

**>>> Sunday—January 12th—2 PM <<<**

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**JANUARY—GARRATT RICHARDSON—  
GARDENS OF THE WARM RIVIERA**

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN DAY AND TIME!**

In the middle of winter, we will go someplace warmer and sunnier than Washington. Here is a taste of Garratt's program:

"My favorite spot on the French Mediterranean coast is Menton just a 20 minute walk from to the Italian border. Its motto is "Ma ville est mon jardin" - My city is my garden. This is the warmest area in continental France where temperatures rarely drop below 40° F in winter. Orange trees line the residential streets. They are not picked however because they are bitter oranges, nevertheless the fragrance of their blossoms is delicious. (And the juice makes a good gin and tonic.) The gardens had been owned by aristocrats and wealthy English businessmen. They are now being managed by local and state administrations. Three larger gardens are open to the public.

A coastal pathway, only for pedestrians, takes you to Monaco in about 2 hours. Here, an "exotic garden" (succulents and sub-tropical plants) is situated on a rocky precipice; a Japanese Garden has also been squeezed into this postage-stamp-sized country.

Further along, halfway to Nice, is a luxurious garden formerly owned by the Roth-

schild's and now is in the public domain.

A two-hour walk into Italy leads you to the Hanbury Gardens with its villa, fountains and exotic plants.

The brilliant sun of the Côte d'Azur, the eastern part of the French Riviera will be a jumpstart into our hopefully early Spring."

Come and at least seem to feel warmer with a visit to southern Europe and some beautiful gardens, and warm warm fellowship.

*Don Smart, Editor and Garratt Richardson*

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**



Madame President looks very happy!

Photo: Alan Sears

**HAPPY NEW YEAR...** I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, whatever it is that you celebrate or not!

Our holiday party in December was so

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## January 2014

AWESOME! We had 20 people in attendance and the food and fellowship was so much fun. I fully expect Don to include some “special” photos! Special thanks to **Carolyn** for the decorating and to **Alan** for securing all the food.

I did something I’ve wanted to do for years and finally got around to it, and that was attending the “GARDEN D’LIGHTS” at Bellevue Botanical Garden. This was its 19th year of offering a truly amazing light show. Hundreds of volunteers work for hundreds of hours to place the ½ MILLION lights. It is open until January 4th. If not this year, don’t miss it next year! I’ve forwarded a couple of photos to our esteemed Editor to attach in the newsletter.



Bellevue’s Garden d’Lights—Photo: Cinthia Compton

JANUARY 12, 2014 @ 2PM--PLEASE join us for our next meeting, which will be on a Sunday. Our speaker will be Garratt Richardson.



A Beautifully “Stylized” Photo from the Garden d’Lights by Cinthia Compton

...AND don’t forget:  
NEED A RIDE?-Carol has graciously offered to



Looks Like It’s Time to PARTY—Photo: Don Smart

pick up any member who would like a ride; if you’d like to take advantage of this heartfelt offer, PLEASE email me and I’ll get you in touch with Carol.

RECRUITMENT-Bring a friend to a meeting this season...one is all we ask!

My best to you AND Rhodys Rock!

*Dianna Davis, President*

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### RENEWALS—WE ARE MISSING A FEW OF YOU

Thanks to you who have already sent me their renewals. There are still 8 that have not renewed, which is almost 20%. We would sure like to stay a part of our Chapter. I’m sorry to say, but this will be your last newsletter if I don’t hear from you by next month.

*Don Smart, Treasurer and Membership Chair*

### TREAT TIME

Thanks to everyone that came to the party and all who helped set everything up.

January treats will be provided by **Jody Safstrom** and **Elaine Sherbrooke**.

*Editor*

### WE HAD A GREAT PARTY

As all of you who were there in December can attest—we had a great Christmas/Holiday party. We were down in numbers from last year, but that could have been the cold weather and threat of snow—which did not come for a few more days. But were all warm and merry at the church. As you can see from the photos, it was a happy time.

The food included enough of everything—well, more than enough as most of us took home leftovers—and it was delicious. Thanks to **Alan and Bev Sears** for arranging the menu and even bringing some homemade pies. There were way too many treats—candy,



Three Days Before the Party—11°—Photo: Don Smart  
nuts, Christmas “crackers” which were a great hit. Everyone ended up with a paper crown and a toy.

As you can see **Carolyn Smart** outdid herself again this year with decorations and poinsettias. Almost everyone took one home. It was really festive.

Thanks to all of you who were able to come.  
*Editor*

**ON-LINE ARS STORE NOW OPEN**

At the ARS Board meeting we authorized the creation of an on-line store for the ARS. Chapters can do things as fund raisers to help with expenses, but the ARS itself has never had anything like that in place. Now we do.

The store can be accessed at <http://arsstore.org/> and information on how to use the store is available by A



Grand Time was Had by All—Photo: Alan Sears  
clicking the “FAQ” button to the right side of the menu bar. The store works through Amazon.com and anything you order through the ARS Store will provide a commission back to the ARS. Check it out. There are ARS logo items, books, garden tools, etc. You can even access Amazon through a button on store sight and order anything you like and it will pro



Hmmm? Dessert First? - Photo: Don Smart

vide a commission to the ARS. So if you are used to ordering from Amazon (as I am), now you can benefit the ARS. I will post the complete instructions on our website.

*Editor*

**RSF 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, 2014 9:00 AM -10:30 PM. There will also be a welcoming reception on Thursday evening. Events will be taking place at the RSBG, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, and at the beautiful Weyerhaeuser Corporate Headquarters. There will be workshops, garden tours, and several world class speakers. Please go to: <https://rhodygarden.org/cms/events/9458/rsf-50th-anniversary-celebration/> for all of the information and to register.

*Editor*

**A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON**

The holidays came a went so quickly. Hope it was a good time for all of you and we wish you the best in 2014.

*Editor and Cascade Board*



Leavenworth at Thanksgiving—Photo: Don Smart

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**Board Meetings**

Board meetings are normally held the Monday after our chapter meeting. If you have subjects or suggestions you'd like discussed, please let one of us know. Or, better yet, come and join us as Board meetings are open to all members.

**CASCADE CHAPTER 2012—2013 CALENDAR**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
2014	January	12	Cascade Sunday Afternoon Meeting—Speaker: Garratt Richardson
2014	February	9	Cascade Sunday Afternoon Meeting—TBA
2014	March	11	Cascade Sunday Afternoon Meeting—TBA
2014	April	8	Cascade Sunday Afternoon Meeting—TBA
2014	April	24-26	Rhododendron Species Foundation 50th Anniversary
2014	May	17-18	Cascade Annual Show and Sale at Wilburton School—Plan to volunteer