

THE BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



Encouragement of the culture of Rhododendrons

November-December 2012

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Share your best 10-12 photos with us.

Sunday, December 2

It's Holiday Party time again! Sunday, December 2 is the day for our special **Christmas Party**. We'll again have a Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall at 2:00 PM. Audrey Stelloh and Jean Pace are going to fix the meat again this year--Turkey and Ham. They also will bring paper goods and tea/coffee. So all anyone else needs to bring is their favorite pot luck dishes. The tables will be adorned with holly.



SE-ARS Christmas Party 2010



SE-ARS Christmas Party 2011

The program this year is extra special! It's all about sharing some about yourself. What better time of year than Christmas for giving a little of yourself to your fellow members? Here's how it will work. Spend a little time to pick out a few of your best pictures of your favorite things or whatever you most would like to share with the rest of us. Just 10 or 12. NO MORE THAN 12, please. Then put



them on a CD or flash drive and bring them to the party. You'll have a few minutes to show them to us all and briefly tell the story of each one. Pictures can be of any subject – your grandchildren, your garden, your acrobatic guppy, your Aunt Tilda, or your vacation. The best part will be seeing and hearing about your friends lives through their pictures. We hope to start a new tradition with this activity, that will be fun and lead to deeper friendships among our members.



*Members,
Sieglinde Anderson and
Jackson McCarter,
presenting programs.*



Now it's your turn to present just a small part of the program, just 10-12 of **your** favorite photos!

Members will be voting on the by-law changes if we have enough present for a quorum. See page 3.



Gorgeous Show of Conifers on a Perfect Fall Day!

Information compiled from Seiglinde Anderson, Pamela McCarter and Jean Pace. Photos by Chuck Van Rens and Jean Pace.

Our meeting on October 21st was on a perfect day for Hazel and Byron Richards to show off their garden and all their hard work over many years. The beautiful fall colors were a gorgeous way to showcase their magnificent conifer collection! And they were the perfect hosts! Many thanks to them for letting us come and share their joy with us!



Hazel had made a delicious pumpkin bread and brownies and offered cider when we got there. There were 23 members and 3 guests who met on



the loggia at the rear of the home to learn some of the history of the Richards' garden and home. Both the garden and house were built almost entirely by the owners, Byron Richards, a mechanical engineer, and his wife, Hazel, an accomplished seamstress and craftswoman. A tour of their spacious home revealed features of meticulously crafted woodwork and cabinetry as well as hand-crafted stained glass. Hand-



embroidered and hand-sewn wall hangings and window treatments adorn the walls and windows. Begun in 1988, the very beautiful and impressive house was completed within a three month period.

We all enjoyed a tour of the garden accompanied by the host and hostess. The garden features a collection of exotic conifers as well as several varieties of beech trees, an allee of willow oaks, Japanese maples, and of course rhododendrons. A large koi pond includes a bald cypress. The conifers and other plants are pruned annually, and fertilizer is not required.



Around 3 PM a bell announced Plants for Members sale of 3 gallon plants which had been grown on after the spring convention, at a price of \$8 per plant. Jackson McCarter, chapter president, invited members to choose their two first choice plants in a 15 minute period to be signaled by a bell. Then all remaining plants were available for purchase. John Brown, treasurer, handled the transactions, and revenue totaled \$434.00. We were amazingly well behaved - several people shared what they had stashed away when it turned out there were none left of a particularly desirable rhododendron.

“Everyone enjoyed the garden and the choices of plants for members, and went home deeply



satisfied. As Program Chair, I want to thank all who worked hard on making this day successful.” Said Sieglinde Anderson. “Special thanks to Hazel and Byron, to our President and Treasurer and all who helped in setting up the plants in single rows and providing labels for all rhododendrons,” she added.

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**AMERICAN
RHODODENDRON
SOCIETY**



Membership Sign-up Form

Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____
Zip _____
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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.

- Regular.....\$40.00
- Commercial.....90.00
- Sustaining.....75.00
- Sponsoring.....150.00
- Commit for Life (Individual).....1,000.00
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John Brown, SE-ARS Treas

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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. ♥ Encourage a friend to join!

In Memoriam

Charles Robert Sias, MD, 92, a family Physician and Surgeon, life member of ARS, and associate member of SE-ARS, died in November of 2010, in Columbus, GA. Dr. Sias practiced medicine in Orlando, FL, Greenville SC, Hendersonville, NC, Summerville, SC and trained residents and interns in the Family Practice Division of the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, giving 41 years to the medical profession. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, retired as a Lt. Commander, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Proposed Bylaw 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.

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.

By-laws Committee: Jean Pace; April Sanborn; Audrey Stelloh; Leon Pace

MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THESE BY-LAW CHANGES IF A QUORUM IS PRESENT ON DECEMBER 2ND.

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Officers and Directors

President: Jackson McCarter

Treasurer: John Brown

Vice President: Sieglinde Anderson **Secretary/Editor:** Marilyn Haynes

Past President: Doley Bell

Directors 'til 2013: Ray Head,
Glenn O'Sheal, Audrey Stelloh

Directors 'til 2014: Betty Becker,
Jean Pace, April Sanborn



Vote on Bylaw changes at December 2nd Christmas Lunch



Members will be voting on the by-law changes if we have enough present for a quorum at the Christmas Lunch on December 2nd. Please see the **Proposed Bylaw Changes on page 3.** The Bylaw changes were fully explained in the October issue of BRR.

Last Call for Membership Renewal

We've had a great response to the membership renewal process. Thank you all so much! BUT...You will **not** receive your Winter issue of JARS if ARS doesn't have your 2013 dues by Dec. 1. There might be something of interest to SE-ARS members in it. So, if John Brown hasn't received your dues check yet, please send it to him ASAP!

Deadline for the January-February Blue Ridge Review is December 15. Please send information, pictures or copy.

Mark Your Calendar, Now!

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. "Lepidote Rhododendrons-Good plants for the Southeast", Ray Head, 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: Stan Southerland.

April 21, Sunday - 2:00 PM. "Rhododendron Companions - New Tree & Shrub introductions," Brian Upchurch, St. John in the Wilderness Parish Hall, Hendersonville, NC.

If you're getting a printed copy of the *Blue Ridge Review*, you're missing some beautiful colors. For a **color** copy, please send an e-mail.