

Eugene Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Rhododendron Society meeting Wednesday, **March 18th,**

7:00 PM Talk @ The Springs at Greer Gardens

1282 Goodpasture Island Road, Eugene, Oregon

5:30 PM Dinner — **Pre-Meeting Dinner RSVP**

Please contact Harold Greer by phone at 541-554-2342 or by e-mail at hgreer@greergardens.com, so that Harold can let the staff at The Springs know how many will be in our party.

Glen Jamieson, Editor, [JARS](#)

Highlights of the Danish/Swedish/German 2018 ARS Tours

Glen Jamieson achieved his B.Sc. in Agriculture from McGill University and a M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Zoology from UBC. He worked for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as a research scientist for 31 years, both in the Maritimes (5 yrs.) and at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, BC (26 yrs.). He specialized in *Metacarcinus magister*, also known as our beloved Dungeness Crab. He retired from DFO in 2008.

Glen joined the ARS in 1995 and became editor of the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society ([JARS](#)) in 2009. He has travelled extensively, exploring for plants worldwide: in Yunnan, China (2005); Borneo (2008); Ecuador and Peru (five trips between 2008-2014); and in Sikkim, India (2015). With his wife, Dorothy, he lives and maintains a garden in Parksville that is periodically on the garden tour for his local chapter (Mount Arrowsmith; [MARS](#)). He has an extensive vireya collection, possibly the largest in Canada. He is currently in his third presidency of the MARS Chapter, and was a member of the MARS committee that organized the ARS Conference in Parksville, BC, held in Fall, 2019. In addition to JARS, he edits the new online journal that he created, "[Rhododendrons International](#)", which can be accessed on the ARS website.

Dr. Jamieson was a member of the ARS contingent to the 2018 ARS Spring International Convention "North America meets Europe" in Bremen, Germany. He elected to travel to Denmark and Sweden with the group that chose that optional pre-tour, preceding the convention itself. Glen will share some sights and insights from the beautiful gardens and rhododendrons at this unique convention shared with the German Rhododendron Society ([Deutsche Rhododendron Gesellschaft](#)).



6:30 PM Meet & Greet

**Join us for free Cookies
& Coffee while meeting
our members.**



Spring in our garden (3-7-2020). Photos by Grace Fowler-Gore

News from Hendricks Park by Emily Aune

Last month we completed the first of two major bed renovations in the Main Garden, in an effort to showcase the Main Garden Loop Trail with diverse gardens and a wide selection of rhododendrons. Although it is hard to say one is ever “done” in the garden, this 4,250 square-foot garden bed, which we refer to as Bed #9, has been transformed and is well on its way. It is situated at the far south end of the loop. The volunteer-based rhododendron garden planning committee, a City staff work party, and several work parties with our regular volunteers have been immense help in getting the new bed to this point.

Established plants include a *Magnolia x soulangeana*, *Rhododendron arboreum*, rhododendrons ‘Trude Webster’ and ‘Amy’, and a large oak tree. Two years ago, I planted a *Styrex obassia* tree and two rhododendrons donated from Jack Olson, ‘Point Defiance’ and ‘Grace Seabrook’. We spent time removing weedy groundcovers, dead wood, and large overbearing *Sarcococca* shrubs that were blocking the view within. We brought in yards of new planting soil mixed with medium fir bark, and cut some new curved lines on the edges.

In October of 2019, we planted 25 new ‘anchor’ plants with City staff, including R. ‘Laramie’ and one of my favorites, R. ‘Sir Charles Lemon’ along with some *R. davidsonianum*. We also planted a *Rhododendron decorum* that was donated from Leanord Frojen, and a Tree peony (*Paeonia lutea* var. *ludlowii*) purchased from Gossler Farms Nursery.



Our Toro full of new plants.



R. calostrotum ssp. *keleticum* in the Rockery.

Last week, volunteers planted 20 smaller alpine species in the last section, which we refer to as the “rockery”. It is a sunny section of the bed with large boulders throughout. We planted a group of *R. calostrotum* ssp. *keleticum*, *R. forrestii* var. *tumescens*, and ‘Crane’ to name a few. Oregon coast hybrid iris were also scattered throughout the bed.

I look forward to watching this bed evolve and grow and appreciate all the work and donations that went in to it.

Our goal now is to think of a better name for it than bed #9, and to work on replanting the second main garden bed. Hopefully you can read about that next month!

Continuation of *News from Hendricks Park* by Emily Aune



Want to help make a difference at Hendricks Park?

Check out the Volunteer Program at City of Eugene website

Eugene-or.gov

look for volunteer opportunities.

Garden and Community -
Rhododendron Garden
work party every Tuesday from 9-12

Contact Christina Bentrup
at cbentrup@eugene-or.gov for questions
or details.

Tuesday Volunteers

We have volunteers who show up enough to be called regulars, but there is nothing regular with the amount of effort and help they provide the improvement of our Hendricks Park.

Eugene Chapter ARS Board Member Tom Beatty planting some Hellebores during a Tuesday Volunteer work party.



Harold's Rhododendron Pick for March

Rhododendron 'Paul Lincke'

'Paul Lincke', while not a new rhododendron, has not been distributed as much as it should, as it is ideal for a March flowering blood red rhododendron. It is great in the Northwest for an early flowering plant. While occasionally the flowers can be hit by a late frost as all early blooming rhododendrons can, it generally misses the frost and generally has enough buds that don't open at exactly the same time to put on a great show every year.

It is a hybrid of 'Glamour' x *strigillosum*. 'Glamour' is a hybrid from Exbury Garden of 'Margaret' x *griersonianum*. 'Paul Lincke' was apparently named after the German composer of that name. The cross was made by Cecil S. Seabrook of Puyallup, Washington, in about 1961. Cecil Seabrook was the person who hybridized 'Grace Seabrook' which is also a bright red.

Rhododendron 'Paul Lincke':

- Height in 10 years: 4'
- Hardiness: 5° F.
- Color: Blood red
- Rating: 4/3-4/3-4 (that is for flower / plant & foliage / performance)
- Ease of propagation: easy/medium
- Flower: beautiful
- Foliage: good
- Vigor: good
- Would I buy it for its flowering time? yes
- Would I buy it for its color? yes



Photo of R. 'Paul Lincke' by Harold Greer



District 4 Chapters:
As hosts of the
ARS 2020 Spring Convention,
let's show our support with
strong member participation!



This is a rare opportunity to attend the ARS highlight event of the year in our own “backyard.” You have probably already visited local gardens included on the tours. Consider, however, what a special opportunity it is to (1) see the Iseli Nursery, a world-renowned conifer nursery and display garden, not open to the public, included on Thursday tours (C & D), (2) explore the Stewart Garden, formerly Dover Nursery, where lunch will be served surrounded by a spectacular private rhododendron garden, (3) enjoy Mike Stewart and Harold Greer’s introduction to the convention, including the history of the ARS and its origins in Portland, and (4) experience presentations from an impressive group of international speakers.

For just the registration fee of \$59, you’re able to attend all speaker events, poster sessions, plant sales, photo exhibit/contest and more. You can pick and choose among the other tour and event options available to suit your interests—whether or not you use overnight accommodations. Join us! You can be proud of hosting an event for attendees from all over the world who will be forever grateful for the memories you’ll share with them at this 75th Anniversary ARS meeting.

THANK YOU

The 2020 Convention Committee

American Rhododendron Society
75th Anniversary
20/20
VISION
Looking forward, reflecting back
ARS75.org
Portland-Vancouver, April 29-May 3, 2020

You're invited to the celebration!

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Lionel de Rothschild • Steve Krebs • Valerie Soza • & more!

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THANK YOU
 Bob Zimmermann –
 For your February 19th
 talk entitled:

***Arunachal
 Pradesh, Wilderness
 Untouched (with
 Rhododendrons)***

We enjoyed all the photos of the people, plants, and landscapes from your adventures in Arunachal Pradesh collecting rhododendron seeds, along with some other interesting seeds. We appreciate you sharing

Committees

*Shows: Helen Baxter, Emily Aune, Nancy Burns, Terry Henderson

*Nominating: Available

*Welfare: Nancy Greer and Harold Greer

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**** March is Election Time for our group. ****

Officer Positions: President (Terry Henderson) Vice President (Jack Olson)

Regular Board Positions: (Gordon Wylie)

One vacant position available — Are you the new Board Member?

At the March meeting these terms will be voted upon.

Officer positions are for two years and regular board members are for three years.

We meet once a month to coordinate the group’s activities.

Please let us know if you are interested and wish to be a member of the board.

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Event Calendar 2019 – 2020

March 18 **Glen Jamieson Journal, Editor, JARS**

April **75th Anniversary ARS Convention, April 29th – May 3rd**

May 9 Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds

May 30 Eugene Chapter Flower Show and Banquet