Southeastern Chapter American Rhododendron Society

General Membership Meeting with Program

St John in the Wilderness Parish Hall

18 March 2018

The Chapter met in the new parish hall, a recently completed building immediately behind the site of our usual meeting room, now designated “The Wilderness Room,” which is undergoing renovation, President Sieglinde Anderson convened the meeting at 2 PM. There were 26 members in attendance.

April Sanborn, Flower Show Chairman, announced that the Parish Hall is no longer available for our flower show, scheduled for April 28. She will pursue other options.

Jerry Neff, Vice President and program coordinator, reminded us of our April 14 visit to the North Carolina Agricultural Research Station, Mills River Facility, where we will meet for a guided tour at 10 AM. Our annual picnic is scheduled for July 15, 2018, at the home of Hazel and Byron Richards.

Jerry introduced our speaker, Steve Pettis, NC State Cooperative Extension Agent, who presented a program with slides entitled “Azalea and Rhododendron Pests.” He presented recommendations for tree planting as well as various treatments for insect pests that afflict our rhododendrons and azaleas. (Our speaker noted that the acoustics in the Parish Hall were poor. Also, slides were difficult to see, as the room could not be darkened. Members complained of both conditions.)

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McCarter

Secretary