

# THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

*Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society*



*Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons*

October-November 2013

## Annual Plants for Members plus Stan Southerland Sunday, October 20, 2:00 PM

Our speaker is Stan Southerland of Chapel Hill who will tell us about "**The Hybridizing Program of Delbert Brim**" (A late spring day in Delbert's Garden). (See *JARS 2010*, p.74)



Stan was born and raised in Brevard NC. He spent his youth fishing and hiking throughout Western North Carolina. After graduating from Western Carolina University with a BS in Biology he relocated to Chapel Hill NC, where he worked in various areas of biological research. At the end of 2009 after 25 years with UNC/Chapel Hill, he took a partial retirement. Meanwhile, he and his wife Carolyn, had purchased a home just outside Chapel Hill with a sloping, heavily wooded, rocky lot with



*'Janet Blair' x 'Helen Vieira'*  
2010 1st

'Mrs. E.C. Stirling', both of which continue to do well today. He became hooked on the genus Rhododendron and joined the Piedmont Chapter of

ARS, bought reference books and more rhododendrons. (Stan and Carolyn now belong to SE-ARS.) After discovering that a great many hybrids do not survive heat, high rainfall and all the associated diseases, he became convinced that he could breed hybrids that would survive and do well in the Piedmont of NC, using *R. hyperythrum* as a parent. Stan has been hybridizing with hyperythrum for over 15 years and recently named two hybrids ('CeeCee' & 'Papa Cook'), and will be naming more hybrids shortly.

We will hear a little about **his** hybridizing program, but for now, he says, "I am honored to present a program on one of the few living master Rhododendron hybridizers. That is Delbert Brim."



*'Consolinni's Windmill' X*  
*Helen Vieira*  
2010 Brim garden best

Glenn O'Sheal has a huge variety of wonderful little plants, for just \$3 each, grown from cuttings from many of our own gardens for our annual "Plants for Members" sale! See the list and color pictures inside, but you must have the PDF version of BRR to see the colors! (Send an e-mail to the editor.)

**2014 dues are due by our October meeting in order for your name to be in the Christmas Party drawing for a free membership year!**

# Wait List for Fern Event Fully Accomodated

By Judy & Chuck Van Rens

Twenty SE-ARS members had a special treat on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, when they tapped into the amazing body of knowledge



SE-ARS members listen to Tom Goforth explain the history of ferns.

about the history and life cycle, while gaining an



Judy Van Rens, Seiglinde Anderson, and April Sanborn select their special ferns.

understanding of the variations in genetic structures and habitats of these ancient plants. Many of us came away with ideas for ferns that make good

rhododendron companions, like Royal Fern and Fancy Fern; we were able to purchase starter plants from Tom's varied selection of native ferns grown lovingly and professionally at his Crow Dog Native Ferns and Gardens in Pickens, SC.



Tom Goforth explains about ferns' habitat, during the hike.

E-mail from: Tom Gorforth to Sieglinde Anderson  
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013  
Subject: Crow Dog Visit

Sieglinde,  
Please communicate to all who visited here that I thoroughly enjoyed it. Everyone was so friendly and a joy to meet and converse with. From my perspective, it was a fun day. Let them know that I would welcome another visit (by appointment). We just barely touched the many and exciting

native sites of the area. I was particularly happy to see the swamp Tradescantia at Long Shoals Park. Thanks for the opportunity and honor to speak to your members!

Best, Tom

## "America's Treasure: Our Native Azaleas" -- Special Invitation from Vaseyi, ASA Chapter, to Hear Don Hyatt

Don Hyatt will be presenting this fabulous program on Sunday, October 13, at 2:00 PM, at St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall, and we're all invited! Don is a sought after presenter on various plant related topics including rhododendrons, native azaleas, evergreen azaleas, wildflowers, flower photography, and general landscaping. His multi-media presentations have been well received at many conferences in the US and abroad. He has received numerous honors in horticulture including the ARS Silver Medal in 2002, and the Gold Medal in 2012.



<http://www.donaldhyatt.com/images/A-NativeAzaleas-01.jpg>

Don had been keenly interested for nearly 20 years in the preservation of our beautiful native azaleas and other wildflowers and the scenic places where they grow, including the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina, even during his 33 year career teaching math and computer science. Don continues to maintain a private garden at the family home in the suburbs of Washington D.C. where he grew up. Over many years, he has developed a beautiful landscape of rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plants. He started his first garden there in 1951 at the age of three, and many of his plants are now quite large.

This program is open to the public, so bring friends.



## Plants for “Plants for Members”

Now is the time to send an e-mail request for a PDF version of the Blue Ridge Review, so you can truly appreciate the colors of these gorgeous rhododendrons!

**Anna Rose Whitney** - griersonianum x Countess of Derby. Deep rose pink funnel-shaped flower, up to 4" across, spotted brown in throat, held in ball-shaped trusses of 12-21. Late midseason, 6 ft., -5°F. Vigorous, rapid growing shrub. Needs plenty of room to develop.



**Catfort Campy** - Gable hybrid, R catawbiense x R haemetodes ssp haemetodes. 5 ft. in 10 years.



**Cynthia** - R. catawbiense hybrid. Pink funnel-shaped flower, 3 1/8" across, rose-pink with deeper red staining on the upper lobe, held in conical trusses of about 24 flowers. Midseason, 6 ft., -15°F. Dome-shaped habit. Sun and heat tolerant.



**Dexter's Spice** - Huge very fragrant openly funnel-shaped, frilly white flower with pale yellow-green spots in throat, 4 1/2 to 5 inches across. Lax trusses of 5-7 flowers. Late midseason, 4-6 ft. tall, -5F. Upright, broad habit.



**Dexter's Peppermint** - Pink, wavy margined flowers with greenish blotch. Early midseason, Height: 13 ft, Width: 12 ft. Upright habit.



**Dexter's Honeydew** - Fragrant openly funnel-shaped buff flower, with faint highlights of pink, apricot, and yellow. Late midseason, 3-5 ft., -10F. Plant forms a mound wider than high that can be sprawly, but pinching when young will shape it.



**Faggetter's Favorite** - , White, pink and cream melt together in the fragrant openly funnel-shaped flower. Midseason, 6-7 ft., -5F. Outstanding plant, prefers some light shade.

**Glenda Ferrell** - Dexter, fortunea hybrid. Pink openly funnel-shaped flower with red blotch. Midseason, 4 ft.



**Gomer Waterer** - Madame Carvalho x Pink Pearl. White with flushed mauve-pink edges and yellow-brown flare in the upper lobe, openly funnel-shaped flower, 3" across. Dome-shaped truss of up to 24 flowers. Late midseason to late, 6 ft., -15°F. Spreading habit, heat resistant and sun tolerant.



**Katherine Slater** - Dexter. Large frilly pink and white trumpet-shaped flowers, greenish-yellow blotch, lightly-scented conical truss. Slow growing, 8 ft., open multi-stemmed upright spreading habit.

**Lee's Dark Purple** - catawbiense hybrid. Royal purple broadly funnel-shaped flower, with greenish-brown to ochre marks within, 2 3/4" across, ball-shaped truss of about 16 flowers. Late Midseason, 6 ft., -15°F. Upright growth habit.



**Lodestar** - catawbiense, white form x Belle Heller. White flower with greenish yellow blotch, 3 1/8" across, large truss holds 15 flowers. Midseason, -20°F. Large lighter green leaves that form a nice shaped plant. 4-6 ft., wider than tall.



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**Lord Roberts -**

catawbiense hybrid. Dark Red funnel-shaped flower with v-shaped black markings on dorsal lobes, 2½" to 3 1/8" across, ball-shaped truss holds 12-22 flowers. Late midseason, 5 ft., -15°F. Vigorous growing, upright, rounded habit.



**Marchioness of Lansdowne**

- maximum hybrid. Violet-rose broadly funnel-shaped flower with almost black blotch. Late, 5-8 ft., -15°F. Elliptic to oblong leaves, spreading open habit.



**Mardi Gras - R.**

degronianum ssp yakushimanum 'Koichiro Wada' X 'Vanessa Group'. clear pink blushed white 3" flowers, 12/truss. Midseason, 4 ft.



Oblanceolate leaves with indumentum. Compact habit, sun tolerant.



**Merley Cream - Dexter hybrid.** Creamy white openly funnel-shaped flower with a prominent yellow green blotch, tall truss. Midseason, 5 ft. Mid-green elliptic leaves, very hardy.

**Mrs. Tom H. Lowinsky -**

Waterer Hybrid. Pale lavender funnel-shaped flower that ages to white with a brownish-orange blotch, 3" across, overlapping lobes, 14 flowers/truss. Late, 5 ft., -15°F. Vigorous grower. Round habit.



**Northern Star -**

discolour x Loderi Iceberg. Scented white flowers with a greenish yellow throat, large trusses. Late, 9-10 ft., -15°C.



**Parson's Gloriosum -**

catawbiense hybrid. Pale rosy mauve lavender funnel-shaped flower with ray of bright yellow markings, 2 3/8" across, dome-shaped truss holds 20-24 flowers. Late midseason to late, 6 ft., -25°F. Leaves elliptic to obovate, 4" to 6" long. Upright habit.



**Pearce's American Beauty -**

Mrs. Charles S. Sargent? x Dr. H.C. Dresselhuys?, Srong purplish-red openly funnel-shaped frilly flower with yellowish-green spots, 3" across. Ball-shaped trusses of 18 flowers. late, 6 ft., 0°F. Broad habit with decumbent branches.



**Peavey's Peach - John**

Peavey hybrid. Pinky peach flower with yellow center. Midseason, 4 ft. Upright habit.



**Red Eye - Anah Kruschke x**

Purple Splendour. Deep reddish-purplish flower with a greenish-gold eye that slowly turns red. Late midseason, 6 ft., -10°F. Dense, rounded habit.



**Rio - Newburyport Beauty x**

Newburyport Belle. Pale purplish-pink openly funnel-shaped flower with pale yellow spots, wavy lobes, 3¼" across. Ball-shaped trusses with up to 16 flowers. Midseason, 3 ft., -20°F, Leaves 5¼" long, semi-glossy, light green. Rounded habit.



**Rona Pink - Dexter Hybrid.**

Purplish-pink openly funnel-shaped fragrant flower, lighter inside with sparse yellow-green spotting, darker outside, wavy edges, about 3" across. Dome-shaped trusses of 12-14 flowers. Midseason, 5 ft., -10° F. Leaves 6½" long, dense, spreading habit.



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Southeastern Chapter

**AMERICAN  
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SOCIETY**



**Membership Sign-up Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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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*.

Student..... (Electronic Journal only) .....	\$10.00
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 Jackson McCarter

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

**Southeastern Chapter  
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**

*New Student Membership, only \$10.00! Commit for Life Memberships are payable in increments over a 3 year period. ♥ Encourage a student to join! New members get a free plant at their first meeting!*

**Ruby Bowman** - fortunei x Lady Bligh. Rose-pink openly campanulate flower, with a blood red throat, wavy-edges, up to 4½" across. Dome-shaped truss of 13-15 flowers. Midseason, 5 ft., -5°F. Spreading habit. Fertilizer sensitive. Prefers afternoon sun protection.



shaped frilly flower with dark red butterfly-shaped blotch surrounded with spots, 2½" across, 16 flowers on truss. Midseason, 5 ft. -5°F. Upright, open growth habit.



**Smoky #9** - Lem Halfdan (Burgundy x Moser's Maroon). Very deep purple (almost black) broadly funnel-shaped flowers. Mid May, 6', -5°F. Grey-green leaves and red stems. Rather leggy grower.

**Todmorden** - Dexter, (Pygmalion x haemotodes) x Wellfleet. Light purplish-pink widely funnel-shaped flower with deep purplish-pink edges, aging to nearly white, sparse light yellow-green spots, 3½" across. Ball-shaped trusses. Late midseason, 6 ft., -10°F. Upright, rounded habit.



**Southland** - minus var chapmanii x keiskei, prostrate form, Light yellowish-pink openly campanulate flower, slightly fragrant, 1¼" across, with brown speckles in throat, ball-shaped trusses of 10 flowers. Slightly fragrant, Midseason, 2 ft., -5°F.



**Tom Everitt** - R. Fortunei hybrid. Extra large silvery pink fragrant flowers with yellow green spotting in the throat. 4', -15F. Large leaves, dense habit.



**Tiana** - Sappho x degronianum ssp yakushmanum, Exbury form. White openly funnel-



**White Swan** - decorum x Pink Pearl. Pale pink, openly campanulate flowers, fading to white, with a green blotch at dorsal lobe base, 4" to 5" across. Conical-shaped truss has 16-19 flowers. Midseason to late midseason, 6 ft., -5°F. Upright, rather compact, dense habit.



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(*'Janet Blair 'x R. decorum, yellow)* X  
Brim's *'Helen Vierra'*

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**Dues are due by October meeting**

We'll have a drawing for a full year's membership for 2015 at our Christmas Party. Your name will only be in if our treasurer receives your 2014 dues by our October meeting. Will YOU be in???

**Thanks to those who participated in the Update of the Proven Performers List project for the Southeastern Chapter!**

The suggestions were submitted to ARS National through Ken Gohring. Ray Smith of the ROY program indicated that Proven Performers don't have to be registered; ROY nominations do have to be registered.

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**Mark Your Calendar, Now!**

**October 13, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Don Hyatt, "America's Treasure: Our Native Azaleas",** Vaseyi Chapter, ASA, invitation. St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.

**October 20, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Plants for Members and Stan Southerland - "Dilbert Brim Hybrids,"** St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.

**December 7, Saturday - 11:00 AM - Christmas Party and Holly program,** Anthony Lebude, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, Fletcher, NC.

**February 16, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Program TBD,** St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.

**March 22, Saturday - Banquet, Silent Auction and Speaker.** Chariot, Hendersonville.

**April 26-27, Saturday & Sunday, Flower Show,** NC Arboretum, Bent Creek, NC.

**April & May - Garden Visits**