in Fuhlen.
Travel to Copenhagen, Denmark, stay 4 nights.
May 28, Wed. ... Gammel Køgegård Manor House & Danish Display Garden in Køge, Peter Hansen's large garden outside Nakskov.
May 29, Thu. Svend Hansen' Kaernehuset Nursery & Gardens with the largest plantings from Svend's seed collections from China in the 90'ties & Frederikborg Castle and the baroque garden in Hillerød, Denmark.
May 30, Fri..... Nivaagaard, an Art Museum and Park where Svend Hansen has done the bulk of the planting, Carl Adam Lehmann's summer garden in Hornbaek.
May 31, Sat. Rosenborg Castle and Gardens, back to Carl Adam Lehmann's Garden in Copenhagen and depart early evening from Copenhagen.



Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden
50th Anniversary Celebration
April 24-26, 2014; Federal Way, WA
Early Registration \$65, After Mar. 1st \$75
 Speakers include David Chamberlain, Harold Greer, Douglas Justice and Steve Hootman. Events include Garden & Nursery Tours, Reception & Banquet at Hampton Inn & Suites & Weyerhaeuser Corporate Headquarters. The full schedule of events as well as registration information and a link to the hotel is available on the RSF website, RhodyGarden.org.

Resources on our website:

<http://ValleyForgeARS.org>

The main sections of our website are:

- **Join Us:** Membership Application
- **Links:** Information, Gardens & Sources
- **Events:** Our Events Calendar
- **News:** Flower Show Results & Newsletters
- **Contact Us:** Our Mailing Address
- **Members Area:** Chapter History Pages
- **Gallery:** Photo Gallery for Members

New Zealand Rhododendron Assoc.
70th Jubilee International
Rhododendron Conference 2014
Dunedin, New Zealand
Mon., Oct. 20, to Fri., Oct. 24, 2014



With the optional tours, one would start in Auckland on the North Island on Sun., Oct. 12, and end near the Christchurch International Airport on the South Island on Mon., Oct. 27, 2013. Details are online:

rhododendron.org.nz/conference_info.php

A beautiful Conference Booklet is posted at: rhododendron.org.nz/RhodoConfRegBookFinalLargerPDF.pdf

Pre Conference Tour: They are having a Pre-Conference Tour starting in Auckland on the North Island on Sunday, October 12 and arriving in Dunedin on Sunday, October 19, 2014. The Pre Conference makes many stops including the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust, Rotorua, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Fjordland National Park, and many gardens.

rhododendron.org.nz/pre_conference_dunedin.php

Post Conference Tour: They are also having a Post Conference Tour starting in Dunedin on Saturday, October 25 and ending on Monday, October 27, 2014 near Christchurch International Airport. The Post Conference Tour makes many stops including Mt. Cook National Park and 8 gardens.

rhododendron.org.nz/post_conference_dunedin.php

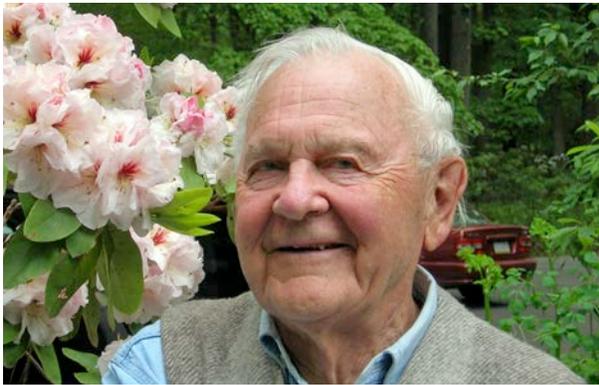
Registration Form:

rhododendron.org.nz/conference_application.php

Fred Winter Memorial Award

Fred Winter Memorial Award for Excellence in Horticulture will be given to an outstanding student majoring in horticulture, who, upon graduation, is pursuing a career in horticulture or attending school to study horticulture.

The award of \$1,000, which is sponsored by the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, will be paid by May 1.



Dr. Fred Winter was a gardener extraordinaire, horticulturist and ardent rhododendron propagator from the Pottstown, PA, area. His farm, Schuylkill Navigations Company Farm, is listed in the archives of American Gardens of the Smithsonian.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be full-time students in horticulture, in their senior year, and in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Students must provide evidence of acceptance to graduate school and/or employment in the horticulture industry. As part of the application process, a one-page essay must be submitted that focuses on how the applicant envisions impacting the industry through his/her employment or graduate work.

To apply, either request an application by contacting Beverly Gruber, 5265 Sell Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066; email lowhill@rcn.com; or go online to the PSA website: ww.pspa-online.com and download the application.

All applications must be submitted by March 15 to the New Tripoli address to be considered. The scholarship committee of the PSPA will choose a winner by April 1st.

Help Curb Boxwood Disease

Boxwood Blight is caused by a fungal pathogen that renders the emerald green leaves brown and dry. The fungus can rapidly defoliate boxwood plants, leading to plant death, making the plants unsuitable for commercial sale and wiping out ornamental landscapes. The disease spreads primarily via infected plant materials and soil from infected plants. This pathogen produces sticky spores that attach to plant containers, tools, vehicles, shoes and clothes.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension is cautioning the public to take measures to avoid potentially spreading the devastating boxwood blight when cleaning up. The following simple steps are recommended to mitigate the spread of boxwood blight:

- If boxwood plants or cuttings are purchased, ask the retailer if the greenery comes from a supplier in the Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program. Growers in this program adhere to current best management practices.



- Inspect any newly purchased boxwood greenery for symptoms of the disease including leaf spots, leaf browning, black streaks on the stems, and leaf drop. Any greenery that has these symptoms should be double bagged and discarded in a landfill. Do not compost infected greenery.
- Sanitize pruning tools. In order to disinfect tools, consumers may use the following cleansers: Clorox at a 1:10 dilution or other household bleach that is registered by the EPA for use as a disinfectant or sanitizer, or Lysol concentrate disinfectant which contains chlorophenol, ethanol, and isopropanol. Consumers are reminded to read and follow all label directions when using these products.

2014 Rhododendrons of the Year

Mid-Atlantic Region

Twenty-nine rhododendrons selected for their adaptability in eight regions of the United States have been awarded Rhododendron of the Year (ROY) honors for 2014. The purpose of the awards is to educate the public about the wide range of rhododendrons that can be grown successfully in people's gardens. To be selected for a ROY award a plant must have excellent foliage and flowers, have an attractive plant habit, prove itself hardy for the specific region and be pest and disease resistant.

Elepidote Rhododendron: Nestucca



Flowers are white with greenish-brown spotting in throat, openly funnel-shaped, frilly lobes, and 5" across. Dome-shaped truss of 14 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves are elliptic, 4" long, glossy, dark green. Plant compact with spreading habit. Height: 3 ft. in 10 yrs. Tolerates heat and sun. Flower bud hardy to -10° F (-23° C). Hybridized by C. Smith.

R. fortunei ssp fortunei x *R. degranianum ssp yakushmanum*

Lepidote Rh.: R. 'Kehr's White Ruffles'

Flowers are white with greenish dorsal blotch. Flat truss holds 2 to 3 flowers. Blooms early. Leaf is elliptic, flat, acuminate apex, cuneate base, semi-glossy, and 5" long, scaly below,



deep green, retained 3 years, deciduous. Dense growth habit, grows twice as wide as tall. Typical height: 4 ft. in 10 yrs. Plant is cold hardy to -15°F (-26°C), buds to -10°F. (-23°C). Hybridized by Kehr.

R. 'Epoch' x *R. mucronulatum*, white flowered

Evergreen Azalea: R. 'Caitlin Marie'



Flowers are vivid purplish red, with sparse strong red dorsal spotting, outside has narrow greenish white stripe along petal central axis. Ball-shaped truss holds 3 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves are elliptic, cuneate base, acute apex, 1½" long, glossy, strong yellow green. Dense plant habit. Grows to a typical height of 3 ft in 10 yrs. Hardy to -10° F (-23° C). Hybridized by Klimavicz.

R. 'Elsie Lee' x R. 'Satellite'

Deciduous Azalea: R. calendulaceum



Flowers are shades of orange, scarlet and yellow, funnel shaped. Sometimes slightly scented. Truss has 5-9 flowers. Blooms late midseason to late. Leaves are ovate or obovate to elliptic, up to 3½" long, deciduous. Grows as an upright, spreading plant. Reaches a typical height of 5 ft. in 10 yrs. Insect and disease resistant. Plant and bud hardy to -20°F (-29°C). Found in the wild growing in Pennsylvania to northern Georgia.

Species rhododendron in subgenus Pentanthera section Pentanthera subsection Pentanthera

The above 4 rhododendrons selected for their adaptability in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States have been awarded Rhododendron of the Year (ROY) honors for 2014.

For more photos and descriptions look up: [2014](#), [2013](#), [2012](#), [2011](#), [2010](#), [2009](#), [2008](#), [2007](#), [2006](#), [2005](#), [2004](#).

Previous Mid-Atlantic ROY winners

Special Opportunity

Frank Brouse To Teach B&B

How to Ball & Burlap Plants

Frank is famous for his exclusive use of B&B rhododendrons. They are sought after because they adapt very well to transplanting. The technique can even be used on large plants. Now you can learn this technique from Frank. Frank Brouse has offered to teach his technique to dig and ball & burlap rhododendrons. Just call Frank at 610-539-4620 to arrange a convenient time. Frank’s address is 2015 Potshop Rd., Norristown, PA.

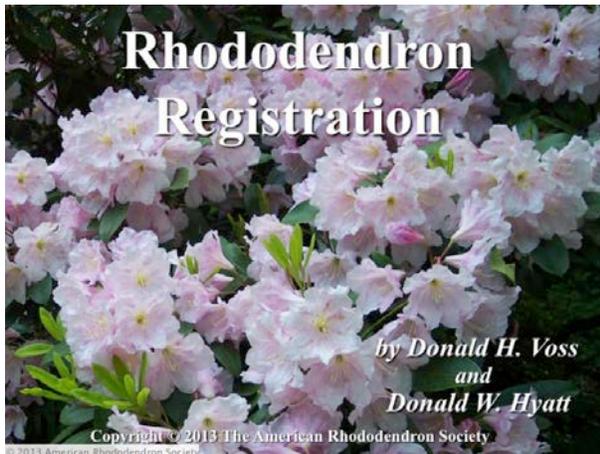
Previous Mid-Atlantic ROY winners

Elepidote Rhododendron:	Lepidote Rhododendron:	Evergreen Azaleas:	Deciduous Azaleas:
2013: ‘Taurus’	2013: ‘Cornell Pink’	2013: ‘Rose Greeley’	2013: R. schlippenbachii
2012: ‘Janet Blair’	2012: ‘Windbeam’	2012: ‘Sandra’s Green Ice’	2012: ‘Aromi Sunny-side-up’
2011: ‘Brown Eyes’	2011: ‘Molly Fordham’	2011: ‘Tina’s Whorled’	2011: R. prunifolium
2010: ‘Scintillation’	2010: ‘Mary Fleming’	2010: ‘Carrie Amamda’	2010: ‘Klondyke’
2009: ‘Wheatley’	2009: ‘Landmark’	2009: ‘Koromo-shikibu’	2009: ‘Old Gold’
2008: ‘Mist Maiden’	2008: ‘Weston’s Aglo’	2008: ‘Dream’	2008: ‘White Lightning’
2007: ‘Caroline’	2007: ‘Olga Mezitt’	2007: ‘Fairfax’	2007: (none)
2006: ‘Bellringer’	2006: ‘PJM Elite’	2006: ‘Elsie Lee’	2006: ‘Homebush’
2005: ‘Calsap’	2005: ‘Dora Amateis’	2005: ‘Nancy of Robin Hill’	2005: ‘Gibraltar’
2004: ‘Gigi’	2004: ‘April Pink’	2004: ‘Girard’s Fuchsia’	2004: ‘Crimson Tide’

Rhododendron Registration

By Don Voss & Don Hyatt

Utilizing the expertise of noted taxonomist, Donald H. Voss, this PowerPoint presentation tries to illustrate the process one must go through to properly register an azalea or rhododendron. It illustrates many topics including flower, truss, and leaf types, as well as detailed examples on color evaluation. This presentation originated as a draft article by Don Voss. Don Hyatt suggested creating a PowerPoint presentation to be made available to all rhododendron and azalea growers considering the naming of their cultivars.



It has lots of images to illustrate various concepts, and can be viewed as a full presentation suitable for a chapter program, or in smaller units that is easier for individual study. Posted online are the full PowerPoint version, the four-part PowerPoint version, a PDF version and an online internet version that can be viewed with any browser.

All of these versions can be found under the “Programs” tab at ARSSStore.org. To view PowerPoint versions you need PowerPoint, Apple Keynote or a [free PowerPoint Viewer](#) available for Windows. The free Adobe Reader, Apple Preview or iBook can be used to view the PDF version. The impact of Don’s elaborate PowerPoint transitions is lost when viewed as a PDF or the online version.

For the Hungry Gardener:

Nanaimo Bars

(Nanaimo, BC, Canada on Vancouver Is.)

There were several requests for this recipe at the recent meeting at Uwchlan.



Bottom Layer

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ¼ cup sugar
- 5 tbsp. cocoa
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 ¼ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ½ c. finely chopped almonds or walnuts
- 1 cup coconut

Melt first 3 ingredients in the top of a double boiler or in a microwave. Add egg and stir to cook and thicken. Remove from heat. Stir in crumbs, coconut, and nuts. Press firmly into an ungreased 8" x 8" pan.

Second Layer

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. and 2 Tsp. cream
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Cream butter, cream, pudding mix, and powdered sugar together well. Beat until light. Spread over bottom layer.

Third Layer

- 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate (1 oz. each)
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

Melt chocolate and butter over low heat. Cool. Once cool, but still liquid, pour over second layer and chill in refrigerator.

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