

Southeastern Chapter American Rhododendron Society
Membership Meeting
March 26, 2017
St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, NC

President Ray Head convened the meeting at 2 PM. Twenty members and 4 guests were in attendance.

April Sanborn, flower show chairman, updated us on the upcoming flower show to be held at North Carolina Arboretum on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. She provided members with parking passes and entry cards for flower entries, which should be filled out to include flower name and owner's name in two places. April and Don and Marilyn Haynes will set up for the show beginning at 2 PM Friday. Those wishing to enter specimens may do so beginning at 8:15 AM Saturday and no later than 10 AM. John Kendall and Jerry Neff have agreed to serve as judges.

Ray reminded members of the upcoming garden tour on Sunday, April 23, which will include the garden of Marilyn Grist at 1 PM followed by a visit to the McCarter garden. Sieglinde asked that we let her know of other gardens that might be available for visiting.

Ray suggested that members might like to purchase a Buckthorn Blaster applicator device to control growth of twigs and stumps among rhododendrons and azaleas. Device may be purchased from landscape-restoration.com. Ray recommended that herbicide be diluted with water for application.

The annual picnic will be held at the home of Hazel and Byron Richards on July 16.

Ray presented a slate of officers for the 2017-2019 term.

President: Sieglinde Anderson

Vice President: Jerry Neff

Blue Ridge Review Editor: Judy VanRens

Secretary: Pamela McCarter

Treasurer: Jackson McCarter

Ray thanked retiring board members, Chris Wetmore, Audrey Stelloh, and Wayne Hutchins for their service.

New board members nominated are Jay Jackson, Chuck VanRens, and Wayne Hutchins.

Ray asked for other nominations to all positions and there being none, the slate was unanimously elected.

Sieglinde introduced our speaker, Annie Martin or "Mossin' Annie," who presented a fascinating look into the world of mosses and moss gardening.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela McCarter