

# THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

*Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society*



*Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons*

**April-May 2013**

## Spring Truss Show and Garden Visits

**Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5**  
**54th Annual Flower Show**

Our Flower Show features a huge array of our own rhododendron trusses and azalea sprays at the NC Arboretum in Bent Creek. Chairman, Glenn O'Sheal, would like to encourage all of our newer members to participate in the Flower Show by bringing flowers and they could help out as well. This is an ideal way to learn all about it. We can provide expert information on "Cutting Trusses for Show", as well a parking passes and entry cards.

Join us at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 3 at the Education Center at the Arboretum to help set up the show. You can bring in your trusses and sprays that afternoon any time up till the building closes at 5:00 PM. Both members and non members may exhibit flowers, so encourage your friends to bring a truss or several. *(Continued on page 3.)*

**Saturday, May 11**  
**Owen, Cram & Gentling**

Due to restricted parking availability, we will meet at 11:00 AM on the left side of the Ingles parking lot at 780 Hendersonville Rd., Asheville, to carpool on this adventure to three outstanding gardens not to be missed!



Please wear sturdy shoes and bring, your lunch and water bottle, plus a camera and curious attitude.

From the parking lot, we will go first to Charlie Owen's garden in Biltmore Forest, to view his fantastic collection of Dexter rhododendrons and woodland garden of native ground cover planting of ferns, shortia, galax. *(More information and pictures on page 3.)*

**Sunday, May 19**  
**Stelloh, Collins & Bell**  
**(Note Change of date!)**

Join us at Bob and Audrey Stelloh's garden at 2:00 PM, Ed Collins' at 3:30 PM and Doley and Melody Bell's at 5:00 PM. Our charming hosts at each of these premiere Hendersonville gardens will give us a tour so detailed questions can be asked. The date change, due to a cold March, hopefully will allow us to see more in bloom than we would have in April.

Meet at 2:00 PM at Bob and Audrey Stelloh's Hendersonville, NC, for a private guided tour by Bob and Audrey. Their garden contains a large variety of companion plants in addition to many azaleas, rhododendrons, interesting small trees, native ground covers and so much more.



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## Wonderful Banquet & Auction



Audrey Stelloh, is to be thanked for making the Silent Auction so wonderful! We had terrific plant choices provided at very low or no cost from Vivian Abney, Tom Ranney, Brian Upchurch, Wayne Hutchins and Wes Burlingame, for the March 23 event at the Chariot in Hendersonville. Thanks to **all** who worked so hard to make it so great! All 48 people there had a delicious dinner and a good time!

Jackson McCarter, President, opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and called for reports. Audrey Stelloh, nominating chair, announced that we will need a President, Treasurer and Secretary and asked for volunteers to consider accepting one of these roles.

Glenn O'Sheal gave out parking passes and entry forms for our Flower Show to be held at the NC Arboretum on May 4-5. Sieglinde Anderson announced the dates and places for the garden visits on April 14 and May 11.

Brian Upchurch's presentation about "Exploring the Far East for New and Fun Plants" was fabulous! He brought with him 8 plants for which



he and his daughter Peyton conducted an invigorating live auction. Peyton also drew the winning raffle tickets. Susan Boland won the gorgeous camellia, Marilyn Grist won an unusual lepidote rhododendron, and Frances Jones won the Dirr book.



## Hendersonville Garden Jubilee Festival, May 24-25

Come join us in 'Encouraging the Rhododendron Culture' to thousands of garden enthusiasts at booth W100, corner of Main and Allen St., 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. If you can acquire rhododendron and/or azalea plants to sell, or help us at the booth meeting people and talking about our beloved genus, please let Marilyn Haynes know. Wayne Orchard has graciously agreed to loan us a 10'x10' canopy.



### Bullington Gardens Spring Plant Sale

April 26 and 27, 10:00-4:00

95 Upper Red Oak Trail, Hendersonville NC 28792

(828) 698-6104 [www.bullingtoncenter.org](http://www.bullingtoncenter.org)

#### Support the Educational Mission of Bullington!

- Wide selection of good quality plants including perennials, unusual annuals, herbs, vegetable starts, small trees and shrubs and natives.
- Some unusual varieties of perennials grown from seed.
- Competitive prices.
- **Big selection of ceramic pots!**

### South Carolina Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 1 PM

Featured never-before-offered perennials, nectar plants, native and exotic shrubs and trees, organic vegetables, annuals, and a few rare plants.

#### All proceeds support the Garden

Sale is held at the SCBG Nursery at 150 Discovery Ln., near the intersection of Hwy. 76 and Perimeter Road in Clemson, [www.clemson.edu/scbg](http://www.clemson.edu/scbg).

## 54th Annual Flower Show, May 4-5

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The Flower Show Schedule is enclosed. Be sure to check the times as they are a bit different from past years at the Arboretum.

Parking at the Arboretum is \$8.00 per car, so car pooling is recommended. Free parking passes for all three days can be mailed to you.



Just e-mail Marilyn, mphaynes@juno.com, or call (828) 696-2996.

We can also send you some entry cards for the many flowers you plan to bring! We're hoping some of our Piedmont area members will also bring flowers to enter.

If you're new at this, there's some great information about how to display a stem in the flower show in the fabulous article by Bruce Feller, "**How Does Your Garden Grow? How Do Your Trusses Show?**" in the winter 2013 issue of **JARS**, page 20 in the printed version, page 34 in the online version.

To view the online version:

1. Access the ARS Office web site: [www.arsoffice.org](http://www.arsoffice.org)
2. Part way down the list, click on "View Journal American Rhododendron Society On-line Edition."
3. If you already have a user name and password, click on "login". If you do not have a user name and password, click on "Register Now" and follow instructions for obtaining them.

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## May 11 -- Owen, Cram & Gentling

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Our next stop will be to John Cram's garden in Kenilworth, originally designed by landscape architect



Doan Ogden in the 1950s. It includes hedges of Carolina hemlock and variegated bamboo (*Sasa veitchii*), Japanese maples, ferns, wildflowers, a magnificent moss garden, a meandering brook and massive plantings of rhododendrons with sculptures and architectural structures throughout.

Our third stop is to Peter and Jasmin Gentling's 15-acre hilltop garden in Asheville. The great

variety of plant materials in this terraced garden has a Japanese garden, herb garden, unusual sun and shade perennials, azaleas, rhododendrons, dwarf and species conifers, grasses, ground covers, boxwoods and other shrubs. Peter also has a small nursery specializing in boxwoods rare shrubs and cyclamen.




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## May 19 -- Stelloh, Collins & Bell

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At 3:15 we will depart to arrive at Ed Collins' garden, for a tour of his fabulous rhododendrons.



His collection is famous not only in our part of the USA but all over and has been visited by enthusiasts from around the world.

From 5:00 to 6:00 PM, our last stop will be at Hendersonville, Doley and Melody Bell's extensive rhododendron collection with many companion plants, most notably a magnificent Redvein *Enkianthus*.

Bring a bottle of water, sturdy shoes, and of course a camera!



# Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

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## Welcome New Members:

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...have transferred their ARS membership from  
the Piedmont Chapter to Southeastern for 2013.

## Mark Your Calendar, Now!

**May 4-5, Saturday & Sunday - Flower Show,**  
NC Arboretum, Bent Creek, NC. Setup May 3.

**May 11, Saturday - Asheville Garden Visits -**  
**11:00 AM** - Charlie Owen, Peter Gentling, and  
John Cram. Car pool at Ingles parking lot.

**May 19, Sunday** - Hendersonville Garden  
Visits - Stelloh 2:00, Collins 3:30 and Bell 5:00.

**May 25-26, Sat. & Sun. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM -**  
**Hendersonville Garden Jubilee Festival,** Main  
St. Hendersonville, NC. Booth W100.

**June 16, Sunday- 2:00 PM - Roundtable of**  
**Experts,** Election of Officers. Bullington  
Gardens, Hendersonville.

**July 21, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Picnic, Cuttings**  
**for P4M and Plant Auction** - Richards Home.