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## ***NEWSLETTER***

***August / September 2013***

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Unless specified otherwise, meetings are at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon

### ***Calendar at a Glance***

August 18 (Sun.) 2:00 pm Cutting Exchange/Auction at Michael Mills' & Randy Dalton's  
September 19 (Thu.) 7:30 pm Wayne Guymon, "The Unseen Garden"  
October 17 (Thu.) 7:30 pm TBA  
November 10 (Sun.) 2:00 pm Annual Banquet at St. Davids, Speaker is Jim Fry, NY Chapter  
(social hour starts at 1:00 pm)

### ***President's Message***

The chapter had a successful plant sale, many chapter members participated in the GPARS and VFARS joint cut flower competition at Jenkins Arboretum, and we had a great turnout for the chapter picnic hosted by Dallas and Sylvia Green.

Our next summer event is the District 8 fundraiser on Aug 18 at the gardens of Michael Mills and Randy Dalton. Bring cuttings of your favorite plants so other members can replicate them over the winter. Also, bring your favorite adult plants to be sold at auction. All proceeds benefit the [ARS Endowment Fund](#) and [Research Foundation](#). [[www.rhododendron.org](http://www.rhododendron.org)] Details appear on page 2.

I encourage you to bring guests and younger family members to the above event and any other events during the year. We need to continually add new members to keep our chapters healthy and new ideas flowing. Sadly, the Pine Barrens chapter has closed its doors for lack of enough members to sustain the activities.

Our first chapter meeting of the 2013-14 year will be held September 19 at 7:30pm at Jenkins. Our own Wayne Guymon will present a winter tour of his gardens titled "The Unseen Garden". Many of you have seen Wayne's gardens and ponds two years ago when he hosted the 2011 Cuttings Exchange and auction. This will give you a different perspective from what you saw in August.

I'm looking forward to a great year and continued growth of our programs.

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Members of ALL area chapters are invited to the  
**RHODODENDRON & AZALEA CUTTINGS EXCHANGE  
AND PLANT AUCTION**

(Auctioneer: Karel Bernady)  
at Michael Mills and Randy Dalton, 632 Burnham Road,  
Philadelphia, PA 19119  
215-527-7145

**Sunday, August 18, starting at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine**

Proceeds benefit the ARS Endowment Fund and the Research Foundation

**Arrive early with cuttings.**

Cut 3 or 4 large-leaf (elepidote) or 4-6 small-leaf (lepidote) cuttings, preferably early in the morning and low on the plants. Place in a plastic bag with a few drops of water. Named varieties only, please! Please label the bags with a waterproof marker or pencil and add, if possible, info about characteristics or parentage.

**2:00 pm: Cuttings exchange/sale.**

Cuttings are 25 cents a bag for everyone and are an easy and inexpensive way to increase one's collection of azaleas and rhododendrons.

**2:30 pm: Plant Auction: Karel Bernady**

Please **donate rhodies and azaleas**, as well as other garden-worthy plants that you feel others would like.

*It will help the auctioneer and the bidder if you write a description of plants that you donate for auction. Having such info will make for lively bidding, especially for one-of-a-kind or special plants.*

**3:00 pm: Propagation.**

Frank Brouse will expertly demonstrate how to propagate from cuttings.

**About 3:30 pm: Dessert.**

Please bring a dessert to share. (You also may bring a box lunch and eat it any time.)

**Beverages will be provided.**

Please bring your own chair(s).

If you're bringing a significant load of plants, call Michael Mills at 215-527-7145 for alternate directions to the back entrance.

**Here are the directions:**

**Going south from the Valley Forge on the Schuylkill Expressway, I-76 E.**

Take exit 340A on the left toward Lincoln Dr/Kelly Dr

Go 0.3 mi. and merge onto City Ave.

Go 0.2 mi., keep left at the fork, follow signs for Lincoln Dr and merge onto Lincoln Dr.

Go 2.4 mi. and at the 4th traffic light turn right onto W Cliveden Street.

Go 200 ft. and turn left immediately on Wayne Ave.

Go 0.4 mi. cross Lincoln Drive and take 3rd street to left, Burnham Road.

632 Burnham Road will be the 5th house on the left.

**Going north from City Center on the Schuylkill Expressway, I-76 W.**

Take exit 340A toward Lincoln Dr/Kelly Dr.

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Go 0.1 mi, keep left at the fork, follow signs for Lincoln Dr, merge onto Lincoln Dr.

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Go 200 ft. and turn left immediately on Wayne Ave.

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Also see our website:

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

On Sep. 19 (Thursday), Program at 7:30 pm:

## ***The Unseen Garden by Wayne Guymon***



Most of you remember Wayne and Doris Guymon's garden, WynEden, from the very rainy Cutting Exchange they hosted 2 years ago. WynEden gets lots of visitors between May and

the end of September, but only a few close friends and real garden addicts ever get to see the garden as it gradually declines and then

slowly begins to revive again in late winter to early spring. Early on in his gardening career Wayne was intrigued by the idea of a garden for all seasons where there was always something of interest to see. As a result, he has spent a good deal of effort collecting and growing plants that give interest to the garden during the slow period of the year when the majority of garden enthusiasts are comfortably indoors perusing their garden catalogues. These plants are the central focus of this presentation which allows him to share with others the special magic and beauty of WynEden in winter, a mostly unseen garden.



Wayne Guymon was born and raised in Provo, Utah. He studied French at Columbia College in New York City and obtained his Masters and PhD from Columbia University

He lived for extended periods in Quebec Province, Paris, France, Crete, Honduras and Guatemala. Traveled frequently on business to the UK visiting all of the best gardens in England during his weekends there. Enjoyed vacationing in the Far East: Thailand, Bali, Hong Kong, China, & Cambodia

Wayne worked in the field of computing, eventually filling the role of a Divisional Chief Information Officer. He retired early in 2004 to garden full-time on his ten acre property in Chadds Ford called WynEden.



WynEden is open to the public by appointment and has been visited by numerous local and national garden associations as well as groups from England and Ireland. WynEden has been featured in *The Green Scene*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Martha Stewart Living*.

Wayne is a past President of the Delaware Valley Hosta Society and he is also an avid collector of Rhododendrons and Azaleas, currently raising over 7,000 of these in his garden at WynEden. He enjoys lecturing on the principles and philosophy of garden design. Besides gardening, he loves to read, travel and listen to classical music. He is also extremely fond of his dog, Nico, and, of course, his wife Doris.

## Does American belong in the name of our International Society?

For people who are not USA citizens, does the name American Rhododendron Society hinder them from joining? That idea was brought up at this year's Spring ARS Board of Directors meeting in SeaTac, WA.

The American Rhododendron Society started in 1944 in Portland, Oregon, and became incorporated in 1945. In 1949, the ARS expanded to include an "Eastern Division ARS" in New York City. By 1951, there were also members from Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland, and Sweden. In fact, the Royal Horticultural Society of England became a member. So the ARS became international very quickly.

In 1951, the system of local Chapters was established. In 1952 the first chapters were in California, Eugene, Middle Atlantic, New York, Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma. [The Greater Philadelphia Chapter was formed in 1957 and the Valley Forge Chapter in 1967.] Today there are 66 chapters including chapters in 7 other countries: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, Scotland, Sikkim, and Sweden. Besides these 7 countries, there are members in 24 other countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bahrain, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Norway, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, Panama, Poland, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Thailand, Venezuela, South Africa, Spain, and United Kingdom. Of our 3,058 members, 475 are from Canada and 388 are from outside the USA and Canada.

The board did not vote on changing the name – there wasn't even a new name offered as a

motion. At this stage, the goal is to generate a wider discussion and see if there is sentiment to make such a change. One suggestion at the board meeting was not to formally change the name, but to drop "American" from most promotion and literature, leaving the full, legal name for the fine print.

- The logo already states "Members Worldwide". Is that enough?

- American already encompasses all of North, Central, and South America.

- IRS is not a very good moniker, the Internal Revenue Service already uses it.

- Would Rhododendron Society International (or Internationale) be better? [Internationale is a French left-wing anthem.]

Would removing American mean more people would be likely to join? Perhaps, but on the other hand, is this all academic since the ARS can't afford to create a new Journal name, letterhead, mast heads, and to change legal documents such as licenses and registrations, etc.?

Your editor asked members from other countries about this issue and the majority said they saw no need for a name change. The president of the Finnish Chapter said he joined the ARS and actually wanted to be a member of the American Rhododendron Society.

Discussion is solicited from the members. Mary Parker of Nanaimo, British Columbia ([maryjparker99@shaw.ca](mailto:maryjparker99@shaw.ca)), is chairing an ad hoc study committee, and Steve Henning, the board member who represents our chapter and four others in District 8, welcomes comments at [rhodyman@earthlink.net](mailto:rhodyman@earthlink.net).



## 2013 Joint Philadelphia-Valley Forge ARS Flower Show -- May 12, 2013

Name	Entries	Blue	Red	Yellow	Points
Sue Thomson	23	6	12	2	64
W. Robert Stamper	35	10	10	12	62
The Fellers	25	10	6	4	46
Jenkins Arboretum	15	6	4	3	42
Michael Mills	20	4	7	4	30
Joe Minahan	8	5	2	1	29
Mimi, Favre	6	2	1	2	10
James Willhite	4	2	2		10
George Elser	10	1	2	1	8
Tom Lloyd	5	1	2	1	8

This year we had a beautiful flower show thanks to 10 entrants who entered 151 entries. The entrants who traveled the furthest were Bruce and Marianne Feller from Long Island. Bob & Chris Stamper had the most entries with 35. Sue Thomson won both Best in Show and the Sweepstakes for the most points. There were a few more azaleas than rhododendrons.

The evergreen azalea, 'George Lindley Taber', won best in show while *R. flammeum* won best species

and a beautiful red, 'John Paul II' x 'Harold Amateis,' won best new hybrid and best rhododendron. The competition was very close with many excellent entries. Debby Schmidt was show chair. Thanks to everyone who entered for making the flower show a success and special thanks to the judges: Karel Bernady, Frank Brouse, Anne Howe, Win Howe, Eva Jackson, and Wil Smith.

← Photo to left is Sue Thomson's Best-In-Show entry, the evergreen azalea, Rcv. 'George Lindley Taber'



**The entries winning major categories were:**

**Best in Show**, VF Chapter Trophy: 'George Lindley Taber', Sue Thomson

**Most Points**, Sweepstakes Trophy: Sue Thomson

**Best Species**, Howard & Catherine Kline Trophy: *R. flammeum*, Jenkins Arboretum

**Best New Hybrid**, Charles Herbert Trophy: 'John Paul II' x 'Harold Amateis,' Joe Minahan

**Best Rhododendron**, James & Sally Sorber Trophy: 'John Paul II' x 'Harold Amateis,' Joe Minahan

**Best Evergreen Azalea**, Lloyd Partain Trophy: 'George Lindley Taber,' Sue Thomson

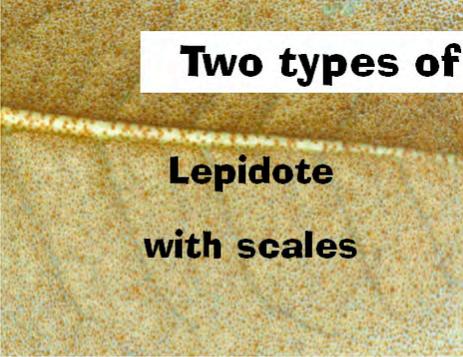
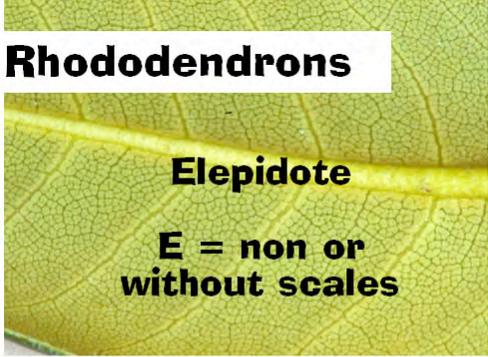
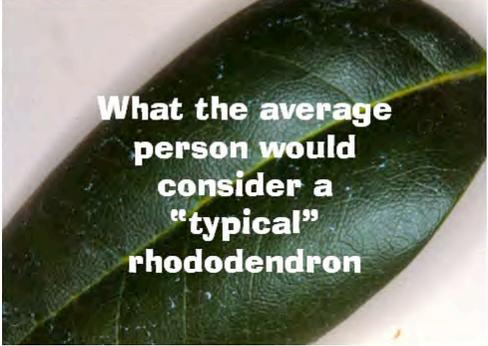
**Best Deciduous Azalea**, Francis & Pauline Raughley Trophy: *R. flammeum*, Jenkins Arboretum

**Best Azalea**, Joseph B. Gable Memorial Trophy: 'George Lindley Taber,' Sue Thomson

## Genus Rhododendron: Five Major Groups

Subgenus Hymenanthes	Subgenus Rhododendron	Subgenus Tsutsusi	Subgenus Pentanthera	Rhododendron Section Vireya
				
				
				
				
<b>Larger leaf rhododendrons elepidote</b>	<b>Small leaf scaly rhododendrons lepidote</b>	<b>Evergreen azaleas elepidote</b>	<b>Deciduous azaleas elepidote</b>	<b>Vireyas tropical lepidote</b>

**Two types of Rhododendrons**

 <p><b>Lepidote with scales</b></p>	 <p><b>Elepidote E = non or without scales</b></p>
 <p><b>Often small leaved, but not always</b></p>	 <p><b>What the average person would consider a "typical" rhododendron</b></p>

## How is an azalea different from a rhododendron? They are always in the Sugenus Tsustusi & Pentanthera



1. Remember all azaleas are in the Genus Rhododendron, so they are rhododendrons.



2. Azaleas are elepidotes and NEVER have scales.

3. The plants we think of as azaleas generally have five lobes to the flower unless they are double, but there are exceptions.

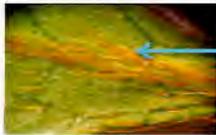


4. Most azaleas have one stamen for each lobe of the flower, while "rhododendrons" have two. Again exceptions exist.



5. Azaleas tend to have appressed hairs, hair that grows parallel to the surface of the leaf.

6. Azaleas have tubular funnel or funnel shaped flowers.

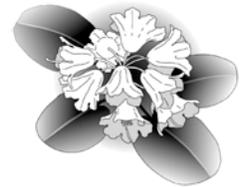


7. The hairs on an azalea never branch.

Harold Greer prepared these charts for an ARS educational display.

### The ARS Eastern Regional Conference

This conference, will be held in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, on October 4-6, 2013. Registration is \$50 until Aug. 31; \$65.00 after that, payable in Canadian or US dollars, by cheque or money order. Payment must be mailed. There will be no online payment. See full details in the ARS Journal or at: [http://www.atlanticrhodo.org/ARS\\_Convention/Information.html](http://www.atlanticrhodo.org/ARS_Convention/Information.html)



#### From A Guide for the Hungry Gardener:

#### Company Chicken Salad

3 cups cubed cooked chicken  
1 cup seedless white grapes  
2/3 cup slivered almonds  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Mix and chill. Serves 6

#### 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

## The New Heat Tolerant Southgate Rhododendrons

Dr. John Thornton of Franklinton, LA, has released a collection of his hybrids of *R. hyperythrum* with popular hardy East Coast hybrid rhododendrons. The goal is to be able to raise have rhododendron hybrids that will grow in the Southeastern US and still be hardy in the Mid-Atlantic states. Dr. Thornton started this breeding effort in the early 1970s. These plants were trialed in the New Orleans area for several years. Dr. Thornton released his plants as trademarked plants through Southern Living Plants and wholesale production has begun. Besides being touted as heat-tolerant, they are being labeled as being hardy to -10F and for Zones 6 through 9

Southgate Brandi, 'Brandy Michelle Raley': '*Scintillation*' x white form of *R. hyperythrum*. It has deep pink buds that open to pink, ruffled blooms with a dense habit and dark green, recurved, glossy leaves.



*'Scintillation' x R. hyperythrum cross Southgate Brandi*

Southgate Breezy, 'Breezy': '*Janet Blair*' x pink form *R. hyperythrum*. It has medium-pink buds that open to white with a prominent maroon blotch and a medium-dense habit with medium-green leaves.



*'Janet Blair' x R. hyperythrum cross Southgate Breezy*

Southgate Divine, 'Lisenne Rockefeller': '*Catalode*' x *R. hyperythrum*. It has light-pink buds opening to white with purple specks and has a medium-dense habit with medium-green leaves.



*'Catalode x R. hyperythrum cross Southgate Divine*

Southgate Grace, 'Elizabeth Arden': '*English Roseum*' x white form of *R. hyperythrum*. It has deep pink buds that open white, a dense habit and recurved leaves.



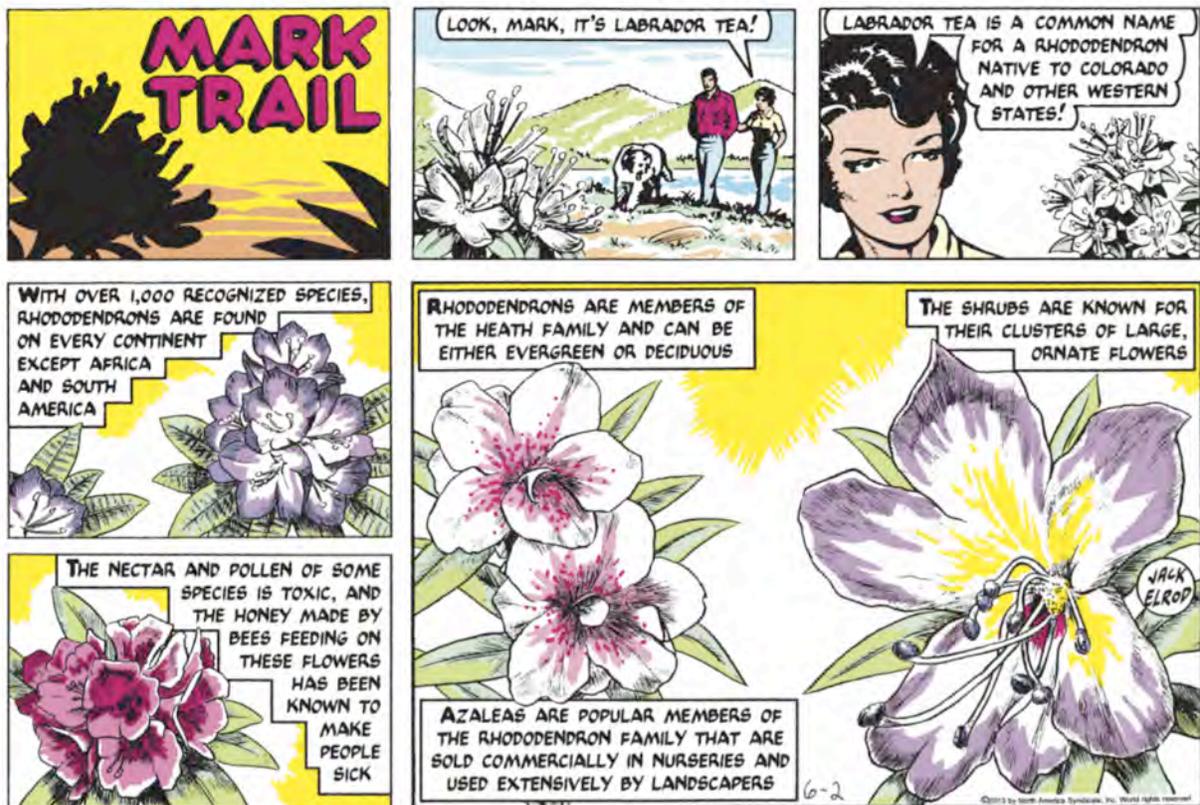
'English Roseum' x *R. hyperythrum* cross *Southgate Grace*



'Royal Purple' x *R. hyperythrum* cross *Southgate Radiance*

Southgate Radiance, 'Tyler Morris': 'Royal Purple' x *R. hyperythrum*. It has deep lavender buds that open to light purple and has a medium-dense habit.

All grow to 4' tall by 5' wide in 10 years, except Brandi grows to 3' tall by 4' wide. Grace grows to 4 feet tall by 6 feet wide in a decade.



June 2, 2013 Mark Trail column courtesy of the Reading Eagle

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