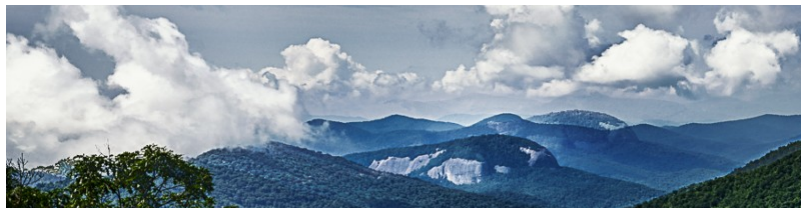




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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

June/July 2018

Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

SE-ARS ANNUAL POT-LUCK AND PLANTS FOR MEMBERS

Our annual Delicious Pot Luck Picnic and Plants for Members (P4M) meeting will be generously hosted by Hazel and Byron Richards at their beautiful home and garden at **2 p.m. on Sunday, July 15**. The Richards live at 31 South Ridge Dr., Hendersonville, NC.

Please bring some picnic food to share. If you remember, bring a chair for the picnic and the plant sale. Buffy Wells will bring paper and plastic goods, and Judy and Chuck Van Rens will bring drinks and ice.

The P4M plants will be sold after the picnic for \$3 each. This year the cuttings for the P4M event were generously donated by many of you members, with an emphasis on Dexter hybrid rhododendrons.

The sad news is that our usual propagation source, Transplant Nursery,

has changed hands and we will no longer have them providing free propagation for us. We are looking for someone local to propagate cuttings for us. Please let us

know if you are willing to propagate for SE-ARS or if you know someone who can:

Audrey Stelloh= alexadogg@gmail.com

Doley Bell= doleybell@gmail.com

Leon Pace= landipace@bellsouth.net

Judy Van Rens has worked hard to find photos of flowers of the plants we are offering this year. In July 2017 we took 310 cuttings to be propagated and we usually get 100 plants. We won't know which plants rooted and survived until the day of the picnic.

Many Thanks to everyone who is contributing to this Fun and Delicious event. Hope it doesn't rain.

By Audrey Stelloh

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
SUNDAY, JULY
15TH.**

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A wonderful collection of cuttings



Prize-Winners



FLOWER SHOW 2018 — RESULTS

We had a very nice and well-represented flower show this year. This in spite of the late spring and roller coaster swings in temperature as the azaleas and rhododendrons began blooming. This was our first year in our new venue in the Wilderness room at St. John's. This room may be better known to most as our regular SE-ARS meeting location. Downsizing to a smaller room, setting up fewer tables, and having a one-day show proved to be both popular and easier on those who work the show every year. A plus to this arrangement was the entries stayed fresh and attractive for the duration of the show. That is not the case for many of the entries when the show takes place for a second day.

We had twelve people bring in 149 entries this year. Given the spring we had, this was impressive. It also represents an increase from last year's total of 126 entries by ten exhibitors.

I want to thank everyone who helped put on this year's show. From those who hauled the show supplies and helped with set up and take down, to everyone who brought entries, you have my gratitude. Without you, it wouldn't be much of a show.

On to the winners:

- ◇ **Best Lepidote Rhododendron-** Ray Head- R. Minus, species from Alabama
- ◇ **Best Elepidote Rhododendron-** Doley Bell- R. Dexter's 'Amethyst'
- ◇ **Best Deciduous Azalea-** Ray Head- R. Alabamense
- ◇ **Best Evergreen Azalea-** Alan Mizeras- double red, unknown
- ◇ **Best Grown from Seed-** Doley Bell- Rhododendron, unnamed

I would like to add that rhododendrons grown from seed, whether hybridized by the grower or not, are kind of a big deal. It can take ten years or longer to get a seed grown rhododendron to bloom. After all of that waiting, you may or may not have anything worth showing. Thanks to everyone having the patience to do this.

Sweepstakes went to Ray Head this year.

Congratulations go to all twelve exhibitors who entered this year's show. Without you there is no show.

The top five exhibitors who received points are:

1. Ray Head- 131 points
2. Doley Bell- 120 points
3. Leon Pace- 48 points
4. Rick Gothard- 27 points
5. Jackson McCarter- 24 points

By April Sanborn

THESE ARE THE CUTTINGS FOR OUR ANNUAL P4M EVENT

This is a list of the names of the cuttings that were taken last year for propagation for the July 15th Plants for Members event. The cuttings were donated by Doley Bell, Leon Pace, Bob Head, Glenn O'Sheal, Danny Little and Audrey Stelloh.

Most of the plants are Dexter Hybrids. Last July the cuttings were taken to Transplant Nursery to be propagated. We never know which ones will root or how many will survive until the day before the sale. The rooted cuttings will be sold for \$3 each



A. Bedford Flower fragrant, pale mauve tube, darker lobes with a brownish-red blotch. 6 feet in 10 years.



Ben Mosley - Dexter Flower light purplish-pink with darker edges and deep reddish-purple blotch. 5 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Brown Eyes - Dexter Flower pink with a golden-brown flare on upper lobes -- 6 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Dexter's Apricot -- a part of a small group of beige-apricot varieties -- 5 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Dexter's Gigi -- Flower vivid purplish-red with deep red spotting; -- 5 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Dexter's Peppermint -- Flower color is a mixture of pale pink lilac to white with yellow green spotting in the throat. Sweet Fragrance, like peppermint -- 4 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Florence Parks -- Cold-hardy darker purple, heavy-flowering, 5 to 6 feet in 10 years.



Molly Fordham Dexter -- White flower with greenish-yellow highlights- 4 feet in 10 years. Lepidote

NO PIC— Ted's Apricot - Interesting hybrid raised by the late Ted Millais. The buds are a deep apricot color, opening to attractive creamy bell-shaped flowers --3 feet in 10 years

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PLANTS FOR MEMBERS LIST — continued



Glenda Farrell Dexter -- Flower bright orange-red with dark specks and a red blotch; fades to reddish pink. 5 feet in 10 years



Helen Everett Dexter -- Pure white highly fragrant flowers, are often partially double. -- 4 to 5 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Dexter's Honeydew -- Flower very fragrant, pale purple at margins with greenish-white center and light yellow throat. 4 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Katherine Slater Dexter -- Large frilly pink and white trumpet-shaped flowers, greenish-yellow blotch, lightly-scented conical truss. 8 feet in 10 years.



Merley Cream Dexter -- Flower greenish-white tinged pink, with a yellow flare in the upper lobes. 5 feet in 10 years Elepidote



Mrs W. R. Coe Dexter -- Flower deep pink with a crimson throat-- 6 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



My Jane -- Anderson's "My Jane" Arctic gold x Hardgroves deepest yellow. Full trusses of light yellow flowers; Dr. Jazz named this after his wife -- 4' x 4' in 10 years.



R. Fortunei - Openly to funnel campanulate, pale lavender or pale pink to white, fragrant. -- 6 feet in 10 years.



R. vernicosum-Rock #18139 -- from seed collected by Dr. Joseph F. Rock in China in 1929. Heavy bloomer with large orient pink flowers with a deeper color in the throat. 8 to 10 feet in 10 years.

PLANTS FOR MEMBERS LIST — continued



Rona Pink Dexter - Flower wavy edges, inside purplish-pink shading lighter on midribs and with sparse yellow-green spotting on dorsal lobe, -- 5 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Spring Dawn -- Flower funnel-shaped, 2½" across, rosy pink with a golden yellow blotch; round-shaped flower truss -- 6 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Tetraploid form of *R. fortunei* by Dr. Max Byrkit, Williamsport, Md. Tetraploid's advantage is that they have much larger and heavier textured flowers.



Tom Everett Dexter. Rhododendron of the Year award - 2015 - Flower deep purplish-pink paling to near white in throat with vivid greenish-yellow faint spotting, fragrant -- 4 ft. in 10 yrs. Elepidote



Tripoli-Ross EEE Dexter -- One of the darkest-colored Dexters, dark reddish pink (or pinkish-red) with a freckled dark blotch. 5 feet in 10 years.



True Treasure Dexter -- Shell pink blooms with a dramatic deep red blotch; an excellent choice to mass in groupings, or as an elegant focal point of the garden. 5 ft. high x 6 ft. wide in 10 years.



Vivacious -- Flower are strong red, no markings; ball-shaped trusses of 10 or more ruffled flowers in varying degrees of intense red -- 3 feet in 10 years. Elepidote



Wareham Dexter -- Flower is fragrant, light purplish-pink with faint strong greenish-yellow spotting -- 6 feet in 10 years. Elepidote

Two additional cuttings might be available. No information could be found on these:

Boulevard

CH5085-Cowles hybrid Dexter

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Mark your Calendar

Sunday, July 15, 2 p.m.
Annual SE-ARS Picnic and
P4M at Richards Garden,
31 South Ridge Dr.,
Hendersonville, NC.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2 pm at
Bullington Gardens, 95
Upper Red Oak Trail,
Hendersonville, NC
SPEAKER —BILL JONES of
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*Please submit articles for next news-
letter by August 15*

BUFFY SAVES THE BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS

I saved as many as I could of the blooms that were being tossed into a garbage can after the May Flower Show was over. I heard rumblings of disapproval from some man who could not toss out and crunch them fast enough. I was impeding his progress of the destruction of blooms that a few minutes before were prized beauties of a members yard .

Like I did in the past years, I saved as many as I could and brought them home to grace my yard with their beauty and even the bees buzzed their approval. Here are a few pictures of their more dignified fate.

I guess I look at
gifts of our earth a
bit differently
then others !!

BY BUFFY WELLS

