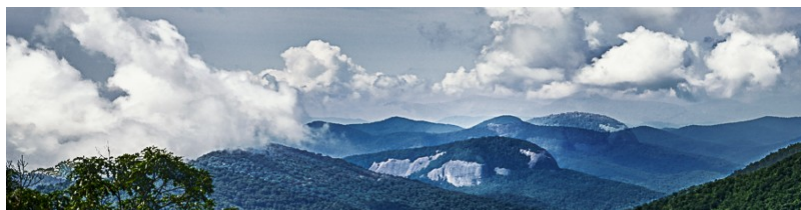




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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

HIGHLIGHTS OF MCCARTERS' 2018 GARDEN TOURS — NETHERLANDS AND GERMAN

Last year we saw samples of the wonders of the northern areas of the McCarters' 2018 European garden tour. This December 15th at our winter gathering, we'll enjoy glimpses of Pamela and Jackson's tours of gardens in the Netherlands and Germany.

Gardening has been very popular in Holland at least since the Renaissance and today Holland is the centre of Europe's horticultural industry. One of the most famous Dutch gardens is Keukenhof, also known as the Garden of Europe; it is often called the most beautiful spring garden in the world. This famous bulb garden is located in the former kitchen garden of Keukenhof Castle, which is surrounded by fields of flower bulbs in a wonderful park setting. More than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths fill over 79 acres with color and fragrance. This memorable garden is located in the small town of Lisse in the South Holland Dutch Bulb Region.



Continuing in South Holland, the tour visited a distinctive nursery and a wonderful arboretum. Esvald Nursery has been family owned since 1865. It is a unique nursery because it has the largest selection of garden plants available in Europe, with 10,433 plants available in their catalog. Arboretum Trompenburg in Rotterdam hosts a large collection of woody and herbaceous plants. Since the garden is 13 feet below sea level, a system of canals is used to drain the land.

The center of the country has treasures also. The unique private garden of Professor Lou Traas has many conifers and rhododendrons, especially large leaved species, along a meandering stream. The next stop was the Botanical Gardens of Utrecht University exhibiting more than 6000 plant species from around the globe that have been painstakingly cultivated over a period of more than 350 years. Some examples are extremely rare and have even become extinct in nature.

Two more days of touring Netherlands' gardens gave the McCarters a taste of the botanical treasures this small country. We'll enjoy hearing about these experiences and then learning more about German gardens.

On the first day in Germany, the tour took them to Hobbie Rhododendron Park, Germany's largest rhododendron Park.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON December 15

Bring a luncheon
dish to share.

Buffy Wells will
provide paper and
plastic goods.

Judy and Chuck
VR will provide
drinks and ice.

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Magnolias Unlimited !

- What Choices?

Sizes: 5' to 80'

Evergreen: *large or small leaves,

Species (320+) / Native (2)

7 Cuban magnolias confirmed in Dec. 2016: M. minor, M. oblongifolia, M. ovalifolia, M. cubensis, M. acuminata, M. cristata, M. virginiana

150 new neotropical spp. have been discovered since 2000.

Deciduous: large or smaller leaves,

species, hybrid? 4 Native / 30 Asian

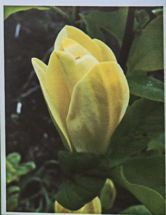
Colors: (anything but blue)

*Edith Bogue, D.D. Blanchard, Charles Dickens, Claudia Wanamaker, Green Giant, Bracken's Brown Beauty, Alta®, Majestic Beauty, Hasse, Fairhope, Samuel Sommer, St. Mary, Russet 171a 58c 48s / Figlar 39

Yellow Magnolia Dream

Koban Dori, Lois, Butterflies, Miss Honeybee, Hattie Carthan, champaca, Daphne, Elizabeth, Golden Gift, Gold Star, Honey Tulip (blooms earlier than typical yellow magnolias), Ivory Chalice, Judy Zuk (f), Sunburst, Sunation, Sunspire (f), Maxine Merrill, Yellow Lantern, Gold Crown

- Yellow Bird -



My Favorite 'Soulangiana'



x 'Verbanica'



x 'Grace McDade'



x 'Old Port'

Magnolia 'insignis'



- Red Lotus Tree (Magnolia insignis)
- Part shade, moist soil
- 25' x 20' (100')

- M. figo (Banana Shrub)
- M. laevifolia 'Michelle'
- M. lotungensis
- M. maudiae (S M T)
- M. yuyuanensis



Magnolia tripetala x (M. officinalis x 'wieseneri') [Sieboldii x obovata]



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LEARNING FROM BORIS BAUER, MAGNOLIA EXPERT

On October 20th we learned about magnolias from Boris Bauer, who, in the course of planting 204 magnolias on his property outside Easley, SC, has become an expert. He introduced us to his beloved magnolias by telling us that Magnolia Magniflora is the most widely planted ornamental tree in the world; 320 evergreen species have been discovered in nature worldwide, 150 of those since 2000. They range in height from 5 to 80 feet, and new hybrids are constantly under development.



Boris explained that Auggie Kerr started him planting magnolias in 1990. Then he showed us pictures and shared opinions and information about many of his favorites. He started by talking about Magnolia Kay Parris, which many consider to be the best evergreen magnolia, a wonderfully compact plant which holds its flowers for a long time. It was developed by and named for the mother of Kevin Parris, arboretum director of Spartanburg Community College. Boris mentioned that magnolia insignis, with red colored flowers, grows well here. Smiling Monkey Tree, magnolia maudiae, is welcome because it blooms in February, as does Magnolia Biondrii, which is nicknamed 'hope for spring flower'.

Boris captured our interest with information about 'The Little Girls', a series of 8 magnolias with girls' names hybridized in the 1960's. He says his favorite is Magnolia Jane because it works so hard: it blooms, then gets frozen, then blooms again. He also likes Magnolia Marilyn because it blooms for a month.

Planting in the spring is beneficial because the magnolia is one of the most primitive plants, and it is pollinated by beetles. He said to use caution when grafting; look at the bottom of the graft and clip the growth below the graft.

Here is Boris's list of wonderful nurseries: Broken Arrow in Connecticut, Camellia Forest in Raleigh, Gossler in Oregon, Clemson Botanical Gardens, Wayside Gardens, and Whitman Farms in Oregon (be sure to ask for Lucille). We welcomed Boris's expertise and advice.

HONORING TWO PLANT EXPERTS WHOM WE WILL MISS

TED RICHARDSON

Theodore "Ted" Richardson, 86, of the Conch Republic died peacefully surrounded by family October 25, 2019. He was a familiar horticultural expert in this area through his lifelong business—Rhododendron Farm in Mountain Home, North Carolina.

Ted was passionate about education and was instrumental in founding the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh, The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville and Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville. He was a member and officer of the NC Nursery and Landscape Association, the American Rhododendron Society, Kiwanis, and International Plant Propagators Association. One of his great honors was being the invited keynote speaker to the Royal Horticultural Society in London during the Chelsea Flower Show.

Ted's sense of wanderlust and adventure never waned. In the early years he cooked up a crazy scheme to move rhododendron back and forth between North Carolina and Florida as a business primarily so that he had an excuse to fly his airplane. In retirement he traveled around the globe. In his later years he wore out a beach cruiser by biking twenty miles a day.

In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to the Bullington Gardens 95 Upper Red Oak Trail Hendersonville, NC 28792 <https://bullingtongardens.org>



WES BURLINGAME III

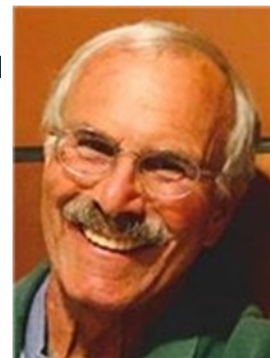
Westcott Burlingame III, "Wes", 73, of Hendersonville, NC died peacefully of cancer on September 17th, 2019 at Elizabeth House Hospice in Flat Rock, NC. He was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born and raised in Rochester, NY. He served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Thailand for two years (malaria eradication) and returned to the U.S. where he received his MPH (Public Health—population) from the University of Michigan. He worked in refugee relief with USAID in Laos, then farmed in Fiji before serving for 2 years with UNICEF-Kathmandu in maternal-child health programs. Upon returning to the U.S., he pursued his love of horticulture by working at the Biltmore Estate vineyards and the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station before starting his own business, Laurel Springs Nursery, where he grew specialty and native plants for 30 years. For many years, Wes was a popular vendor at Hendersonville Main Street Garden Jubilee, French Broad River Garden Club, Calloway Gardens Spring Sale, Botanical Gardens of Asheville Fall/Spring Sales and the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina University.

Whether as a vendor, lecturer, or tour leader, he always delighted in sharing his love of nature and his extensive horticultural knowledge so that his "children" (his plants) would thrive in their new homes.

Wes enjoyed contributing to the community by serving on the Hendersonville Tree Board, through which he organized numerous planting events including those at Bruce Drysdale Elementary, Bear Cat Loop, Oklawaha Greenway, and the Henderson County Public Library. He loved leading animated plant walks and always made time for gardeners' questions.

Wes's green legacy is a joy that will fill Hendersonville for years. In lieu of flowers, please plant a native tree or shrub, or contribute to Bullington Gardens.



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Mark your Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 15— 2 pm
Potluck Dinner
plus—Jackson McCarter
Presentation —
Gardens in German and the
Netherlands from 2018
International Rhododendron
Society Convention.
at Bullington Gardens,
95 Upper Red Oak Trail

Saturday, March 21—2 pm
Don Hyatt—Azaleas and
Rhododendrons at
Bullington Gardens

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Articles for next newsletter due Dec. 15

McCARTERS' 2018 GARDEN TOUR (CONT.)
NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY

This 173-acre collection has over 250 rhododendron species and several thousand varieties; the largest are over 30 feet tall and 85 years old. The next stop was RHODO 2018, which is Europe's largest rhododendron show (it happens every 4 years). Hundreds of rhododendrons and azaleas provided by more than 70 nurseries turn the city center into 5 acres of garden color.

The final day before the convention featured a visit Hachmann nursery, run by the son of Hans Hachmann, the most important European hybridizer of rhododendrons and azaleas in the 20th century. The son continues his father's legacy by offering 600 rhododendron varieties, 300 of which they hybridized.

The 7-day 2018 ARS convention was in Bremen, German, the home of a huge and diverse rhododendron collection. Along with various speakers and programs, visitors enjoyed the Bremen Rhododendron Park and gardens and visits to nearby County Ammerland, the world's largest rhododendron producing area. It will be wonderful to have Jackson share their experiences.