

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY
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Sixteenth Annual
Flower Show

Sunday
May 11, 2008

Jenkins Arboretum
Berwyn Baptist Rd.
Devon, PA

Entries submitted: 7:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Open to the public: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Show Committee
Jim Willhite, Chair
&
Valley Forge Chapter Members

JUDGES

Jean Beutler---John & Holly Doppel---Shirley & Allan Anderson---Frank Furman

JENKINS ARBORETUM
Dr. Harold Sweetman, Executive Director
Jenkins staff and volunteers

ENTRY RULES

1. Only members of the American Rhododendron Society may exhibit. There is no registration fee.
2. All entries must be received at the show passing table between 7:30 and 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Entries offered after 10:15 a.m. will be assigned to the conversation table and are NOT eligible for judging.
3. All entries must be from plants grown outdoors in the member's garden for no less than 6 months.
4. Only one entry of a variety may be made in each section by any member or family. However, any number of different varieties may be entered in a section.
5. Elepidote rhododendron entries shall be a single bud truss with preferably no more than 3 unopened flowers.
6. Azalea, azaleodendron and lepidote rhododendron entries shall be either a single stemmed spray or a single or multiple truss measuring not more than 14 inches in width and height above the container.
7. Classes 1 through 8 and 10 are for cut bloom entries only. Wedges may be used for staging entries. Display containers will be provided.
8. A specimen plant may be one that is grown in a container or one that is garden grown and is dug and placed in a container, to be supplied by exhibitor. Size limit: 30" in width and 48" in height above soil.
9. Exhibitors must complete an entry tag for each entry. Tags will be available at the show; the Show committee will assist as needed. Use a pencil or a waterproof pen to fill out your tag, both top and bottom parts. Enter your name (address labels appropriate) and other information ahead of time. For plants grown from ARS Seed Exchange seed, lot number, year listed and name of seed contributor MUST BE STATED.
10. Any hybrid that is named, though not necessarily registered, and has not been exhibited in a V.F. Chapter show (i.e., is not on the current classification lists) may be entered in Class 7 but should have an appropriate permanent classification number. If necessary, confer with classification committee.
11. All entries should be properly groomed and conditioned. Artificial shine cannot be used on foliage. Leaf margins cannot be trimmed. Refer to CUTTING TRUSSES FOR SHOW on back page.

12. Classification and placement will be by the Show Committee. A class or section may be subdivided when deemed appropriate.

13. Judging will start at 10:45 a.m. Only the show and clerk's chairmen and judges and clerks are allowed in the exhibit area during judging.

14. Judges, at their discretion, may award ribbons for first, second and third places in each section. Honorable Mention will be awarded when appropriate. Any award can be omitted. Two or more of second or lower awards may be awarded.

15. The show will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Exhibits, but not trophies and ribbons, may be claimed at the close of the show on Sunday. The Committee will dispose of exhibits not claimed.

AWARDS

Best in Show

VF Chapter Show

Sweepstakes Trophy

Most Points

Howard & Catherine Kline Trophy

Best Species

Charles Herbert Trophy

Best New Hybrid

James & Sally Sorber Trophy

Best Rhododendron

Lloyd Partain Trophy

Best Evergreen Azalea

Francis & Pauline Raughley Trophy

Best Deciduous Azalea

Clarence & Evelyn Rahn Trophy

Best Specimen Plant

Joseph B. Gable Memorial Trophy

Best Azalea

ARS Seed Exchange Ribbon

Best Rhododendron or Azalea Grown from ARS Seed Exchange

POINTS

7 for Best in Show

5 for Best Species

5 for Best Rhododendron

5 for Best Azalea

4 for Best in Class

3 for Blue Ribbon

2 for Red Ribbon

1 for Yellow Ribbon

0 for White Ribbon

SHOW CLASSES

Class 1.0 Rhododendron Species

- Section 1.1 Elepidotes
- Section 1.2 Lepidotes

Class 2.0 Rhododendron Hybrids

- Elepidotes**
- Section 2.1 White
- Section 2.2 White, prominent blotch
- Section 2.3 Pink, light
- Section 2.4 Pink, deep
- Section 2.5 Pink, prominent blotch
- Section 2.6 Red, scarlet (orange red)
- Section 2.7 Red, rose red or crimson
- Section 2.8 Red, dark or blackish
- Section 2.9 Red, prominent blotch
- Section 2.10 Blue-purple, lavender pink
- Section 2.11 Blue-purple, strong purple
- Section 2.12 Blue-purple, prominent blotch
- Section 2.13 Yellow, light shades
- Section 2.14 Yellow, deep shades
- Section 2.15 Yellow-orange, any shade
- Section 2.16 Lax truss, any color
- Section 2.17 Yakushimanum hybrids (at least ½ yak)

Class 3.0 Rhododendron Hybrids Lepidote

- Section 3.1 White
- Section 3.2 Pink
- Section 3.3 Salmon
- Section 3.4 Lavender shades
- Section 3.5 Yellow-cream
- Section 3.6 Red
- Section 3.7 Multi-color

Class 4.0 Azalea Species

- Section 4.1 Deciduous
- Section 4.2 Evergreen

Class 5.0 Azalea Hybrids-Deciduous

- Section 5.1 White
- Section 5.2 Cream or off-white
- Section 5.3 Yellow
- Section 5.4 Orange
- Section 5.5 Salmon or orange-pink
- Section 5.6 Pink
- Section 5.7 Red
- Section 5.8 Multi-color

Class 6.0

- Section 6.1 White, single
- Section 6.2 White, hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.3 White, colored blotch, stripe or border
- Section 6.4 Pink-clear, single
- Section 6.5 Pink-clear, hose-in-hose, or double
- Section 6.6 Pink-clear, prominent blotch
- Section 6.7 Pink orange, single
- Section 6.8 Pink orange, hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.9 Pink orange, prominent blotch
- Section 6.10 Pink lavender, single
- Section 6.11 Pink lavender, hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.12 Pink lavender, prominent blotch
- Section 6.13 Rose red, single
- Section 6.14 Rose red, hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.15 Orange-red, single
- Section 6.16 Orange-red hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.17 Salmon
- Section 6.18 Lavender-purple, single
- Section 6.19 Lavender-purple, hose-in-hose or double
- Section 6.20 Multi-color
- Section 6.21 Strap Petal, all colors

Class 7.0

- New Azalea and Rhododendron Hybrids (see Rule #10)**
- Section 7.1 Azalea-evergreen
- Section 7.2 Azalea-deciduous
- Section 7.3 Rhododendron-elepidote
- Section 7.4 Rhododendron-lepidote

Class 8.0

- ARS Seed Exchange (see Rule #9)**
- Section 8.1 Azalea-evergreen or deciduous, species or hybrid
- Section 8.2 Rhododendron-lepidote or elepidote, species or hybrid

Class 9.0

- Specimen Plants (see Rule #8)**
- Section 9.1 Azalea-evergreen
- Section 9.2 Azalea-deciduous
- Section 9.3 Rhododendron-lepidote
- Section 9.4 Rhododendron-elepidote

Class 10.0

Azaleodendron

Class 11.0

Bonsai (not eligible for Best in Show)

CUTTING TRUSSES FOR SHOW

Selecting Truss: This may be the most difficult and time-consuming part. Ideally, a truss should be fully open or have no more than 3 unopened flowers and should be without blemishes on petals and 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. The truss should have a straight stem about 6 inches long (minimum 4 inches). Browned edges, water marks, bruises and insect damage on petals and leaves are blemishes that should be avoided.

Treating truss: A cut flower should immediately be placed in water in a cool place for about 2 hours. Lukewarm water may be used and must be used to revive a wilted truss. A well watered truss will hold up for quite some time, such as during transport to the show. An additional short section of the stem should be removed prior to insertion in the show container. For fast uptake of water, the base of the stem should be wounded by slicing off the bark on both sides of the stem for the last inch or two.

Grooming truss: With tweezers, tongs, Q-tips, etc., remove any foreign matter from petals or leaves. The flower bud scales, which are loose inside the truss, should be removed, as well as dead pips, which are the remains of

flowers that did not make it through the winter. Your effort at grooming a truss may make the difference between winning or not winning a ribbon or trophy.

Transporting trusses: The trusses may be laid into a flat box on top of slightly crumpled tissue paper. If the trusses have been in water for 2 hours, they will hold up during transport. A milk crate or box with wire dividers, or any box with compartments into which bottles can be fitted, is good for transporting trusses.

The same points apply to azalea and to small leaf rhododendron sprays. Sprays must stay within the size limit of 14 inches maximum height and width above container.

PLEASE NOTE: At this point in time we are not certain there will be sufficient room available at the greenhouse area to allow exhibitors to drive down and drop off their entries. Park in the Arboretum parking lot and then check with the committee first, to see if space is available. There will be no parking in the greenhouse area.

Entry cards will be available during the plant sale and also at the show. There will be master lists at the show for classifying your entries.