

THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

June-July 2014

Annual Meeting and 'Mr. Maple' - SUNDAY, June 15, 2:00 PM

This will be at St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall in Flat Rock, NC. It is our Annual Meeting at which we will elect new Board Members till 2016. The nominees are April Sanborn, Chuck Van Rens and Byron Richards. **Be sure to be there to vote.**

Maple Companions to Rhododendrons In the South - A look at unique and exceptional Japanese maples for the Rhododendron garden



Our speakers will be Matthew and Tim Nichols, co-owners of Nichols Nursery, MrMaple.com, and MrGinkgo.com. (Cont. on page 4)

***Open Garden you've been wanting to see!
Marilyn Michie-Grist will have her spectacular
private garden, "A Toute Le Monde" C***

- Open -

Fri. and Sat., June 6-7 from 10 am - 6 PM

Sun., June 8 from 1 PM - 6 PM

Hope to see you in the garden! -Marilyn

Annual Picnic and Plants for Members - SUNDAY, July 27, 1:00 PM

Hazel and Byron Richards have again graciously invited us to their beautiful home and garden for our annual picnic. **Please bring a favorite dish to share.** Meat beverages and paper goods will be supplied by the club.

But one thing will be different. Instead of our plant auction, we will hold the **Plants for Members** event. Audrey Stelloh, our new P4M



chair, states "It is best to have P4M at the July 20 picnic so that the cuttings don't get too root-bound in those tiny starting pots." The board agrees and we will have our plant auction in October.

Audrey and Bob have organized a spectacular P4M event featuring plants from the Haag estate, which by the way, is still for sale.



Pictures and descriptions are in here on pages 3 & 4. .



This used to be the date for the Cutting Exchange, so let's all **bring cuttings** from our favorite plants, with the name of each plant and name of the donor written on the outside of the zip lock bags.

<- April Sanborn

Rhododendron Flower Show a big hit at the Arboretum!

Many visitors were again amazed by the tremendous variety of rhododendrons and azaleas that grow in our gardens. Every year we meet more people who have never seen our show before, as well as faithful loyal fans. We had 163 entries.



Ray Head's Effie's Elation, (3) a Deciduous azalea hybrid, was the 'Best in Show'. (also shown on pg. 6) He also had his R. Chapmanii, (1) a lepidote species, on the winners table. Ray again was our Sweepstakes winner with 116 points! Richard &



Rich Becker's winning Scintillation x 1000 Butterflies

Betty Becker also had two winners on the table, Consolini's Windmill, (4) an elepidote hybrid, and Scintillation x 1000 Butterflies, (5) an elepidote which Rich hybridized and grew from seed himself.

Doley & Melody Bell also had a

winner with Daphne, a hose-in-hose hybrid evergreen azalea. (Numbers correspond to their order, left to right, in the photo below.)



People's Choice Ratings: Among the 9 exhibitors, every one had at least one of their entries chosen as someone's favorite!

Rhododendrons: 114 votes 43 different entries were at least one person's favorite.

Ray Head's Calsap had 17

Becker's Royal Purple had 12

Becker's Ben Mosley had 7

Bell's Cynthia had 5

Head's Roseum Elegans had 5

Becker's Consolini's Windmill had 5

Azaleas: 113 votes 34 different entries were at least one person's favorite.

Becker's St. James had 13

Gothard's R. calendulaceum had 9

Head's R. calendulaceum had 9

Bell's Glory had 8

Head's Sun Glow had 7

Pace's Congo had 6

Pace's R. periclymenoides had 5

I think this is the best participation we've ever had in 3 years of doing this! Many thanks to those who entered so many gorgeous flowers!

Near Perfect Weather Brings Crowds to Garden Jubilee

We had a gorgeous selection of blooming native azaleas from East Fork Nursery, plus a few from Wes Burlingame,



making a total of 112 plants for sale. Saturday's crowds came by in droves with large bags, wagons and money. Our gross was over \$1500! Plus we educated a lot of people that "Yes, Azaleas ARE Rhododendrons." Coordinators, Marilyn and Don Haynes, offer many thanks to Susan Boland and Wayne Orchard, Buffy Wells, Frances Jones, Claudine and Jeff Miller for all their tremendous help. Sunday was a shorter day due to storm warnings, but we sold all but 2 plants!

Plants for Members

By Audrey Stelloh

These plants were all taken from cuttings of rhododendrons on the estate of Velma and Russell Haag. All of the plants are listed by number, but some of the plants had labels. If we found a label, the name is listed here in the newsletter next to the number. Some of the numbered (and unnamed) plants may be known hybrids that the Haags named, bought or received as gifts. That means that some of the numbered P4M plants could be named hybrids.

In the Summer of 2013 about 23 SE-ARS members attending a meeting voted on which Haag plants to propagate for P4M. Here are the ones we sent to be propagated:

H7 -> pink with darker edge and red throat.



H8 <- yellow, greenish blotch, low spreading plant.

H9 -> very pale orangish, fragrant.



H10 <- pink with dark red blotch.

H11 -> lavender ball truss, recurved leaves.



H14 <- 'Great Smokey' - pale lavender with dark purple blotch. Vigorous.



H18 <- Possibly R. carolinianum, lepidote- pale pink flowers, plant is 15 feet tall.

H20 -> yellow throat with pink ruffled edges.



H23 <- 'Coral Velvet' - 2 foot, low spreading Yak, pale pink flowers.

H24 -> dark pink, red blotch, yellow center.



H26 <- yellow, dwarf, 4 feet in 30 years.

H29 -> 'M and M' ('Maximum' and 'Macabeanum') - Large plant, large leaves, yellow flower.



H34 <- 'Carolina Moon'- Yellow flowers, short plant.

H37 -> 'Genuine'- multi-colored pink, yellow, white.



H38 <- 'Nip and Tuck'- orangish pink.



H39 <- fortunei x 'Goldsworth Orange'- orangish yellow.



H40 -> lepidote, pink, floriferous, long bloomer.



H43 <- pale pink, red blotch.



H45 -> very pale yellow, wavy edges, fragrant.



H47 <- darkish pink, red blotch, frilly, fragrant.



H48 -> white, semi-double, fragrant.



H49 <- 'Superba'- (fortunei x Goldsworth Orange), good truss.



H56- Large white flowers.



'Blue Ridge' <- Lepidote, purple flowers. (Photo from www.greergardens.com)

These and other beautiful pictures can be seen on line at <http://www.pbase.com/bstelloh/searsp4m2014>.

Annual Meeting, (Continued from page 1)

Growing up in the mountains of North Carolina, brothers Matt and Tim have expanded their father's hobby into a respected nursery that offers a large selection from their ornamental tree collection of over 1000 Japanese maple cultivars, over 100 acer species, and over 50 cultivars of ginkgo.

Both have been recognized as speakers at recent national Maple Society Meetings and recently were guest lecturers on Japanese Maple propagation for NC State University and University of Tennessee. They are active with the International Plant Propagator's Society, the Blue Ridge Horticulture Association, North American Conifer Society as well as the Maple Society.

Nichols Nursery was recommended in the May 2011 issue of Southern Living Magazine and MrMaple.com was featured on an episode of "In the Garden" with Bryce Lane on PBS in the fall of 2013.

Matt and Tim share their passion for maples and **will bring plants for sale**. So please come and bring friends!

Passing the Torch

After seven years as editor of the *Blue Ridge Review*, I have finally found some folks that I am confident will take it over in fine style. So now it's time for me to 'retire.' Chuck



Van Rens has been nominated to go on the Board of Directors and Judy has agreed to 'do' the newsletter, but they will actually collaborate, as Chuck is the photographer. Chuck has a background in Sales and Marketing and Judy is a retired English teacher and knows the software. What better combination could there be? This is my last issue, although they've asked me to help gather the information, until they get the hang of it. It will probably look different, but I'm sure you will be very pleased with the result. Many thanks to all of you who have faithfully helped me in this very rewarding mission. - Marilyn Haynes

Spectacular Season of Garden Visits!

Chuck and Judy Van Rens, April 27

SE-ARS members knew Fred Kalmbach as he always helped with the Flower Show, but no one had seen his Flat Rock garden! ... until now. A warm



welcome and many surprises were found by the 15 members of SE-ARS and Vaseyi in the one acre



garden at Chuck and Judy Van Rens. They purchased Fred's home about 4 years ago and "got a big garden," which they have



spruced up,

added a few plants and lovingly cared for. Plus, Chuck has attempted to identify and learn the names of each plant! He gave us copies of his list of 236 different plant names, which included maples, hollies, dogwoods, conifers, and 126 different rhododendrons! Judy adds small perennials, like day lilies and a few annuals to give it color all year. Many thanks to Judy and Chuck!

Joe and Beverly French, April 27

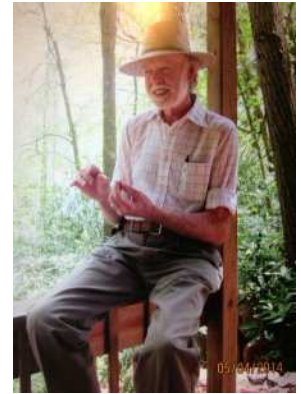
This gorgeous award winning rock garden was another surprise, because it is hidden from the



street. It is a spectacular work of art, with rocks, plants, water, and imagination! He included a number of bonsai plants in the plan.

Larason and Juanita Lambert, May 4

Many members missed this 3 acre forest garden due to the conflict with the Flower Show date, but those who saw it were favorably impressed! Here, Larry tells about his garden. (Photo by Buffy Wells.)



Mountain Mist Nursery, May 11

This is a small nursery in Fairview owned and operated by Larry Mucci. But what it lacked in



size, it made up for in quality of his native azaleas. About 13 members of both SE-ARS and Vaseyi

enjoyed selecting new and unusual named plants for their growing collections, and Larry gave us each some hostas that he said, "They're in my way." Thank you so much, Larry.

Sieglinde Anderson, May 11

Our wonderful Vice President and program chairman, Sieglinde Anderson's garden is a true showplace for her landscape and garden design expertise and talent. Over the last 9 years, she has blended many various colors and textures, heights and shapes on her slopes in Fairview to make a pleasing wonderland of nature. Nearly every variety of flower, shrub, tree or bulb is beautifully placed to complement its best features. What a lot of nice gardens!



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Welcome New Member:

Bob Head
Seneca, SC



Directory Changes:

Collins, Edward W. & Mary, Moved to live with their daughter. Their Tranquility Place home and spectacular garden in Hendersonville will soon be for sale. Contact Audrey Stelloh, if you can help her to clean up the Collins' garden.

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Mark Your Calendar, Now!

June 15, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Annual Meeting and "Mr. Maple", *St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.*

July 20, Sunday - 1:00 PM - Annual Picnic and Plants for Members, *Richards', Hendersonville, NC.*

September 21, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Speaker, *St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.*

October 19, Sunday - 2:00 PM- Garden Plant Auction, *St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.*

December 7, Sunday - 2:00 PM - Christmas Party, *St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall.*

Lepidote Study Group

Ray Head has begun a Lepidote Study Group. Please send your e-mail address to Ray if you would like to be included in the informative e-mail exchange.

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