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Web site: [www.ValleyForgeARS.org](http://www.ValleyForgeARS.org)

## **NEWSLETTER**

**May / June 2018**

Unless specified otherwise, meetings are at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon

### *Calendar at a Glance*

- May 4-6** Valley Forge Chapter's Plant Sale at Jenkins Arboretum (Fri to Sun.)  
**May 12 (Sat.)** Joint Greater Philadelphia/Valley Forge Flower Show at Morris  
**May 20-27** ARS 2018 European Convention  
**June 17 (Sun.)** Annual Chapter Meeting and Picnic at the Henry Foundation with GPARS  
**Aug. 19 (Sun.)** Dist. 8 Cuttings Exchange & Auction, Sherwood's Forest Nursery, Nottingham, PA

### *President's Message*

The 2018 Plant Sale is a week away and the Plant Sale Committee is working hard to make this year's sale another successful one. As everyone knows, this is our biggest fund raiser of the year and, if you can fit it into your schedule, we can use help this week unloading trucks and getting plants organized and ready for sale. We will also need volunteers to help during the sale. Our Opening Night Party/Preview Sale will be Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and the Plant Sale will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, so please come by to lend a hand.

The Joint Greater Philadelphia/Valley Forge Flower/Truss Show will be held at Morris Arboretum on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. This is always a wonderful way to usher in spring and show off our favorite Rhododendron blossoms. This year we will also be joining the Greater Philadelphia Chapter for our annual picnic at the Henry Foundation in Gladwyne, which will be on Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>. This should be a nice event and it's always a relaxing way to spend a summer afternoon. We will also use this occasion to elect the Chapter Officers and Directors for the upcoming year.

In closing I would like to thank Scott Guiser for the very informative presentation he gave at our March 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting on the positives and negatives of working with herbicides. And lastly, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter also deserves a hardy Thank You for the wonderful banquet they put together on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sunnybrook Golf Club in Plymouth Meeting; always a delightful evening.

Hope to see everyone at the Plant Sale and Flower Show.

Sincerely,

**Jerry O'Dell (610) 608-2018, [westdell@verizon.net](mailto:westdell@verizon.net)**

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## Valley Forge Chapter Annual Plant Sale at Jenkins Arboretum May 4 to 6, 2018

**May 4 (Friday):** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Party and Presale (by reservation, \$30/person. Check to VF ARS, 14 Northwoods Rd., Radnor, PA 19087)

**May 5 (Saturday):** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Public Sale -- free admission

**May 6 (Sunday):** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Public Sale -- free admission

**Chair:** Alice Horton, 610-430-0196, alicelkh@msn.com

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

**Publicity.** You should have received this year’s plant sale flyer in the mail. 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, in your community such as a local library or stores. Any publicity is appreciated.

**Help is needed and appreciated.** Expert or novice, please sign up at the March meeting or commit yourself when called, or just show up on workdays (Monday to Thursday preceding sale) or on public sale days (April 29 and 30). 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 3**. Many customers head first to the donations table. Also bring educational plants for a children’s table. Wire for attaching a label to the plant is **not** provided.

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## Sun., June 17, Joint GP/VF Picnic And Annual Business Meetings

### Henry Foundation, Gladwyne

This year the Greater Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters will join together in June for a picnic at the Henry Foundation where we will also have our annual meetings and elections of officers.

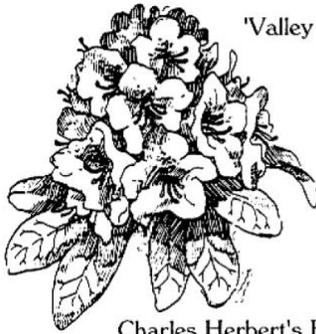
The Henry Foundation for Botanical Research offers 50 acres of beautiful gardens, plants, and wonderful views. Botanist and plant explorer Mary Gibson Henry (1884-1967) founded the Henry Foundation in 1948 to showcase the native plants she collected on her expeditions through remote areas of the West, Midwest and Southeast. The Henry Foundation encompasses 50 acres of a

surprisingly remote site in the steep hills of Gladwyne near the Schuylkill River.

**Directions:** 801 Stony Lane, Gladwyne, PA.

**From Gladwyne:** Drive west on PA Route 23 .7 miles and turn right onto Henry Lane. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Stony Lane and then right at 801 Stony Lane and follow the driveway through the gates to the main building.

**From Conshohocken:** Drive east on PA Route 23 about two miles. Turn left onto Henry Lane. At the bottom of the hill, turn left onto Stony Lane and then right at 801 Stony Lane and follow the driveway through the gates to the main building.



'Valley Forge'

Charles Herbert's Hybrid

# The American Rhododendron Society

**VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER**

## 2018 PLANT SALE

*Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

631 Berwyn Baptist Road, Devon, PA 19333

*Azaleas/Rhododendrons – Perennials – Wildflowers – Trees*

**Opening-Night Party/Preview Sale (see below)**

Friday                      May 4                      6-8 p.m.

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### **Public Plant Sale**

Saturday                      May 5                      9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday                      May 6                      11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Rain or Shine** -- Cash and Checks accepted (no credit cards)

#### **Opening-Night Party and Preview Sale**

(new: each advance reservation receives a \$5 discount coupon)

**FRIDAY, May 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Deadline for Party Reservations: May 1

\_\_\_\_\_ persons      \$30.00/person                      Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check, payable to **Valley Forge Chapter, American Rhododendron Society,**  
to *14 Northwoods Road, Radnor, PA 19087-3708*

Sale proceeds benefit horticultural, conservation, and educational efforts, including Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. Directions: [www.ValleyForgeARS.org](http://www.ValleyForgeARS.org) or [www.JenkinsArboretum.org](http://www.JenkinsArboretum.org)

**The Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society  
always offers exceptional plants, many not in the trade.**

The selections offered and the varieties in bloom may vary from year to year.  
(Native plants have not been collected in the wild.)

***Selections include***

- Rhododendron species and Rhododendron hybrids***
- Native azalea species and hybrids, and other deciduous azaleas***
- Evergreen azalea hybrids***
- Other shrubs and trees***
- Hostas***
- Wildflowers***
- Mountain Laurels and Blueberries***
- Ferns and other perennials***

*For photographs and information on many of these plants, see our  
chapter website [www.ValleyForgeARS.org](http://www.ValleyForgeARS.org)*

***Wheelbarrow Raffle***

*At the sale, also purchase raffle tickets to win a wheelbarrow full of  
beautiful plants (wheelbarrow not included).*

***The raffle tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6***

*The drawing will be on Saturday (the winner need not be present but  
will be notified and can pick-up of plants at his/her convenience).*

***Tell your friends and neighbors***

*Sales proceeds benefit horticultural, conservation and educational  
efforts,  
including Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens*

**Directions to Jenkins Arboretum** are available on our web site,  
([www.ValleyForgeARS.org](http://www.ValleyForgeARS.org)) or the Arboretum's website,  
([www.JenkinsArboretum.org](http://www.JenkinsArboretum.org)) or by calling the Arboretum at (610-647-8870)

# American Rhododendron Society

Greater Philadelphia Chapter  
Valley Forge Chapter

## Cut-Flower Competition

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Morris Arboretum Bloomfield Farm  
100 E. Northwestern Avenue,  
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

1. Entry Rules
2. Classes & Sections
3. General Information

Deadline for entries:

8:45 a.m. sharp!

Open to the public:

Noon - 3:15 p.m.

For Catalogue of Previous Entries, please go to [GPChapterARS.org](http://GPChapterARS.org)

# GP/VF ARS Cut Flower Competition

Sat., May 12, 2018 at Morris Arboretum Bloomfield Farm

Deadline for entries is 8:45 a.m. sharp! Open to the public: Noon-3:15 p.m.

## Entry Rules

1. Competition is open to all, whether or not a member of the American Rhododendron Society. There is no fee. Perpetual trophies won by nonmembers will be retained by the Chapter at its discretion.
2. All entries shall be from plants grown in the exhibitor's garden for at least six months. All buds need not be open.
3. Entries of unregistered, unnamed and unknown cultivars are permitted providing other criteria are met. All unknown cultivars will be regarded as hybrids. Azaleodendrons will be entered in the class/section corresponding to the class/section of the seed parent of the hybrid.
4. Only one entry of a variety or species may be made by any individual. Any number of varieties may be entered in a section.
5. Elepidote (nonscaly series, large leaf) rhododendron entries shall be a single-bud truss.
6. Azalea, azaleodendron and lepidote (scaly series, little leaf) rhododendron and all entries in Class 12 shall be either a single stemmed spray or a single or multiple truss not measuring more than 14 inches in width or height above vase.
7. Each specimen plant (garden grown) may be displayed in a pot, tub or burlap.
8. All entries must be received at the site of the show before 8:45 a.m. on the day of the show. Entries offered after that time will be assigned to the conversation table and will NOT be eligible for judging.
9. Exhibitors must complete an entry tag for each entry before 8:45 a.m. Tags will be available at the show; the classification committee will provide assistance; vases will be furnished.
10. All entries should be properly groomed and conditioned. No artificial shine may be used on foliage. Leaf margins may not be trimmed.
11. Cotton or other shim material may be used to support a truss or spray in the vase provided that it does not extend above the top of the vase.
12. Placement will be by the committee. The committee may rule an entry ineligible based on these rules, and it reserves the right to reclassify any entry and to subdivide any class or section.
13. Judging will start promptly after 9:30 a.m. No exhibitors or spectators, other than working committee members, will be permitted in the area during judging. All judges' decisions are final.
14. Judges, at their discretion, will award ribbons for first, second and third place in each section. Only one first-place ribbon may be awarded in each section, and, using the point schedule below, no more than 6 points may be awarded in each section. Honorable mention may be awarded when deemed appropriate.
15. Points are awarded on the following basis:
  - Trophy: 5 points
  - Best in Class (except Classes 7, 9, 12): 5 points
  - Blue Ribbon (First Place): 3 points
  - Red Ribbon (Second Place): 2 points
  - Yellow Ribbon (Third Place): 1 point
16. The show will be open to the public from noon to 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Exhibits and ribbons may be claimed after the show closes. Exhibits not claimed will be disposed of.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Telephone show chairman Michael Martin Mills at 215-844-6253 or email [mmm19119@gmail.com](mailto:mmm19119@gmail.com) for more information and to obtain entry tags for advance completion.

**Catalogue of Previous Entries, to aid in completing tags, may be found at [www.GPChapterARS.org](http://www.GPChapterARS.org).**

# Classes and Sections

<b>Class 1</b>		<b>Class 4</b>		<b>Class 7</b>	
Rhododendron Species		Azalea Species		New Hybrids (hybridized by the exhibitor; not previously exhibited at this show)	
1.1	Elepidote (nonscaly)	4.1	Deciduous	7.1	Azalea, evergreen
1.2	Lepidote (scaly)	4.2	Evergreen	7.2	Azalea, deciduous
<b>Class 2</b>		<b>Class 5</b>		7.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
Rhododendron Hybrids,		Azalea Hybrids, Deciduous		7.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
Elepidote ( large leaf)		5.1	White	<b>Class 8</b>	
2.1	White	5.2	Cream or off-white	Other New Hybrids (open-pollinated or hybridized by someone other than the exhibitor; not previously shown here)	
2.2	White, prominent blotch	5.3	Yellow	8.1	Azalea, evergreen
2.3	Pink, light	5.4	Orange	8.2	Azalea, deciduous
2.4	Pink, deep	5.5	Salmon or orange-pink	8.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
2.5	Pink, prominent blotch	5.6	Pink	8.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
2.6	Red, scarlet (orange red)	5.7	Red	<b>Class 9</b>	
2.7	Red, rose red or crimson	5.8	Multicolor	ARS Seed Exchange (seed lot, year, name of seed, and contributor must be stated)	
2.8	Red, dark or blackish	<b>Class 6</b>		9.1	Azalea, evergreen
2.9	Red, prominent blotch	<b>Azalea Hybrids, Evergreen</b>		9.2	Azalea, deciduous
2.10	Blue-purple, lavender blue	6.1	White, single	9.3	Rhododendron, elepidote
2.11	Blue-purple, strong purple	6.2	White, hose-in-hose/double	9.4	Rhododendron, lepidote
2.12	Blue-purple, prominent blotch	6.3	White, colored blotch, stripe or border	<b>Class 10 Specimen Plants (garden grown)</b>	
2.13	Cream	6.4	Pink, clear, single	10.1	Azalea plant, evergreen
2.14	Yellow	6.5	Pink, clear, H.I.H. or double	10.2	Azalea plant, deciduous
2.15	Orange and peach shades, including multicolor	6.6	Pink, clear, prominent blotch	10.3	Rhododendron plant, elepidote
2.16	Picotee, any colors	6.7	Pink orange, single	10.4	Rhododendron plant, lepidote
2.17	Yakushmanum hybrids (at least 50 percent yak)	6.8	Pink orange, H.I.H. or double	<b>Class 11</b>	
2.18	Lax truss, any colors	6.9	Pink orange, prominent blotch	<b>Bonsai or Container-Grown Plants</b>	
<b>Class 3</b>		6.10	Pink lavender, single	11.1	Garden varieties
Rhododendron Hybrids,		6.11	Pink lavender, H.I.H. or double	11.2	Vireyas
Lepidote ( little leaf)		6.12	Pink lavender, prominent blotch	<b>Class 12</b>	
3.1	White	6.13	Rose red, single	<b>Foliage</b>	
3.2	Pink	6.14	Rose red, H.I.H. or double	(no open flowers)	
3.3	Salmon	6.15	Orange-red, single	12.1	Elepidotes
3.4	Lavender and blue shades	6.16	Orange-red, H.I.H. or double	12.2	Elepidotes, indumented
3.5	Yellow-cream	6.17	Salmon	12.3	Lepidotes
3.6	Red	6.18	Lavender-purple, single	12.4	Azaleas
3.7	Multicolor	6.19	Lavender-purple, H.I.H. or double	<b>Novice Classes</b>	
		6.20	Multicolor	<b>Rhododendrons</b>	
		6.21	Strap-petal, any color	<b>Azaleas</b>	

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## Tips for Competition

Ideally, a truss should be fully open or have no more than two unopened flowers without blemishes on the petals or leaves. It should definitely not be past its prime. If necessary, some leaves may be removed, but the truss should end up with a fair rosette of green, undamaged foliage. A straight stem is best.

Immediately after cutting, a flower truss should be placed in water and set in a cool place for about two hours. Use lukewarm water to revive a wilted truss. For best uptake of water, the base of the stem should be slit or crushed for the bottom inch or two.

Groom trusses, using tweezers, stamp tongs, and damp cotton to remove any foreign material on the petals or leaves, including insects. Flower bud scales that are loose inside the truss must be removed, along with any dead pips.

To transport trusses: (1) Use bottles securely positioned in boxes or crates with dividers. (2) Poke stem holes in the lids of plastic refrigerator containers. (3) If trusses have been in water at least 2 hours, lay them in a flat box on top of slightly crumpled tissue paper.

Azalea and little-leaf rhododendron sprays are groomed the same as trusses. Sprays must stay within the size limits of 14 inches maximum height or width above the vase.

For a catalogue of previous entries to aid completion of entry tags, go to [www.gpchapterars.org](http://www.gpchapterars.org). To receive tags for advance completion, contact show chairman Michael Martin Mills at 215-844-6253 or [mmm19119@gmail.com](mailto:mmm19119@gmail.com).

## Judges

Jean Beaudry  
Norman Beaudry  
Howard Kline  
Adam Levine

Ron Rabideau  
Harold Sweetman  
Joan Warren

## Trophies

**John C. Wister Trophy** --- Best in Show  
**Francis J. Sholomskas Trophy** --- Best Species  
**Joseph J. Becales Trophy** --- Best New Hybrid  
**Ross B. Davis Jr. Trophy** --- Best Rhododendron Hybrid  
**Maxine West Trophy** --- Best Evergreen Azalea  
**Walter Kern Trophy** --- Best Deciduous Azalea  
**Kenneth and Renee Miller Trophy** --- Best Specimen Plant  
**Dan and Betts Layman Trophy** --- Best Foliage  
**Judi Meade Trophy** --- Sweepstakes Award for Most Points

## Directions

Morris Arboretum is in Chestnut Hill, at the northwesternmost corner of Philadelphia.

The entrance is on Northwestern Ave., between Germantown Ave./Pike and Stenton Ave.. USE THE PLANT SALE ENTRANCE, directly opposite public garden entrance.

The show is in a tent adjoining the plant sale. Look for "Truss Show" signs.

For GPS and the like, enter "100 E. Northwestern Ave. 19118." Or call the Arboretum at 215-247-5777, ext. 5, then ext. 4.



# *The Philadelphia Story* 19

## Rhododendrons In America's Garden Capital

**The 2019 ARS Convention will be at The Desmond Hotel in Malvern**

The Greater Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Susquehanna Valley & Valley Forge Chapters of the ARS will host the 2019 Convention Thu. May 16 to Sun. May 19.

Karel Bernady and Steve Henning are Co-Chairs for the convention. The Desmond in Malvern is the convention hotel. The Desmond will host the main banquet and a second banquet will be held off site at the American Helicopter Museum which is about 10 minutes from The Desmond.

The convention hotel is The Desmond, a beautiful hotel nestled in the historic Chester County. The Desmond features deluxe 4-poster King Size beds. But, if you choose, you may have 2 Queen Size beds.

Until May 1, 2019, we have 80 rooms blocked out for 4 nights, Wednesday night through

Saturday night, and 15 rooms blocked out for Tuesday night, at the convention rate of \$149. Guests arriving on shoulder nights will be accommodated at the convention rate.

Tour itineraries are being planned, with a mix of outstanding public gardens including Chanticleer, Winterthur, Tyler Arboretum Jenkins Arboretum, Longwood, Morris Arboretum, and Mount Cuba, and fine private gardens of members. In addition, a plant sale, breeders' roundtable, a truss show and photo competition are envisioned.

Anyone interested in working on the planning committee is invited to contact Karel Bernady or Steve Henning ([rhodyman@earthlink.net](mailto:rhodyman@earthlink.net)).

Closer to the convention, many more members will be needed to carry out a variety of duties – tour docents, plant sales, goodie-bag stuffing, staffing the registration table and more.

### **The following is a synopsis of the events planned:**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019:** ARS Executive Committee meets in the evening

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019:** ARS Board of Directors meeting all day.

We will have a pre-tour to [Chanticleer](#) and [Winterthur](#). A box lunch at Winterthur is included.

**Thursday, May 16, 2019:** The convention starts with a bus tour and box lunch at [Tyler Arboretum](#) followed by a bus tour and Wine & Dine Garden Party at [Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens](#). Plant sale opens after we return from Jenkins. No program Thursday night.

**Friday, May 17, 2019:** A full day of bus tours at [Mt. Cuba Center](#), [Longwood Gardens](#), and [Wayne Guymon's WynEden](#). A box lunch at Longwood is included. Dinner followed by a program will be at the [American Helicopter Museum](#) that evening. There will be a shuttle to and from the hotel and the American Helicopter Museum.

**Saturday, May 18, 2019:** A full day of bus tours to [Morris Arboretum](#), [Stoneleigh](#), [TBA](#) and [Perc Moser's Garden](#). A box lunch at Morris is included. Banquet and keynote speech will be at [The Desmond](#) in the evening.

**Sunday, May 19, 2019:** Breeders roundtable in the morning. We will have open houses at private gardens and a list of more public gardens.

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*Where every purchase benefits the American Rhododendron Society*

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