



'Valley Forge'

The American Rhododendron Society

Charles Herbert's Hybrid

VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER

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Seventeenth Annual

Flower Show

Sunday

May 10, 2009

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.

JUDGES

Patricia Walton--Allan Glassman--Shirley & Allan Anderson

Frank Furman--John Doppel

VF ARS Flower Show Committee, Jim Willhite, Chair

our hosts

JENKINS ARBORETUM

Dr. Harold Sweetman, Executive Director

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 Trophy**
- 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 for Sweepstakes Trophy

- 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 Azalea Hybrids-Evergreen**
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-epidote
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 epidote, 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-epidote

- 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no parking in the greenhouse area. We do not know whether there will be sufficient room available at the greenhouse area to allow exhibitors to drive down and drop off their entries. Please park in the Arboretum parking lot and then check with the committee first, to see if space is available.