

# Eugene Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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## Spring Bloom Showcase



Above: Harold Greer's Garden

**Eugene: Leonard Frojen**

The Eugene Chapter lost a valued long-time member with the passing of Leonard Frojen on April 13, 2020. Leonard was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and served in the Army before attending the University of Oregon in Architecture. He was interested in everything, including sports cars, sailing, and, eventually, gardening, joining the ARS in about 1980. At one time or another Leonard served on all the committees of the Eugene Chapter of the ARS and was a long serving Board member and Show Chair (and often a winner!). In 2005, he was awarded the Bronze Medal in recognition of his work on behalf of fellow members and rhododendrons. He was a fixture at all the meetings and, with his wife Carmen, attended many of the ARS Spring Conventions and Fall Regional Conferences. Throughout his chapter membership, Leonard sought to learn as much as he could about the genus *Rhododendron* through study groups, reading, attending programs, and he loved to share his passion with fellow members. Leonard will be missed by all his friends in District 4 and our condolences go out to Carmen.

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Thank you Rich Aaring for writing the memorial of Leonard Frojen.

Thank you members for sharing your blooms. This would be a very dull newsletter without your contributions.

Thank you Ted Hewitt for checking my work.

*News from Hendricks Park by Emily Aune*

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kate Brown directed a stay-home order for all non-essential work. Eugene Parks let go of our seasonal gardener at Hendricks Park, moved our Volunteer Coordinator to emergency operations and work from home, and cancelled all volunteer events. Eugene Parks whittled down the total number of field staff that report to work to very low numbers – with a main focus of sanitation, safety, and recently added mowing and irrigation to the priority list. Roger and I are the two Field Staff at Hendricks, and currently we get to show up at the garden every other week to take care of basic needs. We are also expected to help with emergency work, and take care of maintenance at other parks. It is hard to let a lot of progress go, and the lack of regular volunteer work parties and staff are taking a toll on the overall weediness of the garden. But as it stands, the Gardens and the Park is still open for visitors, the lawns are mowed, the irrigation is checked and repaired, and the flowers are spectacular. Just keep your distance or safer yet - enjoy the flowers photos from home.



R. 'Blue Diamond'



R. 'Coral Breeze'



*R. schlippenbachii*

Photos by Emily Aune

Continuation of *News from Hendricks Park* by Emily Aune



Above: R. 'Crane'  
Below: R. 'Laramie'



Above: *R. pseudochrysanthum* 'Exbury'  
Below: Unknown in Bed 9



# Potted Pleasures



Above & Below: *Lewisia cotyledon* hybrids



Photos by Ali Sarlak.



Above: *Lewisia cotyledon hybrids*.

Below: *narcissus bulbocodium* or Hoop Petticoat Daffodil



Photos by Ali Sarlak.



Above: A type of *maddenii* from ARS, labeled "R. sou/purluy ARS664-04", Below: *R. farinosum*



Photos provided by Cheryl & Ron Prchal.

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Above: R. 'Ginnie Gee' Below: R. 'McNabbi'



Photos provided by Cheryl & Ron Prchal.



Above: R. 'My Lady'

Below: *R. pseudochrysanthum*





R. 'Golfer' on April 15

R. 'Golfer' on April 16



R. 'Golfer' on April 17

Photos by Ted Hewitt.



Photos by Ted Hewitt.

*R. benhallii*



Photos by Ted Hewitt.



Above: R. 'Patty Bee'  
Below: R. *keiskei* 'Yaku Fairy' x *mekongense* var. *mekongense*



Photos by Ted Hewitt.



(Note the red pistils and interesting stamens.)

Above: *R. 'Bambi' x proteoides #17*  
Below: *R. keiskei 'Yaku Fairy' x spinuliferum*





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Above: *R. 'Taurus'*  
Below: *R. lysolepis*



*Rhododendron lysolepis* (now considered to be a natural hybrid of *flavidum* x *impeditum*)



Photos by Harold Greer.

Above: *R. oldhamii* in hanging basket

Below: *R. Koromo-shikibu* an azalea



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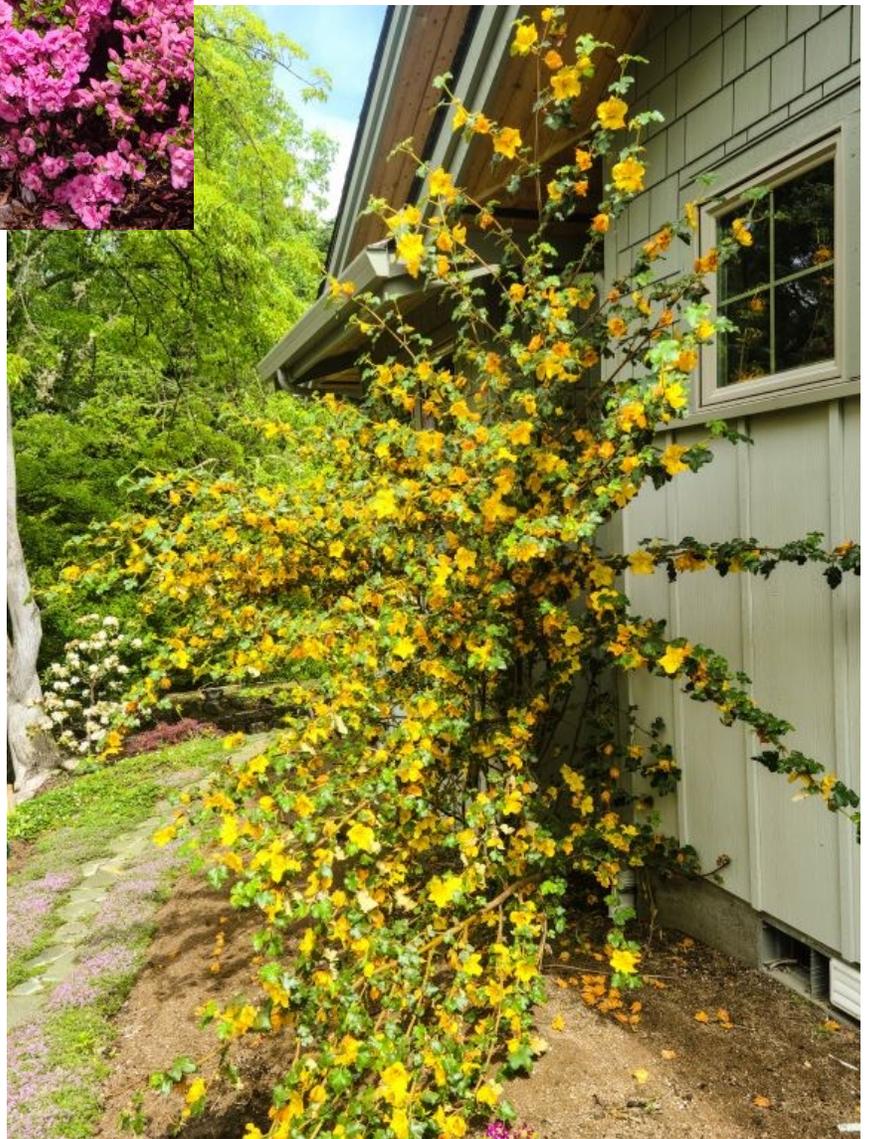


Above: Rosebud azalea

Below: *Fremontodendron californicum*

*Fremontodendron californicum* is a great plant for a hot spot in the garden that grows fast and flowers exceedingly well.

Harold Greer



Photos provided by Mike Bones.



Above: Calla Lily

Below: R. 'Canby' A new one out, low growing.



Photo provided by Mike Bones



R. 'Loderi King George'

Picture was taken, April 26th, 2020. It smells so nice and to think that this was only 18 inches tall when I planted it.

Mike Bones

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*R. pachysanthum*

Photo provided by Cheryl & Ron Prchal.

## 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 30    **Cancelled** Eugene Chapter Flower Show and Banquet

June Picnic is a definite maybe.