



The Blue Ridge Review



SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

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Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

SE-ARS ANNUAL PICNIC AND P4M FROM COLLINS GARDEN



P4M provides a wonderful selection. will be sold after the picnic (\$3 each). Because many of the rooted cuttings will be in limited quantities, there will be some equitable way to distribute the rare and choice plants.

We want to thank Mary Collins for allowing Leon and Audrey to take cuttings from a section of her garden that is different from where we got the cuttings for last year's P4M distribution. Mary and Ed Collins bought their property from long-ago SE-ARS member Charlie Larus. Charlie planted many seedlings from the ARS seed exchange from the 1990's. Many of the cuttings that Leon and Audrey took are from grown-up seedlings of un-named crosses with hard-to-read tags. Other cuttings are from un-named hybrid rhododendrons that Ed got from the Cowles hybrid growing area in Sandwich, MA. Leon and Audrey chose plants that we hope will appeal to the members of SE-ARS. We hope that the cuttings will have rooted successfully and that the members of SE-ARS will be able to grow and enjoy them and remember our good friend Ed Collins.

It will help if some people bring their own chairs to the picnic. The Richards address is:
Hendersonville,
NC.

Submitted by Audrey Stelloh

Our annual delicious Potluck Picnic and Plants for Members (P4M) meeting will be generously hosted by Hazel and Byron Richards on Sunday, July 17 at 2:00pm. Please bring some food to share. Jean and Leon Pace and Audrey Stelloh will bring drinks and ice along with paper and plastic goods. The P4M plants



Last year's picnic.

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND PLANTS

The Richards are all set to have our picnic at their place July 17 at 2PM. They do not need any help, but asked for "a chair or two".

It's a fabulous place for our picnic and auction so I trust we will have great attendance, especially with Collins plants to be had!

Sieglinde

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Best in Show & Best Elepidote R.
Rona Pink - by Doley Bell



Best Seedling Grown by Exhibitor:
Phipps 32 x Jonathan Shaw- by Rich Becker



Best Evergreen Azalea
Clara Haler by Leon and Jean Pace



Best Deciduous Azalea:
Homebush — by Glenn O'Sheal



Best Lepidote Rhododendron:
R. carolinianum, Pink form—by Doley Bell

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FLOWER SHOW !!



2016 Flower Show Winners

I have gathered a few more facts and figures from the April 30/May 1st show. We had 12 people bring entries this year, two of them for the first time: Suzanne Medd and Alan Mizeras. I believe that last year Leeann Shearouse

was the only first time exhibitor. It would be nice to have more people bring entries and we need to keep encouraging this. Overall, entries were up this year with a total of 174 submitted for judging.

The top five vote getters for Sweepstakes points were:

1. Bell- 97
2. Pace- 71
3. Head- 51
4. McCarter- 46
5. Becker- 30

Everyone who brought entries received six or more points. No one was shut out, which is nice.

The People's Choice voting proved to be very popular with the public. 260 total votes were cast for favorite rhododendrons (110) and azaleas (150), with the top five winners in both categories as follows:

People's Choice- Rhododendrons

1. McCarter- 'Anna Rose Whitney'- 24
2. Bell- 'Francesca'- 23
3. McCarter- 'Calsap'- 21
4. O'Sheal- 'Anna Rose Whitney'- 14
5. Bell- 'Calsap'- 13

People's Choice- Azaleas

1. Sanborn- 'Ben Morrison'- 29
2. Pace- 'Midnight Flare'- 21
3. Bell- Unknown- single pink evergreen- 13
4. Bell- 'Margaret Douglas'- 8
5. Head- unnamed bicolor flame- 7

In all, 44 different rhododendrons and 40 different azaleas received votes from the public. I will provide copies of the vote sheets for Jean Pace's chapter history and for anyone who would like to see what was popular with the voters. It is pretty interesting.

I love how so many pitch in and help put this show on every year- mostly cheerfully, in spite of being sleep deprived and driving long distances in many cases.

Submitted by April Sanborn

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PLANTS FOR MEMBERS FROM THE ED COLLINS' GARDEN

At our July 18th SE-ARS picnic at the Richards home, members of SE-ARS will have an opportunity to purchase the following plants grown from cuttings gathered from the Ed Collins Garden. Thanks to Audrey Stelloh and Leon Pace for gathering , and to Mary Collins for offering the cuttings to us all.



101-**Windbeam**-pink lepidote



105-r. **Carolinianum x Epoch** (Kehr



109-**Yak Exbury x Metternichii**, light brown indumentum



113-**Cowles hybrid** - Butter and Eggs-yellow



102-**SIMIARUM x Yak-446 Kehr**—5' tall



106-**Gretzel-Cinnamon** indumentum with upright leaves



110-**Keiskei**-6' (done blooming by April 21)



114-**1H2185B-Cowles hybrid**-nice bloomer, 3-4 plants on the property



103-**Scintillation x Skipper** (Holly)-large yellowish-cream truss



107-**Metternichii (Gable)**-cinnamon indumentum, narrow leaves



111-**Vernicosum #18139** -large pink truss



115-**2H2784 SW, 296 x Yak**, 3' tall



104- **Yak—Kehr** — pink flowers, good indumentums, 6'



108-**Yak Wada x unknown**, white tomentum, Leon in pic



112-**LH4285-Cowles hybrid**-big dark pink truss with red throat



116-**2HPPB Cowles (1987)**-dark pink flower

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PLANTS FOR MEMBERS LIST — continued



118-**Crater Lake x Blue Ridge-** (Kehr) 1992



122-**Warwick**-round pink truss, large plant



127-**Smirnowii x Yak**- white flower w/ red freckles, 10' tall, indumentum



131-**Jean Marie de Montegue x Recurvoides** - pink flower w/ blotch, large plant



119-**Ovatum-** Gable selection



123-**"1000 butterflies"**x **Red Yak x Dexter's Purple x Yak** (Minch) lavender, frilly



128-**Bashful-yakushmanum** - 3' to 4' tall, slow-growing, compact delicate pink



132-**Cowles Hybrid**, un-named, red and white bi-color flower



120-**Auriculatum-** big pink flowers, 15' tall, scented, OP seedling



124-**Dorothy Russell-** Red w/ freckles, good truss, 10' tall



129-**Dexter's Springtime**



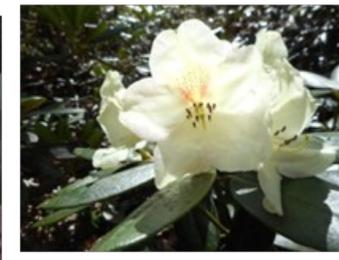
133-Sir Charles Lemon x Yak- cinnamon indumentum, somewhat narrow leaves - Leon in pic



121-**Van Ness Sensation-** large pink flowers, good truss



125-**Golden Star x Mezzitt x Hardy Yellow x Phipp's #32**



130-**Yak Wada x Marie Starks-**3' tall, no indumentum



134-**Metermichii variety Kyomaruense** narrow leaves, white tomentum

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GLORIOUS SPRING GARDEN VISITS

John Kendall's Garden—On Saturday, April 23rd (some went the week before), we were treated to a tour of John Kendall's garden in Greenville. It's on a quiet wooded road sheltered from the sounds of the nearby interstate. Pulling into his driveway, we noticed a large Dexter Apple Blossom by the house. John's wooded lot works its way down a hillside to a creek. John said, "When I bought the lot forty years ago, I didn't know what to do with the woods. I started with azaleas; then I became interested in rhododendrons.

John's property is very shady; he says he tries to reach a balance of maximum bloom with maximum growth. As we wandered through the sloping paths, we were treated to samples of Fortunei, which he says is very fragrant, and a Bellringer Yak by the house, which is tall and white. He pointed out his Peppermint Twist, which is pink and loaded every year, and then he showed us his Red Walloper by the creek, which has pinkish-red blooms. Even though the blooms were late this year, we could see the potential when we saw the huge buds on his Anna Rose Whitney. It was fun to take a walk with John and enjoy the enthusiasm, knowledge, care, and ingenuity that he has embedded in his garden.

Glenn O'Sheal's Garden—Upon arriving at Glenn's garden, one finds oneself walking into a sheltered world of intriguing paths, trellises, garden art, a coy pond, and even a shrine. The paths meander through areas with varied atmospheres and features like Glenn's giant California redwood, grown from seedling from Muir Woods. Color seems to dominate the different areas of this amazing collection. We were drawn to the end of a path by the spectacular color of his red Taurus Rhododendron. Then in another area we were amazed by the showy white azalea, Georgia Giant. Glenn's love and skillful care of his garden was evident along every step of our journey.

Doley Bell's Garden—Twenty lucky garden enthusiasts enjoyed exploring Doley's extensive collection of colorful and desirable rhododendrons at their peak bloomtime. We were amazed at the richness and diversity of his collection.

We got our first hint of the splendor when we came upon a deep purple R. Jonathan Shaw, and then shortly after a beauty called Big Red. As we moved on we found a pink rhodi with a deep red eye call Sphinx close to a yellow cultivar called Golden Star. The diversity of Doley's collection amazed us as we came upon a white rhodi with purple eyes called Calsap near one with pink blooms with purple centers called Great Smokey. (cont. page 6)



John shares his knowledge.



Glenn's wonderful display



The amazing giant redwood!



Doley's Big Red

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Mark your Calendar

**Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m.
Annual SE-ARS Picnic and
P4M at Richards Garden,**

Hendersonville, NC.

**Sunday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m.
Dr. Larry Mellichamp presents
Native Plants as Companions
to Rhododendrons**

St. John in the Wilderness Hall

**Sunday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m.
SE-ARS Plant Auction with
participation by Vaseyi**
St. John in the Wilderness Hall

*Please submit articles for next news-
letter by August 15*

Doley's Garden continued

Doley showed us how the Great Smoky has a more gentle beauty than the Calsap. We learned about Fortunei tetraploid ,which is treated to double thechromosomes. A final pleasure was seeing Ted's apricot, a peachy yellow flower with a green center. Thanks to Doley for the wonderful show!!

Many guests tagged flowers for cuttings!>>



A FEW MORE P4M



135-Yak Exbury- selfed



136-Cinnamon Bear-Yak Wada x Bureavii



137-Yak Exbury x degronianum x selfed (ARS seed), long thin leaves