THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

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See 300 Conifers at Richards Garden! Fall Garden Meeting Includes "Plants for Members" Sunday, October 21

Many national and local garden groups have delighted in visiting Hazel and Byron Richards' unique garden and home in the Wilson Farms subdivision of Hendersonville. They are welcoming us for our October 21 meeting and P4M, at 2:00

PM. What a treat it will be to see dwarf



and semi-dwarf as well as rare conifers, many in a mature state.

The Richards also have 23 different beech varieties and a number of flowering trees, both native and introduced. And the planting continues... Byron says, "You are never too old to plant a tree, and if tomorrow was my last day on earth, I would plant a tree today." They will give an informal talk about the pond, plants, trimming, maintenance and acquisitions plus welcome questions and do all of this on their loggia, which is under cover.

Byron was bitten by the "conifer bug" in 1983 when they were still living in New York State. Their garden in Hendersonville was started in 1988 on a three acre property with many native plants: Mountain laurel, azaleas, rhododendron, Blackgum, Sourwood, Sassafras, pines and oaks. They have added about 300 conifers mainly from the genus Abies, Chamaecyparis,

Cryptomeria, Pinus, Thuja, Taxus and Tsuga and a single Taxodium ascendens (Pond Cypress) is the highlight in the Pond Garden. Additional seasonal interest is added with Japanese maples, hostas and other ground covers. All of these create an enormous variety in colors, textures, form, size, scents and fruiting



Picea pungens "Sunshine"

bodies. Flowering trees, rhododendrons and azaleas are sensational while in bloom but fleeting and to the Richards the answer to year-round color is their conifer collection.

Another treat for us plant collectors is our "Plants for Members" event which will be at the Richards home. They are 3 gallon plants left over from the Convention available for \$8 each. So come prepared to add valuable plants to your collection – this is a unique opportunity and one of our most valued member benefits. Descriptions are on pg. 3.

So just set your GPS or Google Maps for 31 South Ridge Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739. There are no parking problems, and they have plenty of chairs. Oh, and guests ARE welcome, but they will not be allowed to purchase plants.

Many Delighted With Colston Burrell

Vice President, Sieglinde Anderson, opened our first meeting of the new season, on September 16, with 39 members and guests present. The many benefits of joining our group, as well as a summary of our upcoming programs was presented.

Celebrated landscape designer, Colston Burrell was introduced and presented an outstanding program on "Companion Perennials for the Rhododendron Garden", with beautiful photographs, and handouts. As a self described 'chlorophyll



addict', he considers the garden as a community, with the various colors eliciting different emotions. Since red jumps out at you, he suggested painting dead things red, instead of removing them! Cool colors are restful, green being the most soothing. He also discussed the various layers in a garden and showed many gorgeous photos illustrating their seasonal characteristics. He included photos of many well known and public gardens. He kept everyone engaged for quite some time, while



answering numerous questions.

Bob and Audrey Stelloh offered a tremendous bargain on Commemorative "Appalachian

Spring" Tee-shirts for \$2.00 each. Leon Pace brought 3 beautiful plants to be given to anyone who joined the group this day and Annie Higgins took one home.

If you missed this outstanding program you can receive an electronic copy of Colston Burrell's handout, which includes plant lists by season of interest, by sending an e-mail to mphaynes@juno.com.

Report of the *Rhododendron and Azalea News...THE* electronic newsletter of the **ARS**, Fall 2012

The R&A News is an electronic "lifeline" round the world. It brings the beauty of knowing more about rhododendrons and people to all levels of expertise.

It has been my pleasure...and I do mean pleasure...to have this assignment for some 12 years. My information comes from 67 chapters, 51 of these have web sites, and 59 have e-mail access abilities. That is tremendous!

It has been most unfortunate that I have not been able to create, prepare and submit quarterly reports during the past year. For this I offer my most sincere regrets and appreciate your patience. I receive messages from around the world ... where is the R&A News ... we really like your design and information. This is always musical news to an editor ... especially to this editor. Thus, I know this small segment... R&A News... of the American Rhododendron Society is appreciated. Every effort is geared to being more timely in the coming year.

Give memberships. May I proposed again that IF each of our ARS board members...and other dedicated members...would give a gift membership to another person, our membership list would increase many-fold. And some of those gift memberships should be to young people. They, indeed, are the lifeline of our Society, the hope of the future. This is mentioned again because I do what I proposed, giving two gift memberships annually. The two recipients are thrilled to become members and they fit the age bracket, too. If you are like me, you can spend the price of a membership on something wonderful...chocolate!! Think about it! Why not turn chocolate into rhododendron fun! Am hopeful some of you will pick up the torch and do the same.

Web sites and Links. For me the linking of web sites is a challenge and real ARS teamwork, with the exchange of information from chapter to chapter, is the most beautiful thing! Let's encourage our individual chapter members to go into other web sites and learn something new. Try it...they'll like it!

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2012 Plants for Members list of 3 gallon rhodos --

Jackson McCarter has been caring for these plants ever since the May convention. They will be priced at \$8, which is half the convention price, and a very good price although not a giveaway as with the small plants. Leftovers after P4M, will be used for new members, door prizes, etc.

- 1 **Bashful**: Waterer, (yakushimanum x 'Doncaster'), pale pink, large truss, 3'
- 1 **Boulevard** (Dexter): purplish pink, fragrant
- 1 Coxe #5: ? Description
- 6 **Doc (Pride):** ? Description



- 8 **Doc** (**Waterer**): (yakushimanum x 'Corona'), pink fading white, 1.5", 9/truss, 2'
- 2 **Epoch** Lepidote, Kehr, tetraploid carolineanum: treated,

white, aging to light blush pink, 3'

- 2 Haag 87-10: ? Description
- 2 **Hallelujah**: Greer, strong red, 4", 10-13/ball truss, early May, 4' 4 hyperythrum McC1: white, sometimes purple spotting, 10+/truss, 3'
- 3 Jacksonii: ? Description
- 3 Jim Todd: Todd, yakushimanum hybrid
- 2 **Ken Janeck**: yakushimanum selection, opens pink to purple, fading to white, tp 2.5", 3'
- 3 **Kimberly**: Greer, light reddish purple, aging to white, funnel-shaped, 3"+, April-May, 5'
- 1 maximum 'Red Stem': ? Description
- 1 maximum roseum: ? Description
- 1 Midsummer x Red Max: Delp hybrid, ? Descr.
- 5 Not-A-Yak (Don Johnson): white/blotch
- 1 **Pink Butterflies**: Briarwood, light purple margin shading to yellowish white center, prominent yellow speckled blotch, 2.5", mid-June, 7'

- 1 Precious: Lepidote, Haag, ? Description
- 1 **Royal Purple**: White, deep purple, yellowish blotch, 4'
- 2 **Shamrock**: Lepidote, Ticknor, (keiskei x hanceanum), yellow green, green throat, slight strong yellow green spotting, 1", mid-March, 2'
- 1 Shirley Harry: ? Description



7 Silver Skies: Fujioka, pale pink, deep purplish pink edge, 2", 15-16/flat truss, late April, brownish orange indumentum, 3'

5 Solidarity:

Schannen, strong purplish red at margins, shading to light purplish pink in throat, aging to pale pink, vivid purplish red blotch, mid-May, 6'



- 1 **Todd T-36**: (yakushimanum x 'Idealist'), Blue Ribbon at Southeastern Show
- 1 **Token**: Haag, ? Description



- 4 Vanilla: Dexter, creamy white with purplish-pink edges, 3½", fragrant, lax 8/truss, 3'
- **2 Vulcan's Shadow:** Haag, ('Mars' x griersonianum), bright

red, same cross as 'Vulcan'

1 **Yellow Eyes**: Lepidote, Fitzburgh, white, prominent greenish to vivid yellow blotch, outside very pale pink, 1", 9 per truss, early May, 4'

Also, Doley Bell is bringing about 15 1-gal. and a couple of trays of evergreen azaleas that he kept from the last sale.

SE-ARS Chapter Proposed By-laws Changes – September 15, 2012

The purpose of this committee is to go over the entire By-laws and make even small changes if they will make the basic rules of our Society clearer, or more in line with our present needs. Some of the changes may be using a word that might be clearer in some way than the previously used word or merely correcting typos.

Rather than clutter up the by-laws with too many details and having to amend the by-laws too oftensome items can be listed as Policies of the Board. We only have a few changes.

Deleted words are shown with a strike through, and added words are shown with underlines.

Proposed Changes

Section B. Classes and Dues

There shall be seven-class classes of membership: 1-Annual Regular 2. Commercial or Corporate 3. Sustaining 4. Sponsoring 5. Life 6. Honorary and 7. Associate. The privileges of and dues for each class of membership shall be those defined by the Society Board in its policies.

Section C. Chapter membership and Voting

All Chapter members and associate members in good standing are eligible to hold office and vote.

Husbands and wives joining under a single family membership

Two persons joining as a regular-family membership may each enjoy all the privileges of full membership without restriction. Membership voting shall be either by a show of hands, by voice vote or by ballot with the secretary recording an accurate count of votes. Thirty Twenty members present or more shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority vote shall carry a motion, however, a 2/3rds vote is needed to approve or change the Chapter Bylaws.

We now have on average less than thirty members attending meetings so we feel the number should be lowered to "Twenty".

Section C. Election of Officers and Directors

Chapter Officers and Directors shall be elected and begin their term at the June—

Meeting. prior to June 30th and will begin their term July 1st. Notice of such election shall be provided to the Executive Director within two weeks following the election.

Respectfully submitted by the By-laws Committee: Jean Pace; April Sanborn; Audrey Stelloh; Leon Pace



Report of the *Rhododendron and Azalea* **News...**(Continued from pg. 2)

Create individual stories. Know many of you are very gifted writers and like to share your personal experiences with your local chapter and friends. It would be admirable to share this information with friends around the world. Do submit your article, poem, personal thoughts and it will be given very special attention. Credit lines are duly enforced!

For me. It is appropriate to thank you for giving me the thrill of being editor for the R&A News. And, my cup has been overflowing. Hopefully, things will be back on track shortly. And, all I can say is, thanks. AND, another thanks to Bob Weissman (ARS web master) who makes magic out of everything he does, bringing ARS members together and telling the world about the ARS. Thanks!

Send ARS Chapter newsletters and other news items to: Marty Anderson, Editor, R&A News 1370 Westwood Court, Northbrook, IL 60062-4464 phone or fax: (847) 498-0572 email: martyanderson@ameritech.net

R&A news can be found at http://www.rhododendron.org/news/newsindex.htm.

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Membership Sign-up Form RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Telephone City/State Address_ Name_

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

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

.....\$40.00 00.06.... Commercial..... Regular...

Sustaining.....

.....75.00

Sponsoring.....

Commit for Life (Family)......1,500.00 Commit for Life (Individual)....

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

John Brown, SE-ARS Treasurer

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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. **V** Encourage a friend to join!

In Memoriam

Bruce Colon Goforth, 80, of Mills River, NC, died July 29. Bruce worked at Ecusta retiring after forty years of service as Quality Control Specialist and later as a Research and Development Technician. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of Fanning Chapel United Methodist Church. He was a master gardener and was a member of many horticultural societies. He also volunteered many hours at the N.C. State Arboretum.



Bruce lived and gardened at his home in Mills River. Bruce joined SE-ARS in 1980 and was a Life Member. He served on the Board of Directors: he co-chaired one of our Truss Shows. He was also a member of the Vaseyi Chapter. He furnished flowers from his garden for his church. Leon Pace

"Bruce and Leon (Pace) worked

together at Ecusta. He was always the same anywhere you saw him --easy going and he loved Rhododendrons and Azaleas." Jean Pace

GET READY FOR OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

PARTY! -- Sunday, December 2

Our **Christmas Party** program this year is all about YOU! Just pick out 10 or 12 of your best pictures

to show and tell to the rest of us.

This is the perfect time to reveal who you are, beyond your garden. We hope to start a new tradition, that will add fun and



lead to deeper friendships among our members. When you've selected your 10 -12 best photos, put them (or have someone do it for you) on a flash drive or CD to bring along to the party. 12 is the maximum allowed, so as to have time for everyone to share. Pictures can be of any subject – your grandchildren, your garden, your acrobatic guppy, your Aunt Tilda, or your vacation. It will be a lively fun event! Oh yes. It's also a pot luck, so you can share your favorite dish too.

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Officers

Vice President: Sieglinde Anderson Secretary/Editor: Marilyn Haynes

Past President: Doley Bell



Ken Janeck

Welcome New Member!

Annie Higgins Asheville, NC 28816



Membership Renewals Due by October Meeting!

You don't want to miss out on your December issue of the ARS Journal, or miss out on having your name in the drawing for a **free membership for 2014!** Our October meeting is the deadline for both, so please send your dues check to our treasurer, John Brown, or bring it to the October meeting at the Richards' on the 21st.

Mark Your Calendar, Now!

October 21, Sunday - 2:00 PM, Meeting and P4M at Hazel and Byron Richards Conifer Garden, Hendersonville, NC.

December 2, Sunday - 2:00 PM. Christmas Party and Member Photo Sharing, St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall, Hendersonville, NC.

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February 17, Sunday - 2:00 PM. "New Shrub and Tree Introductions, Brian Upchurch, St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall, Hendersonville, NC.

March 23, Saturday - 12:00 noon. Annual Banquet and Silent Auction at The Chariot, Hendersonville. Speaker not yet confirmed.

If you're getting a printed copy of the *Blue Ridge Review*, you're missing some beautiful colors.