

Tuesday—October 13th—7 PM

******* First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue *******

******* 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA *******

****** Note the location change this year. ******

FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.

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OCTOBER MEETING— PROPAGATING RHODODENDRONS— SEEDS AND CUTTINGS

This month you will learn about propagating your rhododendrons using two methods; cuttings (cloning) and seeds (creating a new hybrid or hand-pollinating a species plant).

Propagating rhododendrons is not hard for most varieties. You can make a clone of your favorite plant with nothing more than a Styrofoam cup, a plastic bag and some planting medium. Or you can make a number of them or several plants with a little more equipment. We will show you how to take and prepare cuttings and how to “plant” them for success.

We will also have a cutting exchange. Bring some cuttings that you would like to share with the group. Put them in plastic bag with a damp paper towel and make sure and label them. Bring some extra bags to take some cuttings home if you want to try this yourself.

Also, Jim Barlup, our own premier hybridizer, will be sharing with us how he collects and processes rhododendron seed. This is a way that you can create new hybrids or clone species plants using hand-pollination. Or let the bees do the hybridizing and you just collect the

seeds.

This will be an interesting and educational program. You may or may not have tried this before, but this is a chance to re-educate yourself or learn the processes for the first time.

Editor

SEPTEMBER PICNIC AT DAVID AND KATHY’S

We had a wonderful time at our annual potluck hosted at David and Kathy Hughes’ home. If you missed it, the potluck was held in David’s gorgeous garden. The food was great as always, Don Smart provided grilled Salmon, and Charlene Jones’ husband brought BBQ pulled pork, and everybody brought salads and some great deserts.

We spent a very nice afternoon catching up with what had transpired over the summer with one another; it was an exceptionally pleasant warm September afternoon. A great garden setting, with good food, and the company of friends, it just doesn’t get much better than that. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you David and Kathy for opening your garden and home to the Cascade Chapter.

Randy Jones, President

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\$35.00 Annual Membership fee or \$8.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

September has been a busy month for our garden, with the hot days that still require the rhodies to be watered and the ever cooling nights some our plants are in full bloom. As of last night it does appear that September has finally yielded to October with the cold rains of autumn pouring forth. This has certainly been a year for the unexpected; our Taku is completely covered in light pink blossoms as are the yak x pachysanthums. I always enjoy the bonus blooms of autumn that the yak hybrids produce, but never as much as this year. I would think that the stress of an exceptionally hot dry summer perhaps could be a factor for the increased late bloom.

Late September and early October is one of my favorite times of the year. It is great time of year to go out and enjoy the garden, the days are bright and the sun is still warm but not too hot. It maybe early autumns lighting lends a subtle warmer tone as I walk through the gardens viewing plants. I'm not certain what it is exactly, but I would encourage everyone to take some time to enjoy the last warm days that we will be seeing for a while.

I certainly hope to see each of you at the October meeting.

Randy Jones, President

PLANT SALE—NOLAN BLANSIT—OREGON

Nolan Blansit who has lived near Cottage Grove, OR for the past several years has become one of the newer Rhododendron hybridizers. I had heard a lot about him from Jim Barlup and met him at the Everett convention. Jim was impressed with some of his work in new plants. He and his wife have now moved back to their original home area in Missouri.

Nolan had some specific goals toward which he oriented his hybridizing program including smaller plants that would fit smaller gardens, plants with nice foliage, plants that would bloom within 3 years, and finally interesting flower color. We now have a wonderful chance to purchase some of his beautiful creations as he will be returning to the garden for a few days in October.

He has some 1500 three and a half year old plants priced at \$10, 1000 two and a half year old plants priced at \$5, and several hundred cutting grown plants available. The sale will Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 8, 9, and 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jack Olson by phone at (541) 988-9133 or by e-mail at rhody-jack@msn.com. When you come to the garden, please bring a shovel and plastic bags or containers in which

to take home your new plants. Cash or check only. Please do not bother the new residents of the house.

Here are directions to get to the garden:

1. Drive south from Eugene on I-5 for about 20 miles, taking the second Cottage Grove exit (Exit 172), 6th Street Exit.
2. Turn left onto S. 6th Street which will then become London Road.
3. Stay on London Road for about 10 miles passing Cottage Grove Lake.
4. In the community of London, turn right onto Shoestring Road.
5. In about 100 feet turn right onto the first gravel lane / driveway and go to the end (maybe half a mile).
6. Nolan's house and garden will be on the left. Park off of the circular driveway to allow for other cars.

The address is 72794 Shoestring Road, though I am not sure that it is marked.

Editor

CHAPTER RENEWAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

Greetings, It's your most noble treasurer, again on the bully pulpit asking for all royal members of the Cascade Chapter to ante up for the cause, (because we all love the Rhododendron). And we just can't be without our yearly spring fix of beautifully blooming Rhododendrons.

So far the annual dues receipts are doing very well, and my yearly vacation planning is well under way, will be leaving shortly... Only kidding, of course. But, in any case please remember to use that envelope and send in your dues, and make me very happy.

Remember we are reducing the ARS published dues amount by \$5 with our "stimulus package" and increase your saving for the next couple of years by paying ahead and save a few bucks. I did.

Thanks for your help.

Bob George, Treasurer of Our Great and Most Noble Cascade Chapter (He said it—not me. Ed.)

TREAT TIME!

The picnic was great - a serene setting in a beautiful garden, perfect weather and great food. Special thanks to David and Kathy Hughes for inviting us, and to Randy and Don for the delicious pork and salmon.

Carolyn Smart has kindly offered to be hostess in October. We need volunteers for the other months. If you could help us, (especially in November) please contact Coleen at 391-2366. Thanks.

Coleen George, The Sunshine Lady

MORE PLANTS AVAILABLE

One of our Cascade Chapter members, Milt Stras-

burg, is moving out of the area to the Tri-Cities. He has collected a number of rhododendrons over the years – he always wins something at our raffles! He would like to see them go to people who would appreciate them and not new home owners that would see them as too many plants in the landscape – let's get rid of them!

Prices, trade or other deals are negotiable. Milt is back in town every couple of weeks as the old house is being painted/remodeled, etc. He can be reached on his cell phone – no matter where he is – at 425-518-3690.

Editor

THE E-NEWSLETTER—FASTER AND CHEAPER

Some of you received the above notice last month, since I left it out of the newsletter in error and sent it to the E-Newsletter email list afterwards.

What is the E-Newsletter? After I compose the monthly newsletter and get it ready for mailing, I also create a PDF electronic version and send that by email to those of you have subscribed.

The advantage to you in getting your newsletter this way is that you get it several days before the mailed copy, and also you get to see and photographs included in color. The printed and mailed copies have B&W photos.

The advantage to the Cascade Chapter is that it saves \$0.24 copying cost and \$0.44 postage for each copy. That's a savings of \$6.80 per member per year.

If you would like to see examples of the PDF versions of the newsletter, go to our web site and click on the newsletter links. If you would like to switch from the paper copy to the E-Newsletter, please let me know at donolyn@comcast.net. Thanks.

Don Smart, Editor

THE ULTIMATE RHODODENDRON CONFERENCE

April 9 – 11, University of BC Botanical Garden, Vancouver, BC

Are you interested in learning more about rhododendrons and their culture? Have I got an opportunity for you. In depth classes taught by experts on rhododendrons, I would encourage you to attend – Charlene and I have already registered.

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis and is limited to 100 gardeners. The conference is split into 2 levels of experience:

Level 1 is aimed at newer rhododendron collectors and at general perennial gardeners who want to learn to grow the most spectacular rhododendrons on their block. These sessions will be taught by Ron Knight,

past president of the Vancouver Rhododendron Society and the current ARS District 1 Director in BC.

Level 2 is designed for confirmed rhodoholics and veteran rhododendron collectors. These will be taught by Douglas Justice, the Associate Director and Curator of Collections at UBC Botanical Garden.

REGISTRATION AND COSTS:

The conference registration fee is \$155* (in both Canadian and US dollars) and includes:

- Six ninety-minute learning sessions at either Level 1 or Level 2
- A folder of notes from all 6 sessions
- Saturday and Sunday lunches and coffee breaks
- Free admission to UBC Botanical Garden (not including the tree-top canopy walk)
- Complimentary parking at UBC Botanical Garden
- Rhododendron experts leading the Friday garden tours

* Register before the end of 2009 and the fee is \$130!

Don has put both the Conference details and the registration form on our web site at www.arscascade.org.

Randy Jones, President

A GREAT HONOR FOR DAVID HUGHES

David Hughes, President of the Hungarian American Chamber of Commerce in Seattle, WA was awarded with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the



Republic of Hungary for his activities in the field of development of U.S.-Hungarian economic and commercial relations, and for his promotion of the Hungarian political and economic democratization process.

Ambassador Ferenc Somogyi presented the state award at the Embassy of Hungary on Friday, June 19 personally to Mr. Hughes who was accompanied by his wife, his three daughters, and a family friend.

Posted from the Hungarian Embassy web site.
Editor (Way to Go, David!)

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Board Meetings are usually held on the **Monday following our Chapter Meeting** at Bob and Coleen George's house. Any member is welcome at the Board Meeting. If you have an idea or agenda item that you believe the Board should consider, please call Randy Jones. Or just come and see what goes on behind the scenes.

CASCADE CHAPTER 2009—2010 CALENDAR

YEAR MONTH - DAY EVENT

2009	October 8-10	Plant sale—Nolan Blansit—Cottage Grove, OR—See article
2009	October 13	Cascade Chapter Meeting— <u>First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue</u>
2009	October 23-25	ARS Eastern Fall Regional—ARS Board Meeting—Lionville, PA
2009	November 10	Cascade Chapter Meeting
2009	December 8	Cascade Chapter Meeting
2010	April 9-11	The Ultimate Rhododendron Conference, UBC Botanical Garden, Vancouver
2010	May 14-17	ARS Annual Convention, Long Island, NY
2010	October 10 - 14	ARS Western Regional Conference, Florence, OR