



# American Rhododendron Society

Valley Forge Chapter

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NEWSLETTER

April/May 2005

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## *Valley Forge ARS Calendar of Events* 2005 MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

**April 22-23, 2005 (Friday and Saturday), and again on Saturday, April 30 (more to come...):** Our chapter's **Annual Plant Sale**. Take note...this will be held a week earlier than usual. At Jenkins Arboretum. **See insert for details.** Just a friendly reminder that the plant party and sale are great ways to see if people are interested in joining our group!

**April 24 (Sunday):** **Lepidote (Small-Leaf Rhododendron) Garden Tour.** 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm, **RAIN OR SHINE.** On tour are the Keim garden, the Jackson garden, and the Gears garden. See details below.

**April 27-May 1, 2005: National ARS Convention in Victoria, B.C. Canada.**

**May 7 (Saturday) and May 8 (Sunday, Mother's Day), 2005: Valley Forge Chapter Flower (Truss) Show at Jenkins Arboretum.** See details below.

**June 26, 2005 (Sunday): Annual meeting and PICNIC.**

**August 14, 2005 (Sunday): District 8 Cutting Exchange and Auction.**

*Note: Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at Jenkins Arboretum*

As always, if you have program suggestions, with suggestions of presenters, please contact Reid Warren at 610-913-0005.

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### **Thank You!**

A big thank you to Bill Dennis for volunteering for one of the Board positions, Recording Secretary!

### **VF ARS Plant Sale – Donations Welcome!**

It is not too late to pot up plants to be donated for the sale. These garden gems, which often are not available in the trade, are pure profit for us. The earlier they are potted, the better they look on the sale days. For more information, contact one of the Board members (see last page of newsletter).

## ***April 24 (Sunday): Lepidote (Small-Leaf Rhododendron) Garden Tour.***

You are cordially invited to a Garden Tour  
Featuring the "Early Bloomers" in

The Gardens of Eva & Noel Jackson, Jim & Kay Gears, and Cathy & Brian Keim

Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2005  
Between the hours of 12:30 and 5:00 pm  
Rain or Shine

*Light refreshments available at the Keim's and at the Jackson's*

### **The Gardens**

The 25-year old **Jackson Garden** is part of a one-acre hillside property with original, large native oak and dogwood trees, an ideal setting for the cultivation of rhododendrons. This tour will showcase their lepidotes, native azaleas, wildflowers and some hollies.

The **Gears Garden** began in 1985 on 1.3 wooded acres of south central Chester County features over 250 hybrids and species of rhododendrons, 300 varieties of evergreen azaleas, many native azaleas (species and seedlings grown from seed collected in the wild) and eastern wildflowers. Jim welcomes you, but warns he has experienced extensive deer damage to plants this winter.

The 25-year old **Keim Garden**, set on 1.75 sloping acres with tall trees, features many varieties of lepidote rhododendrons, including many forms and hybrids of *R. augustinii* with which Brian has been experimenting the past few years. Early blooming native azaleas, spring bulbs and wildflowers, as well as various evergreens compliment the April garden.

### **The Directions to the Gardens**

**Directions to Jackson Garden** at 730 Limehouse Road, Radnor (215-687-2289)

From Center City, take I-76 West, exit at Gulph Mills( exit 330), \*turn left at dead end (stop sign), turn right (stop sign) into and follow Trinity Lane and signs to I-76 west . After crossing RR bridge, turn right into South Gulph Road, turn immediately into left lane and into Gypsy Lane. At 3rd stop sign, turn right into Pine Hill Road and left into Limehouse Road. 730 is at the end of the cul-de-sac (parking).

Coming south on I-476 from Norristown exit of PA Turnpike, follow signs to Valley Forge on I-76 west but exit immediately at Gulph Mills (exit 330) and follow directions \*above.

Coming from I-95, take I-476 north and St. Davids exit to traffic light and follow King of Prussia Road. After 3rd traffic light, beyond top of hill, turn right into Hollow Road, left into Pine Hill Road, and again left into Limehouse Road to end of cul-de-sac (parking).

From points west and south (via PA Turnpike or Routes 422 or 202), go to King of Prussia intersection, turn right into South Gulph Road (Best Western to your right). After 1.7 miles (traffic light), turn right into Weadley Road. Go up the hill, one block beyond stop sign, turn left into Pine Hill Road and right into Limehouse Road to end of cul-de-sac (parking).

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# PLANT SALE

Saturday April 23, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
Saturday April 30, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
Rain or Shine

## AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS

HYBRIDS, NATIVES, SPECIES

*plus*

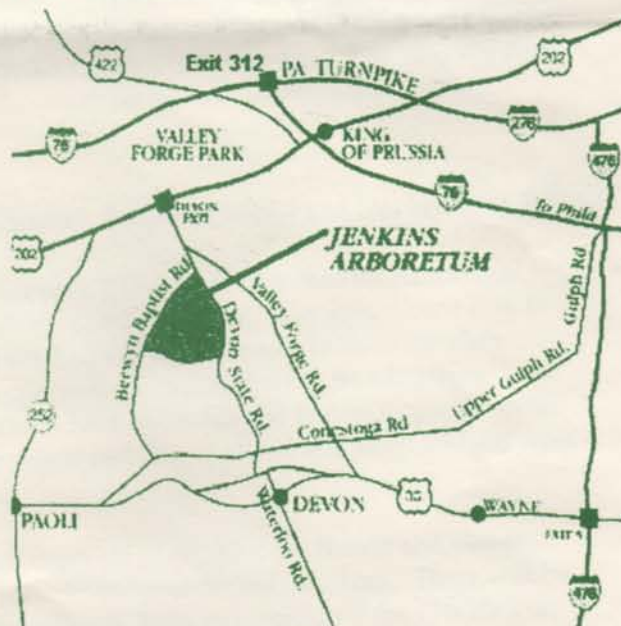
**TREES AND SHRUBS**  
**WILDFLOWERS**

**PERENNIALS**  
**CONIFERS**

**HOSTAS**  
**FERNS**

PLANT SALE AND PARTY  
(Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres)  
FRIDAY, April 22, 6-8 P.M.  
\$25 PER PERSON

DEADLINE FOR CHECKS: APRIL 15  
PAYABLE TO ARS, P.O. BOX 715,  
SOUTHEASTERN, PA 19399-0715



**JENKINS ARBORETUM GROUNDS**  
631 BERWYN-BAPTIST ROAD, DEVON, PENNSYLVANIA

FOR DIRECTIONS: 610/647-8870 OR [WWW.JENKINSARBORETUM.ORG](http://WWW.JENKINSARBORETUM.ORG)

Sale proceeds benefit Jenkins Arboretum and other horticultural, educational, and conservation efforts.

**Directions to Gears Garden** at 2065 Parkersville Road, West Chester (610-793-2313)

Travel South on Route 202 to Route 926. Turn left on Route 926, going west; proceed to stop sign and continue on Route 926. After crossing over railroad tracks go up a short steep hill and then a long steep hill. At the top of that hill continue 1/4 mile to the intersection of Parkersville Road. Turn right on Parkersville Road to the 3rd house on the right.

**Directions to Keim Garden** at 1189 Sewell Lane, Rydal (215-576-6494)

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike, exit at Willow Grove and keep to the left from the tollbooth, going south on Route 611 toward Willow Grove and Jenkintown. Stay with 611 South (which changes its name from Easton Road to Old York Road in Willow Grove) for approximately 5 miles until you come to Abington Hospital on your right and the Inn Flight Restaurant on your left. At that light, turn left on to Woodland Road. Proceed through two stop signs. At the next road, which comes in only on the right and is at the Penn State Abington campus, turn right on to Cloverly Lane. Follow Cloverly Lane to the stop sign and turn right on to Sewell Lane. 1189 is the first driveway on the left. Parking (limited) is available in the driveway, or on Cherry Lane, which is the first street to the left just past our driveway. Do not park on Sewell Lane.

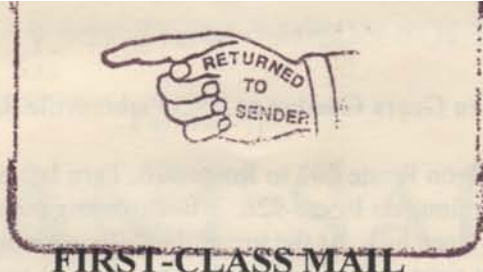
From Washington Lane, proceed north through Jenkintown to the three way stop sign at the intersection of Washington Lane and Susquehanna Road, at the RR underpass just past the Rydal station. Turn left on to Susquehanna Road, under the underpass, and proceed to the traffic light at Susquehanna Road and Valley Road. Turn right on Valley Road, getting into the left hand lane to turn left at the next street on to Cloverly Lane. Proceed through one stop sign. The next left hand turn is Sewell Lane, turn left and 1189 is the first driveway on the left. Parking see above.

***Valley Forge Chapter Flower (Truss) Show.*** Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2005

Big changes are in store for our show this year. Not only will it be held at Jenkins Arboretum, home base for our chapter activities, but it will also be a two-day event. The greenhouse area is somewhat smaller than the area at Longwood but we do have enough room to accommodate about twice the number of entries we have had in previous years-and there is no admission fee to boot! This will be a golden opportunity for those who have not exhibited to date to get involved and also a great opportunity for those of you who would just like to attend this event and see what your fellow members are growing in their gardens.

This show is great fun, a great opportunity to learn more about our favorite flower and also to help in the overall operation of the show and to get to know your fellow members. There will be an additional brochure sent to the membership sometime in April explaining all the specifics on the various classes, awards, entry card preparation, bloom grooming, etc. As in any function of this type, we want additional help from the membership. There is a core group of chapter members who have made this show a success over the years but we can always use more volunteers. If you wish to be a part of the team, give a call to **Win Howe, tel. 610-458-5291 or email wahowe@bee.net.**

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