

THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



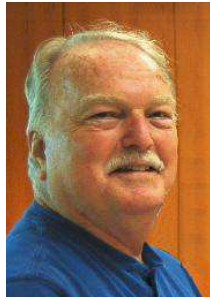
Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

October 2011

A Round Table of Experts! --- Sunday, October 16, 2:00 PM ---

Experts from our own membership (Rich Becker, Glenn O'Sheal, Jackson McCarter, Don Johnson, Leon Pace, Wayne Hutchins) will answer questions from the audience on such subjects as:

- How to Select Rhododendrons at local nurseries and growers (varieties most easily grown by Beginners as well as some to challenge experienced gardeners)



This will be an opportunity of a lifetime to get your most technical questions answered about rhododendrons and azaleas. They have all been growing prize winning flowers for many years.

Bring all your gardening friends along to learn more and have some fun too. It's at St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall, in Flat Rock, NC, on Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 PM.

Our President, Jackson McCarter, would like to meet with the SE-ARS Board after this program, to plan the activities for the rest of the year.



- Soil Preparation for Rhododendrons & Azaleas in the Garden, Woodland, and in Containers (including adjusting acidity levels for proper ph)
- Fertilizing where, when and what's best
- Pruning of large leaf vs. small leaf rhododendrons and azaleas
- Diseases and troublesome pests – how to recognize and control (mildew, petal blight, vine weevil, etc. and how to prevent problems in the first place)

"Appalachian Spring"

2012 ARS-ASA International Convention

May 4-7, 2012
Asheville, NC

*Hosted by the Southeastern Chapter, ARS
and Vaseyi Chapter, ASA*

Reserve your room at the Crowne Plaza Resort at
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ARS2012>

**A volunteer is urgently needed to take
care of the Audio Visual requirements**

Cutting Exchange was a Great Success!

Doley Bell opened the meeting in the absence of the President. 29 people were there, including 6 guests who were welcomed. They were Theresa and John Emma of Pisgah Forest, Bing and Judy Crawford of Laurel Park, Ron Ferrell of Easley, and Byron Richards of Hendersonville. Plants brought by Leon Pace and Mo Watson were given to each of the guests and members who wanted them.




Sieglinde Anderson, Vice President and Program Chair, led a rousing discussion on cuttings. She was very well prepared and everyone participated enthusiastically. The opinions on when to take the cuttings were surprisingly varied, from July to November. Bottom line, it depends on which method you use to root them. If it snaps it's too late. A rooting hormone is needed with rhododendrons and deciduous azaleas, but not needed for evergreen azaleas. The cuttings can be refrigerated from 24 hours to 10 days, then the key is to keep the humidity high. The medium used ranged from sand, peat moss, 3-B soil mix, perlite and/or mixtures of same. Glenn O'Sheal demonstrated how to scrape the sides of the stems and cut off parts of the leaves. If there's a bloom bud, take it off, but leave a terminal bud on. Stick it into the hormone, then in damp medium in trays. He suggested if you root in a clear plastic cup you can see the roots developing. Aaron Cook offered to bring some "Dip and Grow" to share to the next meeting October 16. The cuttings need to be protected from freezing solid and from direct sunlight. If they freeze, wind will burn them. They should be put into bigger pots in pine bark loose mix, up to 1 gal for the first year. Wayne Hutchins

uses Osmocote 14-14-14 once in the summer for amazing growth. They can be pinched back for fuller growth.

Following the discussion, cuttings were shared. Those who brought cuttings had first pick, but there were enough for everyone who wanted them.

SE-ARS 2010-2011 Income/Expense Report (Through June 30, 2011)

EXPENSES	INCOME
Charity \$ 250.00	Dues Received \$2230.00
Dues to National \$1506.00	Interest Income \$ 197.35
Hall rental \$ 185.00	Plant Sales \$1228.00
Insurance \$ 182.50	Total Income \$3655.35
Meals & Ent. \$ 44.13	Year End Balance \$ 181.79
Newsletter \$ 505.92	
Office Expense \$ 59.08	John Brown
Plant Costs \$ 166.27	Treasurer,
Postage \$ 101.20	SE-ARS
Rental Costs \$ 130.00	
Speaker Expenses \$ 330.68	
Supplies \$ 12.78	
Total Expenses \$3473.56	

2012 Convention Plans are Progressing

The hospitality committee, consisting of Suzanne Medd, Sieglinde Anderson, Catheryn White, and Marilyn Haynes, met at the Crowne Plaza, and decided to change the location of the hospitality suite to be used for the workers. It will be room 220, the Thomas Wolfe Suite, which is larger than the loft suite which we originally had. Since there is not a suite large enough to entertain all our guests, more emphasis has been put on having a fabulous welcome reception to include mountain music and heavy appetizers, enough to call it dinner.



The plant sale committee has a large number of plants available. They are working on getting the phyto certification and credit card access. ... *Cont...*

Southeastern Chapter
**AMERICAN
 RHODODENDRON
 SOCIETY**
Membership Sign-up Form



Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State _____
 Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 E-mail _____

MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS. 18 months for new members joining after April 1st. New _____ Renewal _____

Membership dues include chapter and national membership, plus the quarterly ARS Journal.

- Regular.....\$40.00
- Commercial.....90.00
- Sustaining.....75.00
- Sponsoring.....150.00
- Commit for Life (Individual).....1,000.00
- Commit for Life (Family).....1,500.00

Send this form with your check payable to "SE-ARS" to:

John Brown, SE-ARS Treas9

Welcome! ...and Thank you for joining the...

**Southeastern Chapter
 AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**

Commit for Life, Individual, is payable over a 3 year period in one increment of \$400 & two of \$300. Commit for Life, Family, is payable over a 3 year period in increments of \$500. ♥ Encourage a friend to join!

Convention Progress (cont.)

The tours committee, Doley Bell, April Sanborn, Leon Pace, and Don Haynes met 3 times and even took a 100 mile ride. They have decided due to



health concerns of various chapter members, and the need for the convention to end on Sunday night, that they will only do the tours for Saturday and

Sunday. Audrey Stelloh is working on a Biltmore Estate tour for Friday, and Marilyn and Don Haynes are working on a "bonus tour" for Monday, which will include some of the "on your own" garden locations and maybe even a mystery garden.

For speakers, Aaron Cook has confirmed Don Hyatt for the keynote on Friday night to set the tone for the convention. Marianne and Bruce Feller will present a workshop on Flower show Judging, for potential flower show judges or flower show



Don Hyatt



Marianne and Bruce Feller

judge pleasers. On Saturday night, Nick Yarmoshuk and Christina Woodward will speak about the work of the late Dr. Joseph Brueckner in developing hybrids for cold climates and a Member Based Evaluation Program of these hybrids. We're still awaiting word from our Sunday night speaker.

Bob Stelloh has been working on determining what all the costs will be, and also the convention web site. Registration is \$65.00 with a discount of \$25.00 for early registration (\$40.00). Saturday and Sunday will each be \$100.00 per day to include breakfast, lunch, dinner, and tours. Bob and Audrey are also working on getting us a commemorative T-shirt.

For the Flower Show, our local members will need to bring lots of entries, because typically, very few people traveling a distance will bring them. The schedule is very close to being finalized, with the Hybridizers Roundtable on Saturday after the tours, instead of check out day, to try to maximize good attendance. **Next meeting is Sun., October 16, at 1:00 PM** before the SE-ARS meeting at St. John's.

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President: Jackson McCarter **Treasurer:** John Brown

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Jean Pace, April Sanborn

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Anne Theresa Emma

Pisgah Forest NC 28768

Byron & Hazel Richards
Hendersonville NC 28739



2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU!

**Renew by the October 16 meeting to get
in on the drawing for free membership!**

**The drawing for one full year free
membership will be held at the December
4th Christmas Party**

Mark Your Calendar, Now!

**October 16, Sun., 1:00 PM - 2012 Convention
Planning Meeting, St. John in the Wilderness**

**October 16, Sun., 2:00 PM - Round Table of
Experts, St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.**

**October 16, Sun., 3:15 PM Board Meeting,
St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.**

**December 4, Sun. - Christmas Party, St. John
in the Wilderness Parish Hall. Aaron Cook will
do a grafting demonstration.**

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February 19, Sun. - Program, Speaker TBD

**Deadline for the October Blue Ridge
Review is September 18.**

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