

# Monthly Newsletter

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Eugene Chapter ARS

Sunday

## HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!!



Happy (almost) November Friends! It is hard to believe that October is winding down in a delightful rainbow of colors, and the winter holidays are just around the corner! I hope that you all have been enjoying the unusually glorious weather and delights of the season...including your RHODODENDRONS!! That's right! They should be full of buds for next year and gleaming in all of their emerald glory amid the changing colors of our deciduous plants. What a perfect combination!!

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

Our new Vice President, Tom Beatty, is rounding up a tantalizing line-up of speakers for this coming season. Please note the following dates for your calendar! Stay tuned for updates regarding topics and speakers!

**NOVEMBER 15th: Elaine Sedlack will be speaking on a fall visit to the largest collection of Japanese Maples on Earth...Westonbirt Arboretum in England!!**

DECEMBER 20th: Dinner w/ desert potluck and Member Slide Show

JANUARY 17th

FEBRUARY 21st

MARCH 20th and APRIL 17th...MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOLKS!!

# Western Regional Conference was a glowing success!!



Siuslaw Chapter made sure everyone had a great time with ARS Friends!

Those who were able to attend will attest to the fact that this Conference was not only a great time to get together with friends old and new, but had a diverse and delightful line-up of speakers from all over the country and right here in Lane County.

Among the great talks were, notably, an inspiring message from our current ARS President, Linda Derkach regarding how to have a lively, thriving Chapter and how the ARS can help with that. Eastern Region VP Mike Bamford spoke about an exciting public project in Atlanta, Georgia, where native azaleas are being planted by the ARS along a linear Arboretum downtown.

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden was well represented by Atsuko Gibson and Will Clausen, both giving great talks about the native Japanese Azaleas and recent RSBG projects respectively. Lane County provided several speakers from Florence and Eugene...including a talk I gave about Log Cabin Nursery in which Terry was only slightly roasted to everyone's delight!! There were also several "non-Rhody talks" that were great as well as promotions of upcoming ARS Conventions in Bellingham, Washinton, and Nova Scotia next year. Stay tuned for details on those!

Thanks, Suislaw...You all ROCK!

## What's Next For Us??

At our last chapter meeting in September, I led a lively group discussion to share ideas among us about activities and other areas of engagement that we may want to add to our calendar. I circulated a few handouts that asked for input and suggestions, and I am attaching them to this newsletter. I also would like to spend some time gathering more personal information about each member. There are new members that we don't know much about, and many of the newer members don't know or appreciate the full ARS history of many of you.

I am attaching both forms to the email containing this newsletter. Please fill them out and get them back to me either in person or via email. In addition to the inspiring talks at the conference, having your input will give our chapter lots of great ideas to keep us enjoying each other's company and recruiting new members! Looking for ways to share what we know and learn new things together is always a great way to spend our time!! I, for one, look very much forward to branching out and trying some new things. We value your contributions...thanks!

### **SCHEDULE:**

Dinner @ The Springs  
5:30 pm (cost \$25/ea)

Social Time @ 6:30 pm

Announcements &  
Presentation @  
7:00pm

Contact Lorrie @  
541.852.7549 or  
Nancy Greer @  
541.915.1182 if arriving  
after 7:30 since doors  
will be locked!

**R.S.V.P . for dinner with Nancy Greer  
by November 8th!! (541) 915-1182  
See you soon...**

