The World in Your Garden Rhododendrons 2011

65th Annual International Convention of the AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY May 11-15, 2011

TUESDAY - MAY 10th

5:00 - 8:30 PM Registration desk open and a time to meet new and old friends

WEDNESDAY - MAY 11th

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Registration Desk Open
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM ARS Board meeting - Lunch 12:00 PM
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM — Tour
A. Columbia Gorge, Bonneville Dam, Snyders' Garden, Mount Hood and Timberline Lodge.
3:00 - 6:00 PM — Plant & Book Sale Open
5:00 - 7:30 PM Dinner on your own
7:45 PM — Welcoming, Opening, Greetings — Mike Stewart
8:00 - 9:00 PM — The World in Your Garden
Speaker —Harold Greer This program sets the theme of the convention, "The World in Your Garden". Harold shows you how rhododendrons originate from points all around the world in an educational and entertaining way. Where in the world do the species we commonly call deciduous azaleas come from? How about evergreen azaleas? Are there native rhododendrons in the Southern Hemisphere? These questions will be answered with wonderful pictures. You will be surprised how much of the world is actually represented in your garden.
9:00 - 10:00 PM — Plant & Book Sale Open

THURSDAY - MAY 12th

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Registration Desk Open
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Plant & Book Sale Open

Workshops — Clinics — Note some of these repeat on Friday
8:30 - 9:15 AM
A. Bonsai Hands On — Part 1 of 2 — Lee Cheatle → $15.00 fee this clinic only
B. Propagation - Cuttings — Dennis Bottemiller
C. Hybridizing for Beginners — Don Wallace
D. Trees & Shrubs; Companions for the Garden — Lucile Whitman
E. *R. occidentale*, An Outlaw Species — Dick Cavender
9:30 - 10:15 AM
A. Bonsai Hands On — Part 2 of 2 - See Above — Lee Cheatle
B. Propagation - Grafting — Herb Spady
C. Japanese Maples — Jan & Kevin Kelley
D. Fertilizer & Organic Options — Patrick Peterson
E. Need Summer Color? Add Hydrangeas — Kristin Van Hoose
10:35 - 11:20 AM
A. Photography — Dave Eckerdt
B. Propagation - Seed — Gordon Wylie
C. Fertilizer & Organic Options — Patrick Peterson
D. Dwarf Rhododendrons — Mike Stewart
E. Clematis From Around the World — Linda Beutler

12:00 - 5:00 PM - Tours B through D
B. Dover Nursery, The Arboretum at Porterhowse
C. Cavender Garden, Smith Garden
D. The Kerr Connection, Elk Rock, Bates, Platt

6:00 - 7:00 PM — No host social hour
7:00 - 8:00 PM — Northwest Dinner Buffet
8:00 - 8:20 PM — ARS Annual Meeting
8:20 - 9:10 PM — America's Treasure; Our Native Azaleas
Speaker Don Hyatt — Nowhere in the world will you find deciduous azaleas that rival our American natives. These fifteen species offer colors and fragrances that are almost beyond description. Don Hyatt, foremost expert on these beautiful rhododendrons, will show you the magnificent areas where they grow in the wild. Through his excellent presentation and photography, he will share with you why you should bring the wonderful world of deciduous azaleas into your garden. You will enjoy Don's enthusiasm and energy while he expands your knowledge of a subject that is so dear to his heart

9:10 - 10:00 PM — Plant Sale Open

FRIDAY - MAY 13th

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Registration Desk Open
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Plant & Book Sale Open

Workshops — Clinics
8:30 - 9:15 AM
A. Propagation - Grafting — Herb Spady
B. Trees & Shrubs; Companions for the Garden — Lucile Whitman
C. *R. occidentale*, An Outlaw Species — Dick Cavender
D. Evergreen Azaleas, Perfect Partners — Don Hyatt
E. Vireyas, The Other Rhododendrons — Steve Hootman
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B. Conifers — Don Howse
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Afternoon Tours E through G
12:00 - 3:00 PM - E. Crystal Springs Garden & Barbecue
12:00 - 5:00 PM - F. Crystal Springs Barbecue & Platt Garden
12:00 - 6:00 PM - G. Crystal Springs Barbecue, Japanese & Lan Su Chinese Garden
12:00 - 9:00 PM — Plant & Book Sale Open

Dinner on your own and a free evening
Also time for ARS Committee Meetings if desired

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM — Plant & Book Sale Open
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM — ARS Meeting with Laura Grant — This is an informal meeting open to everyone, though ARS chapter officers and committee people are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY - MAY 14th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM — Plant & Book Sale; Open to Delegates and the Public

8:30 - 9:15 AM — The Best Species for your Garden
Speaker: Steve Hootman — There are so many species out there with more being introduced each year that it is confusing which ones we should use in our limited garden space. Steve, who is a talented and interesting speaker, will highlight some of those species that you will want to include in your garden. This will be an interesting and educational presentation from one of the most well known species experts in the world, who literally has travelled the world finding the best species in the wild and in gardens. This presentation will truly put the world in your garden.

9:15 - 10:00 AM — The Best German Hybrids
Speaker —Hartwig Schepker — There have been lots of fine German hybrids to grace our gardens and many are quite hardy. Hartwig is an outstanding speaker, and yes his English is superb. He will delight us with pictures and information about the newest and best. You will want these in your garden even if you live in a cold area. We are honored to have such a great and knowledgeable speaker for this program. When you hear him, you will know you want to hear his entirely different program Saturday evening.

10:15 - 11:00 AM — Flowers and Fruit, the Best of Both Worlds in Your Garden — Jim Gilbert — We love ornamental plants which provide beauty for our gardens, but how about adding an additional dimension along with this beauty, that being something we can eat! Jim has travelled the world looking for otherwise unknown plants that provide fruit while at the same time beauty. Names like Azarole, Goumi, Prinsepia or Goji are all plants that you can add to your garden for flowers and fruits. Many of these plants are extremely cold hardy and can be grown everywhere you garden. Are you confused yet by these names of these unusual fruiting plants? After you listen to Jim you won't be confused. Jim is a talented speaker who will explain how you can use them in your garden.

12:00 - 5:00 PM - Tours H through L

H. Snyder Garden, Columbia Gorge
J. Dover Nursery, The Arboretum at Porterhowse
K. Cavender Garden, Smith Garden
L. Oregon Garden

6:00 - 7:00 PM — No host social
7:00 - 8:00 PM — Banquet
8:00 - 8:30 PM — Awards
8:30 - 9:30 PM — From Asia to Your Garden
Speaker — Hartwig Schepker — Our keynote speaker, Hartwig Schepker, Scientific Director of the Botanic Garden and Rhododendron-Park Bremen, Germany, has been on several adventuresome rhododendron trips in the Himalayas, Southeast Asia and North America. His evening talk will feature his three journeys to Arunachal Pradesh. Come enjoy the grandeur of the Himalayas and the rhododendrons that grace its slopes. You will enjoy his fascinating and entertaining presentation about his trips into the wild in search of rhododendrons. You will find this program very special. We see many travel logs to remote areas of the world, but you will find this program exciting and more in depth than most. This is the reason we are pleased to have such a fine keynote speaker! Outstanding will be the word for this program!

SUNDAY - MAY 15th:

8:30 - 9:30 AM — Breeders Roundtable Forum: Moderator — Don Wallace
This should be a program with broad interest. While it is heaven for hybridizers, it is also a chance for anyone with any interest in rhododendrons to find out what is new on the market, and what will soon be available. This is a chance to share in the knowledge of a professional group of hybridizers in an informal atmosphere where we can all learn something. You can bring a few pictures to share and lots of ideas.

10:00 - 2:00 PM Plant & Book Sale

9:30 - 11:00 AM — Brunch With Frank Fujioka; A Chance for Friendship, and A Wonderful Program — Here is an exciting ending to a great convention. Remember the old saying that the opera is not over until the "fat lady sings," well this wonderful convention is not over until Frank (no similarity to the fat lady,) who is the highlight of this convention, speaks! We saved the best for the last and the convention is not over until you attend this outstanding program. Frank will show us how rhododendrons can have exceptional foliage and if you are breeding for foliage what you should do. After all, we look at our rhododendrons for eleven months of the year without flowers, so foliage is very important! You will see some of the best new plants for foliage and how these new hybrids are being developed. This will show you a new dimension in what you love about rhododendrons. The program and brunch this last morning are well worth the time to attend. You'll be sorry if you skip out early on this outstanding program. Don't miss it!

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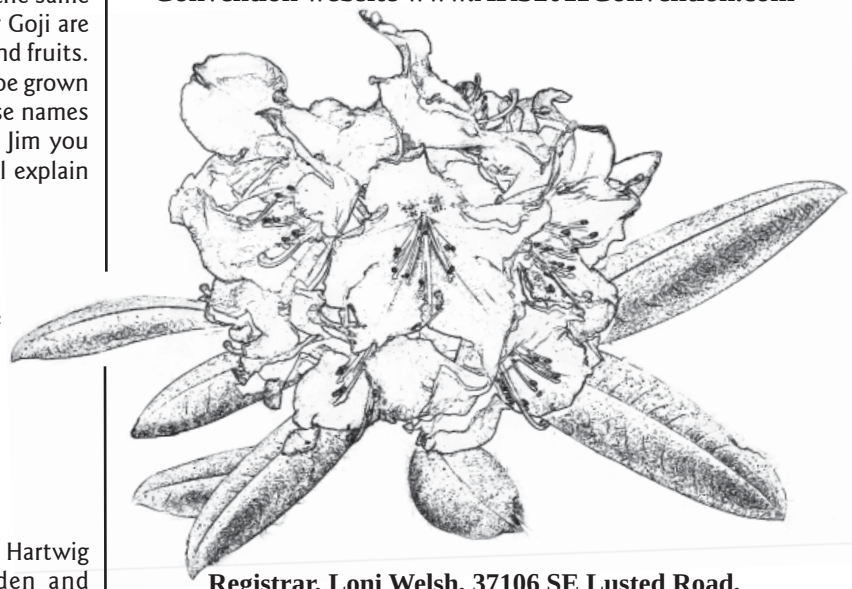

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Descriptions of "How To and More Clinics"
Listed in Alphabetical Order

This section, always a popular part of the convention, stresses the "how to" and "what with" of growing and enjoying your garden. These clinics are designed to allow you to ask questions and learn directly from the speaker in smaller groups where it is easy to interact with the speaker.

Evergreen Azaleas, Perfect Partners —

Speaker Don Hyatt — As a group of plants that most of us grow, the so called evergreen azaleas are plants that draw a lot of interest. They generally flower young and heavily, have a long flowering season, and often have many colors of flowers on the same plant. Don will show us the many interesting varieties of this beautiful and generally easily grown plant we all love.

***Rhododendron occidentale,* An Outlaw Species —**

Speaker Dick Cavender — One of the most fascinating members of the Genus Rhododendron are the plants we commonly call deciduous azaleas. *R. occidentale* is one of these plants. While North America is home to many deciduous rhododendron species, only one is native on the west coast. Dick has long studied these plants, in their native home. He will share his extensive knowledge of these exceptional plants including many bits of knowledge you never dreamed of!

Bonsai —

Speaker Lee Cheatle — A favorite way to raise plants is in miniature as bonsai, but to many it is so mysterious and confusing. While there is certainly much to know about bonsai, it doesn't take a life time of learning to enjoy this fascinating art. Lee has practiced bonsai for years and knows his subject. He will give a "hands on" demonstration where you will make your own bonsai to take home with you. **This one clinic extends through two sessions; 8:30 to 10:15 AM.** Since you get to take home a bonsai there is a fee of $15.00 for this class.

Clematis From Around the World —

Speaker Linda Beutler — Linda will show us many different clematis from around the world and how we can use these wonderful plants with our rhododendrons. She will show how Clematis mix with other plants and how they add spice and color to our garden. From early spring through winter they add interest with their flowers and unusual seed. They are versatile plants that can be used in containers or mixed in with woody plants, other vines or perennials. This is an exciting presentation that you won't want to miss!

Conifers —

Speaker Don Howse — While rhododendrons provide great color in the garden, there are times we need more, such as texture and color in the winter when our favorite plants are not flowering. Don is an excellent presenter who will give you an enjoyable presentation that will give you new insights into planting your garden.

Dwarf Rhododendrons —

Speaker Mike Stewart — Today's smaller yards and gardens offer many opportunities to grow dwarf rhododendrons. These wonderful "smaller rhododendrons" are excellent choices for rock gardens and for creating a unique look to the garden. Many of them are very hardy in severe weather conditions, including sun, wind, and cold tolerance. Mike has grown dwarf rhododendrons commercially for many years at the Dover Nursery and has the experience to know which ones perform the best for your particular growing conditions. Come enjoy many beautiful pictures and examples of these unique hybrid and species rhododendrons that will enhance the beauty of your garden.

Fertilizer & Organic Options, Food for our Plants —

Speaker Patrick Peterson — Healthy plants, plentiful blooms, and improved pest resistance can be achieved through proper plant nutrition. This talk will briefly touch on some of the essential plant building blocks that we provide through the use of standard industry fertilizers. It will cover both conventional and organic options for these major and micro elements. The interaction of biological organisms in the root zone, and their role in nutrient availability, will also be discussed with relation to commonly available fortified products. Ever wonder what's actually in that generic 16-16-16, how to use fish meal as an alternative, or why a controlled release fertilizer might be the best choice?

Hybridizing for Beginners – Goals, Techniques and Results —

Speaker Don Wallace — In this program, Don Wallace will take you through the various stages of hybridizing rhododendrons so that it will be "easy" for anyone just beginning to understand. Answers to questions such as "how do I pick good parents for my crosses," or "how do I save pollen"? These questions will be answered. Don has been actively hybridizing rhododendrons for over 20 years, and has learned many tips and techniques from other hybridizers that he will share.

Need Summer Color? Add Hydrangeas —

Speaker Kristin Van Hoose — While our rhododendrons provide lots of spring color, sometimes they can leave us with little color in the summer. Hydrangeas provide great summer beauty. Kristin will expand our horizons by showing us some of the new hydrangeas that are out, and some of the unusual species coming on the market. Did you know some hydrangeas are evergreen and others are vines? You will learn lots from this interesting and talented speaker.

Japanese Maples —

Speaker Jan and Kevin Kelley, Kelley Green Nursery — Probably one of the most outstanding companions for rhododendrons are Japanese maples. But did you realize how many kinds there are of these fabulous plants? Some are small trees great for shading our rhododendrons, while others are smaller growing and more shrub like. They come in many colors and textures and provide great contrast or complement for other plants. Jan and Kevin have raised Japanese maples for many years and will show you the best while answering all your questions. They know the subject well, so you don't want to miss this fine program.

Photography, Both an Art and Science —

Speaker Dave Eckerdt — Success in photography, as in life, happens when preparation meets opportunity. Come see and hear twenty tips to help you get the photographs you want when you only get one chance. Whether you are using point-and-shoot or an advanced DSLR you will leave this workshop with a smile on your face and new techniques for your next photographic encounter. We are honored to have Dave Eckerdt head this clinic. He just returned from a trip to Japan, exclusively to study photography. This is a chance to hear from someone who really knows his subject give a presentation that is a delight to the eye.

Propagation by Cuttings —

Speaker Dennis Bottemiller — Nearly everyone who is interested in plants whether native or exotic at some point wants more of them. Cutting propagation is a great way to get more of the plants you want and the purpose of this talk is to illustrate some of the variables in plant growth, culture and physiology which can be manipulated to your advantage for greater success in getting cuttings to root.

Propatation by Grafting —

Speaker Herb Spady — Herb will not only talk about Grafting Techniques and Results, but will discuss the importance of proper Root Stock and Scion Wood options. We will learn about those rhododendrons that produce poor root systems and what special or unique techniques it takes to graft them successfully. As a retired orthopedic surgeon, Herb knows how to "cut" with the best. We invite you to learn about precision grafting and how to take care of your grafting wounds.

Propagation by Seed —

Speaker Gordon Wylie — Gordon is well experienced with growing seed and will share successful and simple techniques in growing your own really big rhododendrons from itty bitty seeds. This is a workshop experience with Gordon furnishing hand pollinated or wild collected seed from the ARS Seed Exchange, planting containers and soil media so you will go home with something to grow.

Trees & Shrubs; Companions for your Garden —

Lucile Whitman — Our gardens need other plants for shade and structure other than rhododendrons so we need to look at some of the many plants available. Have you ever bought what you heard was a hot new plant, that you found you could not control? Or how about that "award winner" that languished, while what was supposed to be a "wall flower" shone. Lucile has learned some lessons and has some great ideas that she will share from her years of growing trees and shrubs.

Using Rock and Water in the Garden —

Speaker Eamonn Hughes — There is little that you can do in your garden that will add more to than rock and water. What is more soothing than the tranquil sound of water in your garden? Eamonn has been building water gardens for 35 years and knows all of the secrets of making them outstanding. A "must see" presentation if you have ever considered water in your garden.

Vireyas, in the Wild and at Home in Your Garden —

Speaker Steve Hootman — Steve will share his vast knowledge of Vireyas with us and will teach us about the conditions in which they grow. These are relatively tender species and there is much to learn about growing them. The variety of flower colors and shapes in this species group is truly magnificent, so don't miss this opportunity to experience their beauty. You will also see pictures of the newly completed and planted Vireya Conservatory at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, and learn first hand about soils, humidity, and temperature requirements, and other do's and don't about growing Vireyas.

Speakers

Linda Beutler is a fearless gardener who grows a great variety of plants on a simple, flat, 50' x 100' city lot in the Sellwood neighborhood of Portland, Oregon. She was a professional florist for 20+ years, and her first love in her own garden was growing flowers and foliage for cutting. That focus changed when Linda purchased her first clematis as a misnamed plant. Her collection of this genus now numbers 250 separate species and cultivars. This passion for clematis led to the publication of her first book, *Gardening With Clematis* (Timber Press, 2004). In 2007 Timber Press published her second book, *Garden to Vase.* Her garden is a fully functioning cottage garden, including fruit trees and favorite vegetables, in a style appropriate for her 1907 cottage home. Linda is one of two Vice Presidents of the International Clematis Society. She is curator of the Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection and an active member of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon and many other garden and plant societies. Linda has been an instructor of horticulture at Clackamas Community College for 15 years. Linda lectures nationally on numerous gardening topics, and is a garden writer for the best publications including Fine Gardening. You will want to hear her!

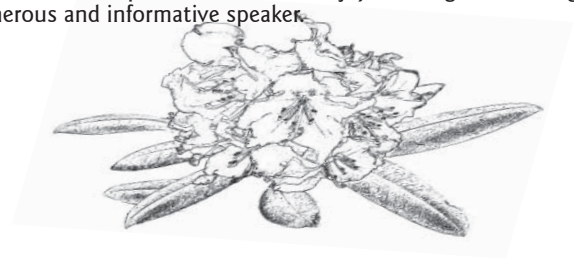
Dennis Bottemiller has been the Propagator and Nursery Manager for the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden for the past ten years where he has been rooting cuttings and growing seedlings of plants from around the world. The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden is home to the largest collection of Species Rhododendrons in North America and also has outstanding collections of Magnolia, Japanese Maples, Primula and Liliaceae in a 24 acre naturalistic setting, including many Northwest native plants.

Dick Cavender before retiring used to run Union Pacific freight trains up and down the Columbia River. When at home his enthusiasm for hardy orchids, vireyas, "other" rhododendrons and plants in general was unexcelled. He now owns "Red's Rhodies" in Sherwood, Oregon, which houses one of the best collections of eastern deciduous azaleas on the west coast, and has studied in the wild and in his garden more *R. occidentale* than any living person today. He is a real missionary in his enthusiasm for plants.

Lee Cheatle has a very passionate personality and that passion is obvious when he engages you about bonsai. Lee fell headlong into bonsai in 1995; he remembers the year because it was the same year his son was born. Bonsai to Lee is living art, ever changing; he feels that bonsai is not only today but tomorrow, next month, next year. The health of the tree is always foremost, healthy trees can tolerate the necessary procedures involved in creating quality bonsai. Lee has been a member of the Bonsai Society of Portland since 2000 and was instrumental in developing their successful mentor program. Lee is trying to dispel the myriad of myths that surround bonsai with his light hearted common sense approach. He says, "if I can do it, anyone can do it."

Dave Eckerdt and his wife Pat for the past twenty-five years have been creating a two acre collector's garden around their 117 year old home in Salem, Oregon. Their garden, named Deerly Missed, has been featured on television, in magazines, and in newspapers. Dave is the President of the Salem Hardy Plant Society and along with Pat, is a member of the Rock Garden Society, the Conifer Society, the Mushroom Society, the Clematis society, several garden groups, and of course the Willamette Chapter of the ARS. Dave is an excellent photographer and an engaging speaker.

Frank Fujioka from Whidbey Island, Washington, is a retired teacher who takes a long-range approach to his rhododendron hybridizing. "Plan on long term results; two-three-four generations down." His many years of hybridizing have produced many of the west's finest rhododendrons, both in foliage and in flower. Frank is very particular in what he introduces, so you can count on the very best when you have a plant introduced by him. He has spoken internationally and throughout the United States, and has a great reputation for the artistic programs that he presents. You will enjoy meeting and hearing this very generous and informative speaker.



Jim Gilbert began his career growing nursery stock in 1979 in Hood River. After realizing that his mountain location wanted to be a forest, not a farm, he found 20 acres in the Molalla area in 1982 and began growing an extensive variety of unique fruits. Capitalizing on his knowledge of Russian, he began traveling to the former Soviet Union in 1990 where he discovered many new fruits that he has introduced to North American gardeners. In addition to its selection of unique and valuable fruits, Jim's nursery business, One Green World, has received Salmon Safe certification and is recognized for its pioneering sustainability efforts, including the use of biodiesel in its tractors and vehicles and conserving water and preventing soil erosion. You can see Jim's plants and request a catalog at www.onegreenworld.com

Harold Greer is president of Greer Gardens in Eugene, Oregon. He is a past president of the American Rhododendron Society, and served on the board of directors for over 25 years. He also holds the title of being the youngest person to ever serve as president. He is the organizing founder of the Western Regional Conferences which happened 30 years ago, so you can guess his current age. He is a recipient of the American Rhododendron Society Gold Medal and is recognized internationally as a rhododendron expert. Harold has contributed enormously to the world of rhododendrons through books, plants, service and dedication. He is an experienced photographer and his pictures have been published in many books and publications including the cover of the Smithsonian Magazine.

Steve Hootman is the Executive Director of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. Under his direction, the Botanical Garden has become one of the finest and most complete collections of species Rhododendrons in the world. He has led many rhododendron expeditions into Asia and is considered to be one of the world's best collectors and expedition leaders. His knowledge of rhododendrons and many other genera is exceptional. Steve is very generous and is always willing to speak to rhododendron groups through the country and abroad. He is a recipient of the American Rhododendron Society's Gold Medal Award.

Don Howse is the owner of Porterhowse Farms and is an avid collector of rare and choice conifers. His collection includes more than 2,000 cultivars and reflects four decades of plant hunting all over the world. Don is a charter member of the American Conifer Society and has held several leadership positions in that society. He is a past president of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and has served on the boards of the Berry Botanic Garden and the Friends of the Hoyt Arboretum. Don is the current president of the Bonsai Society of Portland. His seven acre garden, The Arboretum at Porterhouse, will be featured when the American Conifer Society holds its national convention in Oregon in August, 2011.

Eamonn Hughes is a native of Ireland who has been designing and constructing water features in Europe and the United States for 35 years. Since moving to Oregon in 1987, he has designed and built hundreds of water gardens. He also developed Hughes Water Gardens in Wilsonville, Oregon where he has ten acres of nursery devoted to pond plants and pond construction. He has received many honors including "The Retailer of the Year" for 2001. He is an honorary lifetime member of the Oregon Landscaper Contractors Association for his contribution to fellow landscapers.

Don Hyatt has been gardening since age three. Among many other degrees, he has a BS in Horticulture. He taught mathematics and computer science for more than 30 years. Now retired, he has devoted even more of his time to rhododendrons and azaleas. Don has studied the native azaleas of the eastern mountains most of his life and knows them like the back of his hand. He has also been a successful hybridizer, introducing well known azaleas such as 'Yellow Cloud' and 'Mandarin Maid'. This is a speaker you will not want to miss, as he not only has knowledge, but wonderful pictures.

Jan & Kevin Kelley, father and son, have been working together in the nursery industry for over 30 years. Together they have developed a nursery that specializes in Japanese Maples after an initial foray into rhododendrons. This past year they grafted over 235 uniques varieties. They will be showing many of their favorite Japanese Maples emphasizing the fantastic diversity of the tree. They know their subject well and you will be enlightened and entertained by these two very dynamic individuals. We know you will come away from this program excited about adding Japanese Maples to your rhododendron garden.

Speakers Continued

Patrick Peterson is a horticultural enthusiast. He attained formal schooling at Ohio State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. Nursery production was his career goal, so that brought him to the beautiful Willamette Valley. As a true propagator at heart, he found many opportunities with deciduous bare root shade tree growers looking to employ a bilingual energetic young man. It was his desire to experiment with crop production inputs that put him in contact with his current employer. Patrick now works as a horticultural consultant for an independent agricultural supply dealer, with a primary focus on nursery crops and organic farms. This current position allows for continued education and the opportunity to work with many of the best growers in the area.

Dr. Hartwig Schepker is the Scientific Director of the Botanic Garden and Rhododendron-Park Bremen, home of one of the largest Rhododendron collections in the world, including hardy and non-hardy species and hybrids. He is also the Secretary of the German Rhododendron Society and co-editor of the society's publication "Rhododendron und Immergrüne." Hartwig has been on several rhododendron trips in the Himalayas, Southeast Asia and North America, including three journeys to Arunachal Pradesh. His main objectives are to promote the important ecological functions of Rhododendrons in their native habitats and to point out the long and important role of rhododendrons in the history of gardening in Germany. After an apprenticeship as a gardener Hartwig received a degree in horticultural science (Dipl.-Ing.) and PhD in Plant Ecology (Dr. rer. hort) at the University of Hannover. One of his most recent accomplishments is his organization of the extremely successful International Rhododendron Conference held in Bremen, Germany, in the spring of 2010. Hartwig's leadership and organizing skills resulted in what many who attended called the "best rhododendron conference ever."

Dr. Herb Spady is a past President of the American Rhododendron Society and past President of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. He has been an extremely active member of the Rhododendron Society over the past 40 years. He was one of the organizers of the first Western Regional Rhododendron Conference. He has served as Chairman of many Society and Chapter committees including Membership, Species Study Group, News Letter Editor, Education (RSF), By-Laws, Long Range, and many more. He has given programs on Species, Rhododendron Evolution, Scales, Soils, Photography, etc., etc. You get the picture. Herb is a very talented and involved man. He has traveled to China on a plant expedition, and has attended almost every society conference since he joined the ARS. He spent 8 years preparing the entire series of the ARS Bulletins in HTML format for placement on the internet. As you can see, Herb Spady has devoted many years of his life for the benefit of the members of the American Rhododendron Society.

Mike Stewart of Dover Nursery in Sandy, Oregon, is a rhododendron expert. Mike, along with his wife Maria, owns Dover Nursery which is known for its outstanding selection of rhododendrons, both species and hybrids, the best to be found. He is a Gold Medal recipient (the highest award from the ARS) and a professional with excellent speaking skills that everyone enjoys. Mike is very active with the ARS, having been a recent International ARS president. He never knows when to say no in the service of rhododendrons and is the Vice President of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. What he says is always worth hearing!

Kristin Van Hoose and her husband David own and operate the mail-order nursery Hydrangeas Plus® and wholesale Amethyst Hill Nursery in Aurora, Oregon. David & Kristin purchased the nursery operation in 1999 and specialize in hydrangeas, azaleas and other ornamental shrubs. The Van Hooses grow more than 250 different varieties and cultivars and are renowned for the vast collection of rare and unusual varieties. Kristin grew up in Richland, Washington, and graduated from Washington State University and moved to Portland after the completion of her MBA. In her rare spare time, she likes to spend time with her two daughters. She currently serves as the President for the Oregon Association of Nurseries.

Don Wallace is the owner of Singing Tree Gardens, a small retail nursery, located in McKinleyville, California. Over the past 20 years Don has planted, propagated, hybridized, and grown from seed many rhododendrons. He is the past president of the Eureka chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, and participated as one of the Show Chairmen at the Western Regional Conference in Eureka back in 1999. Don has been involved in photography for 25 years, and travels each year to photograph many gardens up and down the Pacific coast. Currently, Don is active in hybridizing rhododendrons for fragrance, as well as new and exciting colors of flowers.

Lucile Whitman owns Whitman Farms. In 1980 she started out to raise fruit and nut trees, but she got sidetracked when seeing unusual trees and shrubs. Soon she was dragging every new tree home and putting it in the ground. She started using "Root Control Bags," a unique method to grow trees in the ground and yet transplant them easily. Lucile is a colorful speaker that makes any subject shine!

Gordon Wylie received the Gold Medal after serving the ARS as president and on countless ARS committees. He is one of the very few people to ever receive two Bronze Medals from the same ARS chapter, so you know he has got to be great! Gordon, a retired attorney, has gardened for years, in fact he lived and gardened on the same piece of land on which he was born for most of his life. Now transplanted to a new home, he is establishing a new garden in Creswell, Oregon, a few miles south of Eugene. What better way to fill that new garden than to grow some rhododendrons from seed? Well actually, Gordon has enough plants available to him that he does not need to grow seedlings, but he still knows how. He will be sharing successful and simple techniques in growing your own really big rhododendrons from itty bitty seeds. You will want to hear this knowledgeable speaker.

Tours and Gardens

Tour A — Columbia Gorge, Bonneville Dam, Snyders' Garden Mount Hood and Timberline Lodge — This tour explores the utmost in the beauty of the Pacific Northwest. You will leave your luxurious hotel in Vancouver and travel south across the Columbia River where you will head east through the Columbia Gorge. This Gorge cuts through the Cascade Range with mountains of 12,000' elevation. Flowing some 1243 miles from its source in Canada this river is the lifeblood of the Northwest. First you will pass the magnificent 620' Multnomah Falls, then on to Bonneville Dam where you will enter through a garden of rhododendrons. You will go by the huge power generators and to the visitor center where the dam will be explained and you will have the opportunity to see the salmon swimming up the fish ladder from an underwater viewing area.

Next you will cross the Columbia again at the Bridge of the Gods and travel east on the Washington side to the wonderful Snyder Garden at Snug Harbor (see additional description on the next page). Heading east again, you will cross the Columbia at Hood River where you will turn south through the beautiful fruit orchards of the Hood River Valley. Many of the orchards should be in flower in this scenic wonderland. Then you will continue around the east side of Mount Hood through great stands of native rhododendrons, though it will be a little early for their flowers at this elevation. Next it is up to Timberline Lodge at an elevation of 6,000' where you will see lots of snow and have a chance to view this grand lodge and this spectacular volcanic peak at close range.

We will go back down the mountain on the south side through the town, actually named "Rhododendron," so you know there must be rhododendrons to see, then on through the beautiful countryside on your way back to Portland. Again we cross the Columbia going north to your hotel. This tour will view some of the finest scenery in the Northwest. You won't want to miss this pre-convention tour.

Tour B & J — Dover Nursery & The Arboretum at Porterhowse

Dover Nursery — You will be charmed by one of the most exceptional collections of rhododendrons in the country. Acres of perfectly planted and cared for plants will delight you. At the same time, you will see the newest hybrids from hybridizers on both the East and West Coast along with one of the largest collections of commercially grown species anywhere. There is also a delightful display garden with many mature plants under a canopy of native fir trees with an outstanding view of Mount Hood in the background. With beautiful Mount Hood as a backdrop, this is the perfect setting for this wonderful garden and nursery. This is a most extraordinary location with fabulous rhododendrons.

The Arboretum at Porterhowse — This arboretum reflects 25 years of plant collecting by self-proclaimed "plant addict," Don Howse. More than 2000 conifer species and varieties are represented in his five acre garden and arboretum near majestic Mt. Hood. The conifers are complemented with a wide array of companion plants that include: many unusual succulents, exotic broad leaf trees, shrubs, colorful perennials, annuals, flowering bulbs, ornamental grasses, bamboo, alpine and rock garden gems, and aquatic and bog plants. Connecting trails wind among mature specimen trees, beds of dwarfs and miniatures, through woodland settings, past springs and ponds and on to a steep rocky hillside giving the visitor the opportunity to see maturing conifers and companion plants in a variety of surroundings

Tour C & K — Cavender Garden, Smith Garden

Cavender Garden — A well established collector's garden of about two acres. Over 600 rhododendrons and azaleas, including a large collection of our Western Azalea, *R. occidentale.* Many magnolias, maples and other flowering trees including *Embothrium coccineum* which has flowered after several hard winters. A large selection of herbaceous material, including hardy orchids, complement the trees and shrubs. A rock garden, pond and bog round out the garden set on a sloping site with a panoramic view of 4 mountains. A half acre expansion designed by Lucy Hardiman will be in its third year and is filling in nicely. The area includes about 15 new *Kalmia latifolia* and some 25 Eastern Native Azaleas. Greenhouses contain a collection of tropical Rhododendrons and other tender treasures. Two additional acres are planted with new hybrid rhododendrons and azaleas. Not to be missed is a large *Magnolia macrophylla* ssp. *ashei* with leaves the size of violins and flowers the size of dinner plates.

Smith Garden — More visual treats await your visit at the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden. A canopy of native Douglas firs creates an ideal environment for a natural woodland garden of rare beauty, featuring superior forms of species and hybrid rhododendrons. Complementing the rhododendron collection are choice trees, shrubs, wildflowers and bulbs. Each pathway reveals its own treasure; a moss covered log with plants tucked into bark crevices, a fern garden, and drifts of wildflowers. Masses of cyclamen, narcissus, erythronium and trillium flourish here. All perfect companions to a rare collection of rhododendrons.

Tour D — The Kerr Connection, Elk Rock, Bates & Platt Gardens

Elk Rock — This garden was started by Peter Kerr who came to Portland in 1888. He had two daughters, Anne and Jane, who are the Kerr connection to the two gardens we will visit, described below. The garden at Elk Rock is now also known as the Bishop's Close, after it was given to the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon following Peter's death in 1957. The house and garden were designed by the famous Olmsted Brothers Landscape firm who are responsible for the design of New York's Central Park. It is a magnificent mature garden with towering magnolias, a beautiful lawn and an outstanding view of Mount Hood. This is an unforgettable garden that you will want to see.

Bates — Peter Kerr's daughter, Lady Anne McDonald, is responsible for starting the garden located adjacent to Elk Rock. It is a superb private garden with a great selection of plant material. Now owned, improved and enhanced by Susan Bates, this garden is a jewel of perfection and is truly the work of the current owner. This garden will be a delight for the viewer on this tour.

Platt — The Jane Platt Garden is a gem of a private garden. Containing more than two acres of special plants, this well cared for garden has flowing lawns and a magnificent rock garden. Jane Platt insisted her husband, John, hire a crane and trucks to haul the rocks in for the garden, from a quarry somewhere around Mount Hood. The local rock would not do, so you know that in this garden there is attention to every detail.

Tour E — Crystal Springs & Barbecue

Located on approximately seven acres in a beautiful woodland setting of southeast Portland, the pathways of Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden wind through more than 2,000 rhododendrons, azaleas and companion plants. The garden offers extraordinary vistas of mature rhododendrons, magnolias and other related plants. Surrounded almost completely by a magnificent, shimmering, crystal clear lake supporting a towering grove of trees, featuring three spectacular waterfalls and a high fountain. The site provides a delightful oasis in the city.

Tour F — Crystal Springs Barbecue & Platt Garden

Crystal Springs see above for description
Platt Garden see above for description

Tour G — Crystal Springs Barbecue, Japanese Garden & Lan Su Chinese Garden

Crystal Springs see above for description

Japanese Garden — This garden is known as one of the most authentic Japanese gardens outside of Japan. It contains 5.5 acres of tranquil beauty in the south hills of Portland which provides a bonus of a beautiful view of Mount Hood and downtown Portland. There are five distinct garden styles within the garden, the Flat Garden, Natural Garden, Tea Garden, Strolling Pond Garden and the Sand & Stone Garden. Influenced by Shinto, Buddhist and Taoist philosophies, you will feel a deep sense of being part of nature when you enter this garden. Stone, water and plants are the essential elements used to create a Japanese garden. Secondary elements of water basins, stone lanterns, pagodas, bridges and arbors create a human scale, so that one feels part of the environment. This is one of the finest gardens of its type around so you will sure want to see it.

Lan Su Chinese Garden — This is one of the few gardens built in Suzhou-Ming Dynasty style that have been built outside of China. In 1999 the garden was started with much of the buildings being built in Suzhou and shipped to Portland along with 500 tons of rock. More than 65 Chinese workers came from China (along with two Chinese cooks) to construct the garden. Authentic plant material was added locally to finish this superb genuine Chinese garden, which has been visited by nearly 1.5 million visitors since its opening. You will wander through many individual gardens, across bridges, and through gateways which open up to unanticipated views. Water, in the form of ponds and falls, is a major element that delights the visitor both visually and audibly. A number of garden buildings are also open for your viewing. This garden is a true authentic piece of Chinese art, that you won't want to miss.

Tour H — Snyder Garden, Columbia Gorge

Snyder Garden — This garden at Snug Harbor is on its own peninsula with its own harbor which juts out into the Columbia. Originally a boat house where boats were repaired, this building has been transformed by owners Irv and Jan Snyder into an award winning home that has been featured in the best architectural magazines. Around this home is a beautiful garden graced by lovely rhododendrons. This is an outstanding garden located in an unbelievable place. You won't want to miss this rare chance to see this private home and garden.

Columbia Gorge — See Tour A for information about the Columbia Gorge. This tour will repeat the Gorge portion of the tour but will not go to Mount Hood.

Tour L — Oregon Garden

This garden is located in Silverton a few miles south of Portland in the beautiful Oregon countryside. You will travel through vineyards and nurseries on this tour. If time permits you may see acres of iris fields and other flowering crops along the way. This, many acre, garden was started by the Oregon Association of Nurseries about 15 years ago. Now managed by the Oregon Garden Resort, this is a huge garden that is actually made up of many different gardens merged into one magnificent display. Large lawns, ponds and fountains are set in a beautiful natural location overlooking the north Willamette Valley. There is a large collection of unusual plants of all types. Highlighting the garden is one of the best collections of mature conifers, planted in a perfectly landscaped setting, that you will see anywhere. There are few gardens in North America that encompass the amount of plants and landscape design this garden presents. This is a must see place!

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

65TH ANNUAL AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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* Registration: $39 before April 15th, $49 after April 15th						$39/49	
Bonsai Workshop — You will receive a pot & plant for this fee (Limit 50 people)						$15.00	
A. Columbia Gorge, Bonneville, Mt. Hood May 11th (All Day Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$32.00	
B. Dover Nursery, Porterhowse Arboretum May 12th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
C. Cavender Garden, Smith Garden May 12th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
D. The Kerr Connection, Elk Rock, etc. May 12th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
Northwest Dinner Buffet, May 12th						$32.00	
E. Crystal Springs with Western Barbecue May 13th						$27.00	
F. Crystal Springs Western Barbecue & Platt Garden May 13th						$37.00	
G. Crystal Springs Barbecue, Japanese & Chinese Garden May 13th (Limit 100 people)						$50.00	
H. Snyder Garden, Columbia Gorge May 14th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
J. Dover Nursery, Porterhowse Arboretum May 14th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
K. Cavender Garden, Smith Garden May 14th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$27.00	
L. Oregon Garden, May 14th (Afternoon Tour, Includes Box Lunch)						$35.00	
Banquet: Saturday, May 14th (Please indicate choice of Roast Beef or Mushroom Stuffed Chicken, or check Vegetarian)	Beef / Chicken	Beef / Chicken	Beef / Chicken	Beef / Chicken		$37.00	
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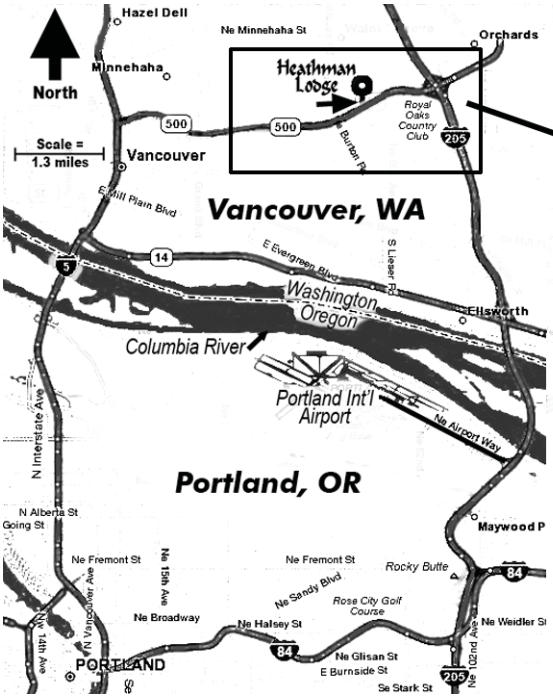

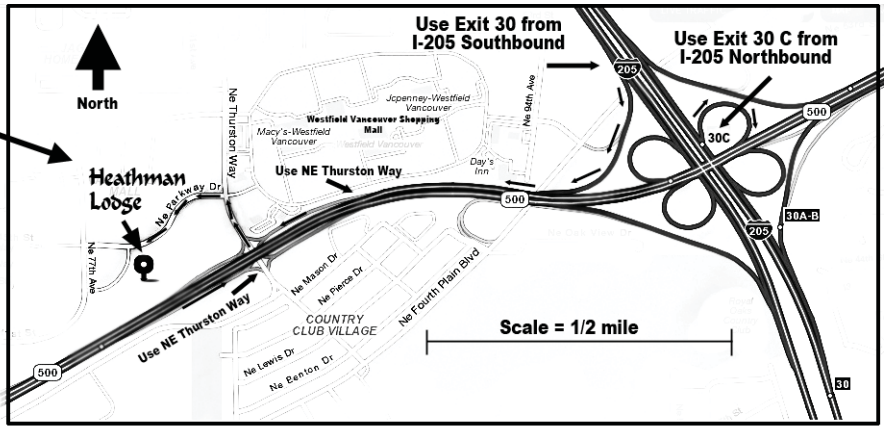

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