



R. catawbiense on Roan Mountain - Marilyn Haynes

The American Rhododendron Society
and
The Azalea Society of America
invite **you** to

“Appalachian Spring”

May 4 –7, 2012
Asheville, North Carolina
In the Heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Hosted by Southeastern Chapter, ARS
Vaseyi Chapter, ASA



R. vaseyi at Southern Highlands Reserve - John Turner

Join us for “Appalachian Spring”, the 2012 ARS-ASA International Convention in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, in the heart of the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains, where native azaleas and rhododendrons burst into bloom every spring!

We welcome you to be a part of this exciting joint convention. First, fill out the convention registration form and mail it before **March 1, 2012**, to get the early registration discount. Be sure to let us know any special dietary needs, and be sure to note both your ARS membership and ASA membership if you belong to both societies.

Welcome Reception

Our welcome reception Friday afternoon will include several fabulous food stations, cash bar and live Mountain Music, all adjacent to the gigantic Plant Sale! Meet and greet old and new friends, mingle and have delicious heavy appetizers, more than enough to call it dinner. This social event is not to be missed!

Flower Show

We hope you will bring some of your trusses and sprays to enter in the Southeastern Chapter’s 53rd Annual Flower Show. Entries will be received



Southeastern Chapter 2008 Flower Show - Marilyn Haynes

Thursday or Friday. The flower show will be open to the public on Saturday, while you’re out on tour. The show entry rules with categories listed is on the convention web site, or we can mail them to you.

Photo Print Contest

You can also show off your best flowers, plants, gardens and natural landscapes through your photography talents. There are four categories, and of course, they all feature rhododendrons and/or azaleas. The entry form is on the convention web site, or we can mail it to you.

Plant Sale

Come join us for our enormous plant sale. Thanks to the efforts of local chapter members and good friends in eight states, well over 3,000 plants are being brought along for the Plant Sale in which the collecting and hybridizing efforts of local area plants men will be highlighted. We have sought and are collecting the works of such notables as Gene Aromi, George Beasley, Tom Dodd, Velma Haag, James Harris, Don Johnson, Augie Kehr, Ben Morrison, Lonnie Player, Kelly Strickland, Earl Sommerville, James Todd and others. There are some Dexter hybrids as well. Most of the plants will be in 3-1/2" pots, making it convenient to carry more home with you.

Sold out of the one you want? Each day after the tours, check back again, as they will be replenished frequently. If you are flying home, we will have a service to provide packing materials and to ship your plants. A list of plants with pictures is on the convention web site.

Our Mountains

You can hike from the bottom to the top of one of our 6,000-foot peaks and see almost every kind of flora you could encounter in driving from Georgia to Canada.

Book Sale

We will have an assortment of both old, used and new garden related books for sale. All will be offered at a discount from the list price, many by quite a bit. We will have only one or two of most of the titles, so it will be first come, first served.

Garden Tours

We have four fabulous days of tours planned for your enjoyment and wonder. We will be visiting a variety of beautiful gardens in Asheville and Hendersonville, North Carolina, and just across the border in Travelers Rest, South Carolina.

Breakfasts and lunches are included in the prices for the Saturday, Sunday and Monday tours. Plus, we have provided, on the 2012 convention web site, descriptions, directions and maps of even more gardens, nurseries and other attractions for do-it-yourself tours both before and after the regular convention days.

Friday - Early Bird Tour

Biltmore Estate and Gardens

The Biltmore Estate gardens have a long and distinguished horticultural heritage that began with the construction of the Biltmore House, built in 1889 for George Washington Vanderbilt. It is the largest single family home in America at 175,000 square feet, 250 rooms, surrounded by the natural beauty of the mountains. The grounds of the 8,000 acre estate were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted.



Azalea Garden at Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
– Marilyn Haynes

You will be dropped off at the entrance to the Shrub Garden to wander through the Shrub Garden, Spring Garden, Walled Garden, and Conservatory, ultimately arriving at the Azalea Garden to admire the extensive collection of azaleas and other unique plants. The lower part of this garden contains magnificent examples of Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*), China Fir (*Cunninghamia lanceolata*), Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*), and Bigleaf Magnolia (*Magnolia macrophylla*). Planted under the trees is an equally interesting shrub layer. Look for the rare *Disanthus cercidifolius* peeking out from under the

Hydrangeas and tree-like *Cephalotaxus*. Other plants of interest are the large Stinking Cedars (*Torreya taxifolia*), a very large Persian Ironwood (*Parrotia persica*), and Cut leaf European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Asplenifolia').

You will want to allow about 90 minutes to tour the magnificent house, then lunch at one of their fine restaurants.

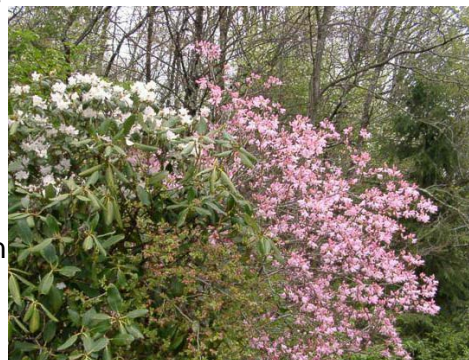
BILTMORE ON YOUR OWN - If you cannot join the group tour on Friday, you can easily tour the Biltmore Estate (just 7 miles from the Crowne Plaza Resort) on your own. You can save \$10 by buying your ticket online at least seven days in advance. Go to the Biltmore Estate web site, www.biltmore.com.

Saturday - Asheville Gardens & Parkway Tour

Blue Ridge Parkway

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, the Parkway is a 469-mile recreational motor road that connects Shenandoah and Great Smoky

Mountains National Parks while protecting the cultural and natural features of the region. Visitors are drawn to this area to experience the stunning scenery and close-up looks at the natural and cultural history of the mountains.



R. minus var. *carolinianum* and *R. vaseyi* blooming near milepost 417 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, May 2002 – Bob Stelloh

We will head south on the Blue Ridge Parkway from Asheville, from Rt. 191 (milepost 393), to Devil's Courthouse near Rt. 215 (milepost 423) to view some wildflowers, azaleas and rhododendrons in the wild. Although some of the native azalea and rhododendron species will not be in bloom in early May, we hope to see *R. vaseyi* and *R. minus* var.

carolinianum. Check out the "Bloom Schedule" at <http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/>, and look again at Don Hyatt's delightful and informative "Chasing the Bloom" article with pictures and locations in the Fall 2011 issue of JARS.

Did You Know?

The Parkway is one of the most ecologically diverse areas in the world with about 100 varieties of trees, 1,600 plant species, 54 mammal species, and 159 species of birds.

Charles Dexter Owen Garden

This 3 1/2 acre property is a collection of over 40 varieties of rhododendrons, one of the largest collections of Dexter hybrids in the south.

Many are original plants from his grandfather's nephew, Charles Owen Dexter. The house is



situated on the back third of the property with a full wall of rhododendrons cascading over a 50 foot long brick wall on the parking area. The front terrace of the house looks out onto a huge outdoor "room" surrounded by a five foot holly hedge. Perennial beds in each corner soften the view. Beyond the hedge are newer plantings of native azaleas, a recent interest of the current owner, 'Charlie' Owen. Total privacy is maintained in the garden by 60 foot trees around three sides of the property. On the street side, scattered trees remain with rhododendrons throughout.

Home of Charles Owen, Jr., in Biltmore Forest, Asheville, NC, spring 2008 -- Anne Armfield

North Carolina Arboretum

Nestled in one of the most botanically diverse and beautiful natural settings in America, the North Carolina Arboretum's 434 acres provide many opportunities for all ages to connect with nature and learn how plants are important to our world. The Arboretum's 65 acres of cultivated gardens, delight the senses, pay tribute to the region's rich cultural heritage, and reinforce the importance



Sign at the entrance to the Native Azalea Collection at the North Carolina Arboretum – Courtesy NC Arboretum

of plants in our lives. Gardens include: the Quilt Garden with colorful raised beds designed after traditional quilt patterns; the Heritage Garden featuring plants used in traditional Appalachian folk medicine and crafts and one of the finest, most unique bonsai collections in the United States.

The National Native Azalea Collection is a woodland garden located along the banks of Bent Creek. It

contains azaleas representing 16 of the 17 species native to the US, along with natural hybrids and selections. Canopy Walk is the initial planting area for an Arboretum tree collection placing special emphasis on autumn foliage color and trees with unusual characteristics, within which a Dexter hybrid rhododendron collection was established in 2008 as part of a future ericaceous collection.

Sunday - Hendersonville & a SC Garden Tour

Bob and Audrey Stelloh Garden

This wonderful woodland tapestry was begun in 1996 by Bob and his late wife Denise. They moved 600 favorite plants from their old garden near Washington DC to a hilly two acre site with many native

wildflowers, mountain laurels, *R. maximum* and a few native azaleas, all under mature oaks, tulip poplars, pines and sourwoods.

Now, 16 years later, thousands of choice azaleas and rhododendrons will



Azaleas in the Stelloh Garden – Bob Stelloh

be in full glory, along with *trillium*, lady slipper, bloodroot, *anemone*, *tiarella*, *primrose*, fern varieties, hellebore, *hosta*, *astilbe*, *Arisaema*, Solomon's Seal, *pulmonaria*, *Saxifraga*, Virginia bluebell, wood poppy and other companion plants. There is also a variety of Japanese maples, camellias, *stewartias*, conifers and other ornamental trees. Bob and his new wife Audrey welcome you to share and enjoy their enchanting woodland garden, named Kairaku (Japanese, "Joint Pleasure"), as you wander along its many paths.

Ed and Mary Collins (Larus) Garden

Six years ago the Collins purchased the Charlie and Ethel Larus property in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

This beautifully established garden is located on 7 plus acres with two streams. Charlie had eclectic tastes with a special interest in dwarf plants. As a result, the garden had a large and densely planted collection of dwarf indumented rhododendrons, evergreen azaleas, deciduous azaleas, dwarf conifers and a large



Rhododendron border near the entrance of Ed and Mary Collins Garden – Marilyn Haines

number of perennials, wildflowers, and unusual trees and shrubs. The Collins' are still in the process of incorporating the thousand plus plants brought from their previous garden into the landscape, opening up an additional two acres to display their many Cowles hybrids and deciduous azaleas, and revamping the existing dense plantings by selective transplanting to the new area.

James and Mary Ann Stewart (Kehr) Garden

Eight years ago the Stewarts obtained the fabulous garden developed over the previous twenty four



Home and garden of James and Mary Ann Stewart, formerly owned by the late Augie Kehr— M. Haynes

years, by Dr. August "Augie" Kehr. Not entirely by chance, it is located adjacent to the Collins garden, giving us two gardens at one stop. The property encompasses some 10 plus acres with 2 streams. The back part of the property was used by Augie for his later magnolia hybridization work and has what is believed to be the largest collection of magnolias in the US. The upper garden has a very large collection of azalea and rhododendron hybrids, many developed by Augie, along with many other rare and unusual plants. One of his goals was the development of a good yellow evergreen azalea using various propagation methods. Although he never reached this goal, about a dozen plants in the garden are the result of this effort.

Dr. Marilyn Grist Garden

A Tout le Monde (For All the World)

The Grist Gardens have served as a refuge and pet project since 1979 for Dr. Marilyn Grist, who has been a practicing veterinarian for more than 30



The Japanese Garden with the Charleston Garden in the background at the Dr. Marilyn Grist Garden – Marilyn Haynes

years. Her nine acre garden is nestled between Greenville, South Carolina and Asheville, North Carolina in a sleepy little town called Travelers Rest.

Dr. Grist chose to convey her love for her family by designing gardens in their honor. Even when her children and grandchildren are not with her physically, they will always be with her in spirit because her four children and two grandchildren each have a special, individualized garden based on their personality and dedicated to them.

Dr. Grist also created a Japanese Garden, Charleston Garden, formal orchard, and Victorian Rose Garden. The Japanese Garden features conifers, waterfalls, and a pagoda. The Charleston Garden contains a gazebo, hollies, and roses. Throughout the property are varieties of azaleas, rhododendrons, shrubs, and trees -- a truly unique and stunning collection. The North Saluda river bubbles by on the northern portion of the property, providing a calming place to rest and reflect.

Monday - Bonus Tour, More Special Gardens

Hazel and Byron Richards Garden

The Richards began building their home in 1988, and later their three acre garden. Fascination with conifers led to 30 years' membership and a national directorship in The American Conifer Society. Initially they enjoyed the many native plants on their property including mountain laurel, flame azaleas, rhododendrons and large oaks and pines.



Near the Fish Pond at the Hazel and Byron Richards Garden – Byron Richards

They have complemented those plants with 200-300 conifers, their signature plant, plus 23 cultivars of beech (*Fagus*) from A to Z, and many hostas and Japanese maples. Certain plants such as *Microbiota decussata* (Russian juniper), *Abies*, *Chamaecyparis*, *Cryptomeria*, *Tsuga*, *Taxus*, *Pinus* along with berries and fruit trees help make an eclectic garden. The 70 x 90 ft. lined koi pond, which they built in 1998, is up to 12 feet deep and supports a submerged *Taxodium ascendens* (pond cypress) and an *Acer palmatum* 'Waterfall'. Everything on the property has been accomplished by the two of them. Gardens are always changing--as Hazel has said "We move our plants like we move our furniture".

Doley and Melody Bell Garden

The Bell garden was begun in the 1970s by former educators David and Naoma Dean and improved by Naoma and Dr. Allen Clague until Doley and Melody Bell became its

stewards in 2000. This remarkable garden has formal and woodland areas, with an estimated 3000 rhododendrons and azaleas including

Dexter, Haag, Leach, Kehr, Gilkey, Delp, Van Veen, Richardson, and Lee hybrid rhododendrons, and Glenn Dale, Back Acre, Exbury, and Girard hybrid azaleas, along with many native azaleas. Special plants include flowering peaches, crab apples, hybrid dogwoods, hybrid laurels, *Franklinia*, *Cunninghamia*, Camellias, Dawn Redwood, *Enkianthus*, *Pieris* and Japanese Maples.



Front lawn of the Doley and Melody Bell Garden, Hendersonville, NC – Doley Bell

The Bullington Horticultural Center

Once the home and nursery of Bob Bullington, the Bullington Center is a public botanical garden on 12 acres of rolling land in Henderson County, NC. It includes a therapy garden, shade garden, butterfly and perennial border gardens, native woodland garden, mountain habitat, pumpkin patch, herb



Azaleas in 'Sally's Garden' (named after Mrs. Bullington) at the Bullington Center, Hendersonville, NC – John Murphy

garden and a children's garden. The gardens incorporate some of the many unusual mature trees that Mr. Bullington collected and introduced to the area, along with a large collection of deciduous azaleas, including a number of Gregory Bald natural hybrid azaleas. During our visit, Bullington Center volunteers will be our guides, and tell us what they do for children, their partnership with the school system, and how special needs children plan and plant their own gardens.

WhiteGate Inn & Cottage

The owner and gardener, Ralph Coffey, will give us a short introductory talk, then take questions after we have looked around the award-winning gardens of this 1889 Asheville Inn. The garden rooms have an extensive collection of unusual small trees, shrubs and conifers, which include 18 varieties of Japanese maples and over 300 different varieties of perennials, hostas, roses, and herbs. The greenhouse features a collection of more than 800 orchids and tropicals. Stone paths and sitting areas throughout the gardens and along the waterfalls make the grounds a perfect place to wander through the three-quarter acre property and enjoy nature's beauty and abundance.



Waterfall at WhiteGate Inn, Asheville – Courtesy Jumping Rocks Photography

Speakers and Workshops

Friday Opening Program - Keynote:

Don Hyatt - Will set the tone for our Appalachian Spring theme with his presentation on "**Chasing the Bloom.**" He will focus on the rich botanical diversity of the Southern Appalachian Mountains, and show us the beauty of the flowers, describing them as only he can. As is Don's typical presentation style, expect an entertaining and fast-paced program filled with many beautiful images, occasional touches of humor, and a few digital tricks. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture and a Master of Science degree in Computer Science, both from Virginia Tech, Don has maintained a keen interest in gardening and plants since he was a toddler. Don is retired from his position as an instructor of award-winning computer science students at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, VA, which ranked #1 in the nation. His students won a supercomputer in a National competition! Since then, Don has extensively explored the Blue Ridge Mountains and elsewhere.



Don Hyatt

**Saturday ARS Banquet Presentation:
Christina Woodward and Nicholas Yarmoshuk:
“From Mountain to Plain: Niagara's Program for
Evaluating Cold-Hardy Rhodies in Diverse
Locales.”** - Christina, daughter

of hybridizer, Joseph Brueckner, will review her father's work including significant outcomes from his hybridization program. Then, past president and current Secretary of the Niagara Region Chapter, ARS, and Past President of the Rhododendron Society of Canada, Nick, will describe the development of the Brueckner Evaluation Project within the context of the Niagara Chapter's Plants for Members program.



Christina Woodward recording details of Brueckner cuttings in pots after one year of growing on - Nick Yarmoshuk

In this presentation, they will (1) share, for the first time, the details of the NRC Evaluation Program, (2) sketch the story of the Brueckner hybrids through an extensive slide show, and (3) explain how these hybrids both stimulated and support the NRC program. They will discuss the potential of the program and invite your questions and comments.



Nicholas Yarmoshuk in their garden in St. Catharines, ON - Wanda Yarmoshuk

**Sunday ASA Banquet Presentation:
“Treking Through Swarms of Azaleas and
Double Helices”** is the title, with **Dr. Thomas Ranney**, Professor of Horticultural Science for North Carolina State University, and two of his graduate



Tom Ranney from Grassy Ridge near Roan Mountain - Rakia Rannev

students, **Kimberly Shearer** and **Jason Lattier**. They will review two research projects that study the role of hybridization and polyploidy (multiple sets of chromosomes) in plant evolution:

- How the unique azaleas found on Gregory and Wayah Balds in the Appalachian Mountains evolved from complex hybridization among multiple native species; and

- Is *R. canadense* really a tetraploid species as commonly thought? A new survey suggests otherwise. Science aside, many of these species and their hybrids provide fantastic garden plants. Enjoy the diversity!

Flower Show Judging Workshop:

To those contemplating a future role as a flower show judge, as well as exhibitors who want to learn what a judge looks for when awarding ribbons, join Marianne and Bruce Feller on a “walk through discussion” of the Flower Show after entries have been judged. Subjects discussed will include the selection, grooming and preparation of trusses and sprays, their presentation and other factors bearing on the process of evaluating entries. The Fellers have organized and conducted the Flower Shows for the New York Chapter for the past 10 years. In addition, they have participated as exhibitors, with numerous awards to their credit, in flower shows held by many ARS Chapters – including Greater Philadelphia, Massachusetts, Middle Atlantic and Princeton.



Marianne and Bruce Feller

Hybridizers Roundtable:

Attend this popular discussion group if you have any interest at all in hybridizing. It may be formal or informal, with prepared remarks or free-flowing discussion of topics related to hybridizing, depending upon who is in attendance.

ARS Executive Director's Forum

This is your chance to interact with **Laura Grant**, ARS Executive Director. She will lead an open discussion with a primary focus on ARS membership recruitment and retention ideas. All members, especially Chapter officers are encouraged to attend to share ideas for society growth.



Laura Grant

Boards of Directors' Meetings

The ARS Board meets Friday at 9:00 and the ASA Board meets at 1:00, with lunch for everyone at noon. Be sure to check in at the registration desk before attending either Board meeting or the lunch.

Banquets

As you fill out your registration form, you might want to know what the banquet menu choices will be. For the ARS Banquet on Saturday night:

- Trout with Crab Stuffing Accented with Lemon Aioli*
- Sautéed in Lemon Butter Sauce*
- Caribbean Pork Tenderloin*
- Sweet & Spicy Rubbed Pork Tenderloin with Sweet Mango Glaze*

Cheese Manicotti

Cheese Stuffed Manicotti with Herb Infused Tomato Sauce

...and for the ASA Banquet on Sunday night:

Grilled Choice Crowne Ribeye with Dark Ale & Caramelized Onion Demi-Glaze

Tuscan Chicken

Breast of Chicken with Capicola Ham & Mozzarella Cheese in Buttery Golden Puff Pastry, Accented with Roasted Garlic Tomato Sauce

Portabella Mushroom Napoleon

Grilled Marinated Portabella with Roasted Tomatoes & Provolone Cheese

Although our hotel is only one mile from downtown Asheville, there's an Interstate between and there are no restaurants within walking distance, so meals are best taken with our whole group, to be sure you don't miss any of the exciting activities and fabulous speakers that will follow.

Hotel Accommodations

Our headquarters is the Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort, One Resort Drive, Asheville, NC 28806.

It is located on 125 acres one mile west of downtown Asheville, with free parking and free shuttle service to downtown Asheville.



Entrance to the Asheville Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort – Courtesy Hulsing Hotels

Reserve your room on line at [https://resweb.passkey.com /go/ARS2012](https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ARS2012) or call 888-233-9527 through April 30, 2012, and mention ARS-ASA Convention to get the reduced rates starting at \$99.00 (plus taxes). Upgrades, suites and villas are also available at reduced rates, in effect until April 30, or until the reserved room block is gone, whichever occurs first. After April 30, 2012, call 800-733-3211 for reservations assistance. The Crowne Plaza is extending our special group rates for 5 days before and 5 days after the convention.

Asheville Regional Airport

Check their web site at <http://www.flyavl.com/> for servicing airlines and car rentals. Airport Shuttle Service to the Crowne Plaza (11 miles) is available at a discounted rate of \$20.00 per person, or \$50.00 for up to 6 people, each way. To avoid long waits, just submit to the hotel an Airport Transportation Request form, found on the "2012 Convention" web site at www.rhododendron.org, at least 7 days in advance of your arrival.

The Weather
Average early May temperatures in Asheville range from a low of 50°F to a high of 70°F, with rain expected about every three days for less than an inch per week.

Driving directions are available on the Crowne Plaza Resort web site, at <http://www.ashevillecp.com/>

Plan to arrive a few days early or stay a few days later to enjoy some of the many pre- and post-convention do-it-yourself tours we have suggested for you on the convention web site.

Sponsors

We sincerely thank a number of sponsors who have helped with the convention.



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...for sponsoring the Flower Show



...for partially sponsoring the Welcome Reception



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Others still are considering sponsorship opportunities.





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Thursday, May 3, 2012

- 3:00-6:00 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 4:00-6:00 REGISTRATION - open - *Laurel Registration Desk*
- 5:00-6:00 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - submit entries - *Overlook Ballroom, Board Room*
- 6:00- DINNER - on your own**

Friday, May 4, 2012

- 6:30-9:00 BREAKFAST - on your own*
- 9:00-5:00 MEETING - ARS Board - *Foxfire Room*
- 9:00-3:00 EARLY BIRD TOUR - Biltmore House and Gardens
- 9:00-4:00 SIGHTSEEING - on your own**
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH - ARS Board, ASA Board, others - *Roan Room*
- 12:00-5:30 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - submit entries - *Overlook Ballroom, Board Room*
- 12:00-6:00 REGISTRATION - open - *Laurel Registration Desk*
- 1:00-3:00 MEETING - ASA Board - *Dogwood Room*
- 3:00-6:00 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 4:00-7:00 WELCOME RECEPTION - heavy appetizers, cash bar - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot Rooms*
- 6:00-7:00 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - judging - *Overlook Ballroom*
- 7:00-8:30 OPENING PROGRAM - Keynote Speaker: Don Hyatt - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot*
- 8:30-10:00 REGISTRATION - open - *Laurel Registration Desk*
- 8:30-10:00 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - open - *Overlook Ballroom*
- 8:30-10:30 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*

Saturday, May 5, 2012

- 6:30-8:00 HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET - included in tour - *Roan, et al Rooms*
- 7:00-8:00 REGISTRATION - open - *Laurel Registration Desk*
- 8:00-4:00 TOUR - Owen, North Carolina Arboretum, Blue Ridge Parkway
- 9:00-6:00 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - open - *Overlook Ballroom*
- 4:00-6:00 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 4:30-5:30 WORKSHOP - Flower Show Judging - *Overlook Ballroom*
- 4:30-6:00 HYBRIDIZERS ROUNDTABLE - *Foxfire Room*
- 6:00-7:00 SOCIAL HOUR, CASH BAR - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot Rooms*
- 7:00-8:00 ARS BANQUET - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot Rooms*
- 8:00-9:45 ARS ANNUAL MEETING - Speaker: Christina Woodward and Nick Yarmoshuk - *Roan, et al Rooms*
- 9:45-11:15 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 9:45-11:15 FLOWER/PHOTO SHOW - open - *Overlook Ballroom*

Sunday, May 6, 2012

- 6:30-8:00 HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET - included in tour - *Roan, et al Rooms*
- 8:00-4:00 TOUR - Hendersonville:Grist, Collins, Stewart, Stelloh Gardens
- 4:00-6:00 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 4:30-6:00 ARS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FORUM - *Dogwood Room*
- 6:00-6:30 SOCIAL HOUR, CASH BAR - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot Rooms*
- 6:30-7:30 ASA BANQUET - *Roan, Pisgah, Pilot Rooms*
- 7:30-9:45 ASA ANNUAL MEETING, AUCTION, Speaker: Tom Ranney-*Roan, et al*
- 9:45-11:15 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*

Monday, May 7, 2012

- 6:30-9:00 BREAKFAST - on your own* if not on tour
- 6:30-9:00 HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET - included in tour - *Roan, et al Rooms*
- 8:00-10:00 MEETING - ASA Board - *Dogwood Room*
- 8:00-11:00 PLANT/BOOK SALE - open - *Mitchell Room, Biltmore Foyer*
- 9:00-5:00 BONUS TOUR - Bell, Richards, Bullington Center, WhiteGate Inn

*Breakfast on your own is available in the Pro's Table Restaurant at the Crowne Plaza.

**Complimentary shuttle to downtown Asheville, 8:00 AM -10:00 PM only.

This Schedule, room locations and tour gardens are subject to change. For up-to-the-minute information, see the 2012 Convention link on the ARS or ASA web site. 2011-11-17



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ITEM	1	2	3	4	PRICE	TOTAL
Registration Fee (if postmarked by March 1, 2012)					\$40	
Registration Fee (if postmarked after March 1, 2012)					\$65	
Fri May 4 Early-Bird Tour of Biltmore House + Gardens (first 100)					\$70	
Fri May 4 Lunch at Hotel for Board Members, others welcome					\$20	
Fri May 4 Welcome Reception (heavy appetizers, cash bar)					\$15	
Sat May 5 Breakfast, Lunch, Asheville Area Garden Tours					\$65	
Sat May 5 ARS Banquet: Enter F for Fish, P for Pork, V for Vegetarian					\$35	
Sun May 6 Breakfast, Lunch, Hendersonville Area Garden Tours					\$65	
Sun May 6 ASA Banquet: Enter B for Beef, C for Chicken, V for Vegetarian					\$35	
Mon May 7 Breakfast, Lunch, Bonus Tour of Hendersonville Gardens					\$65	
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Join ARS (to join thru 2013 or to renew thru 2012)					\$40	
Join ASA (to join thru 2013 or to renew thru 2012)					\$25	
TOTAL ENCLOSED (check payable in US\$ to 2012 Joint Convention)						

Register early to help us all! We will refund your total for any reason until April 15, 2012. We will send your confirmation by email or US mail. You must be registered to attend *any* convention activity shown above.

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