

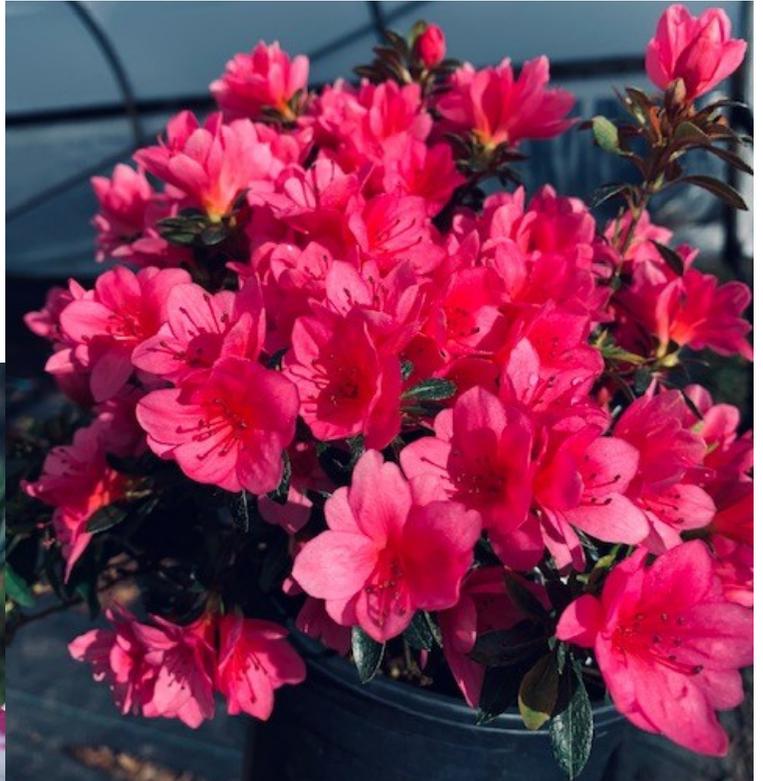
# Eugene Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Photos on Page 1 provided by Terry Henderson taken on March 22, 2020.

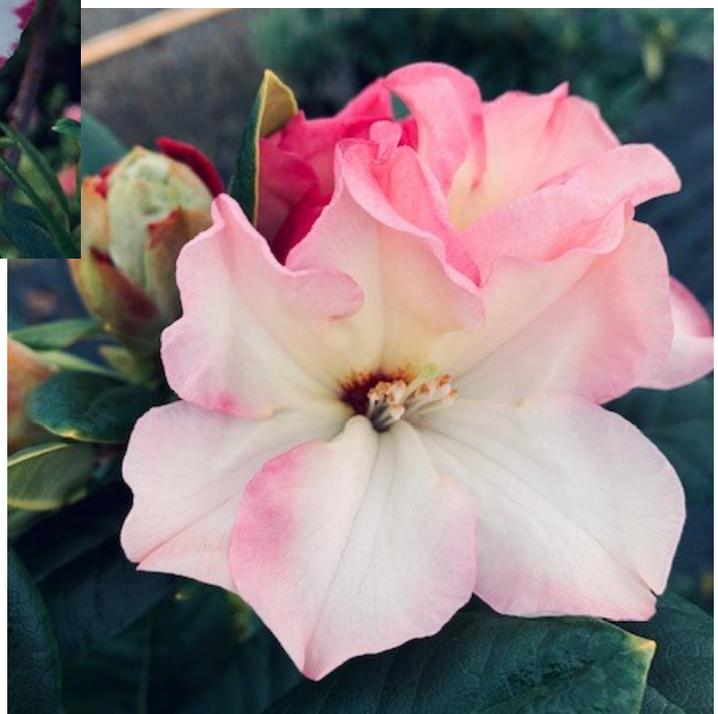
Spray of R. 'Tina'



R. 'Haru no habiki'



Sit back and enjoy our wonderful hobby.



R. 'Opal Luster'

*News from Hendricks Park* by Emily Aune



It was an amazing year for Magnolias. Through our tree inventory, we have realized we have nearly 60 magnolias tucked away in our Garden. Apparently, the Eugene Garden Club and Gossler Farms Nursery used to donate a tree to Hendricks Park every year helping to make this collection. Several of them still have tags so we can get them labeled.



Continuation of *News from Hendricks Park* by Emily Aune



Magnolia 'Marjory Gossler'



Magnolia x loebneri 'Leonard Messel'



Magnolia x soulangiana 'Picture'

## Harold's Rhododendron Pick for April

### Rhododendron 'Blue Ridge'

April brings the blues, blue rhododendrons that is. Well maybe they are not true blue, but 'Blue Ridge' is close. This is a lepidote (scaly) rhododendron with smaller foliage than many of the big standard hybrids which are elepidote (non scaly). The leaves are about 1" to 2" long, a medium green in summer with a spicy fragrance when you brush against the leaves. In winter, they are lighter yellowish-green to bronze. Generally it grows more upright than wide.

This plant was hybridized in 1966 by Russell and Velma Haag in Brevard, North Carolina and registered in 1981. It is a cross of 'Russautinii' x *augustinii*. It has been sold in the Northwest since the 1990's, though is not a commonly found plant. It will grow in sun or part shade, but will flower better in sun. Be sure to give it good drainage as it does not like poorly drained conditions. This is a plant that will give you a glowing cool blue for that spot in your yard where you want something special.

Rhododendron 'Blue Ridge':

- Height in 10 years: 5'
- Hardiness: -10° F.
- Color: dark bluish lavender
- Rating: 3/3-4/4 (that is for flower / plant & foliage / performance)
- Ease of propagation: easy
- 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. 'Blue Ridge' by Harold Greer

Photos provided by Ron Prchal are displayed on pages 5 & 6.



R. 'Shamrock'



*R. racemosum*



*R. 'Rubicon'*



*R. obtusum*



Pink Frost Hellebore



R. 'Bob's Blue'



R. 'Razorbill'



R. 'R.W. Rye'

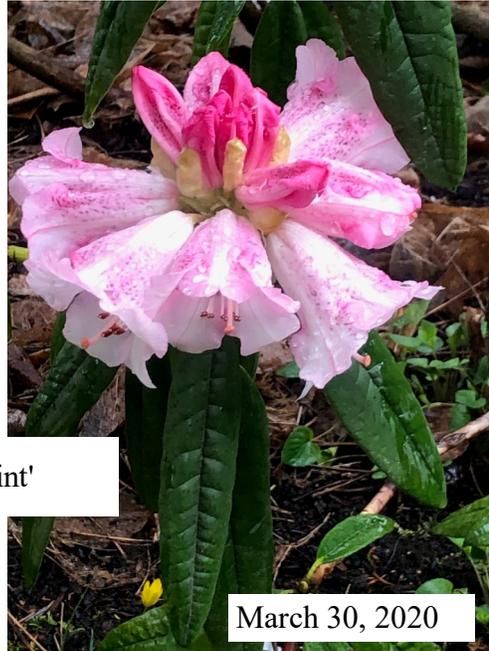


R. 'Hino Crimson'





*R. irroratum* 'Spatter Paint'



March 30, 2020

Photos provided by Michael Robert taken in his garden. Note the wonderful changes the truss goes through over time.



April 6, 2020



*R. russatum*

**\*\* Postponed Elections for our group. \*\***

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

Regular Board Positions: (Gordon Wylie)

Dana Manion has agreed to be our newest board member.

At the next gathering/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

- April**      **Postponed till April 27 — May 1, 2022**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ARS Convention, April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- May 9**      **Cancelled** Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale @ Eugene Fairgrounds
- May 30**      **???**Eugene Chapter Flower Show and Banquet**???**  
We can hope for some type of event/gathering.

June Picnic is on hold.