

California Chapter AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY CAL CHAPTER NEWS

There is **no** April 2011 Members' Meeting.

But... Our **Annual Flower Show & Sale** is Saturday April 9.

Location:

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave.
Oakland

Time: (open to public)

Saturday, April 9

Sale: 10:00 – 4:00

Show: 12:00 – 4:00

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Volunteers are needed – We can't put on a Show & Sale without You!

Friday, April 8

Setup: 3:00 – 5:00

Saturday, April 9

Registration: 8:00 – 10:00

Judging: 10:00 – Noon

Sales: 10:00 – 4:00 (2-hour shifts)

Greeters: 10:00 – 4:00

Takedown: 4:00 – 5:30

2011 CAL CHAPTER

Annual Show & Sale – Saturday, April 9.

This year's Show and Sale will be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center (Cal Chapter's meeting place in Oakland). The Show and Sale is our biggest event of the year, and it is always a lot of fun for all. Volunteers are needed – *you do not have to be an expert to help with the show or sale.* There is a job for everyone.

Please volunteer by leaving a message for with our Show Chairman, Primo Facchini, at (510) 548-2474.

Lunch is provided for all judges, clerks, and volunteers.

Note: *Volunteers on the 12:00 to 2:00 shift can eat lunch at 11:30.*



Best of Show 2010

Jerry Harris' R. "Fragrantissimum Improved"
Picture by Marvin Larsen

Two views of our
2010 Show's
Best Floral Arrangement
by Don Selcer

Pictures by Marvin Larsen



Setup is Friday afternoon (4/8) starting at 3:00pm. We should finish in a couple of hours. This involves setting up all the tables, with the tablecloths, and filling and placing the water bottles for the trusses.

Registration begins Saturday (4/9) at 8:00am. This involves putting the information from the entrants on to the entry cards and placement of the flower trusses on the tables. We can use many members to help with this really enjoyable task.

Takedown begins Saturday (4/9) at 4:00pm. The bonus of helping with Takedown is that those trusses (that were going to be thrown away) can be taken home for cuttings. Many of us have beautiful plants that came from those cuttings in past shows.

The Plant Sale, open to the public, is 10:00-4:00 on Saturday. Plant Sale volunteers assist visitors with questions or help at the sales tables (generally, 2-hour shifts).

Our Sale will include a nice selection of Vireyas and fragrant rhododendrons.

Bring your friends – our prices are excellent!

Greeters are needed. We need greeters at the door for all the time periods the show or sale is open to the public (10:00-4:00 on Saturday).

Bring your flowers – Trusses, Sprays, Plants, or Arrangements – Saturday morning (8:00-9:30am). You can bring them on Friday (3:00-5:00pm). Without the plant material, there is no show... Don't be shy! Even an imperfect flower may be the only one of its type at the show. It is important that we show a good cross section of flowers and plants that are available in our part of the world.

Entries for the Show:

Please, please try to get your entries in as early as possible, hopefully between 8:00 and 9:30 on Saturday morning, and certainly by 10:00am as judging must begin as soon after 10:00am as possible so that the public can enter by noon. If you are to have more than a few entries, please contact Paul Anderson at (707) 258-1747 for registration cards that you can fill out in advance.



R. hongkongense
Don Selcer's Azaleastrum Section, 2010 Blue Ribbon Winner
Picture by Marvin Larsen

Don't forget some of the neglected but worthwhile and fun categories:

1. Sprays- 2 or more trusses on a branch. These are impressive and a great chance to prune your rhody too.
2. Plants- Have a nice plant in a pot? A bonsai? With or without flowers, bring it in!
3. Arrangements- either all rhododendrons, or mixed with some rhododendrons. Your arrangement can be big or subtle and tiny. We'd love to see it.
4. Foliage- Bring in a whorl or a spray of foliage in any of the four categories, which encompasses all rhododendrons: glabrous (smooth), bullate (puckered), indumented (furry or hairy, usually on the leaf underside), and big leaf (subsections *grandia* or *falconera* or their hybrids).

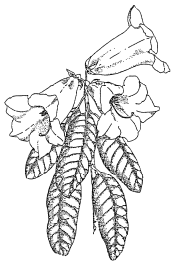
Plant Doctor – Our Cal Chapter plant expert (and President), Elaine Sedlack, who works at the University of California Botanical Garden (UCBG), will be setup at the show and will educate us on the common (and some not-so-common) plant diseases and problems. Bring samples from your “problem” plants (in Ziploc bags, please) and ask Elaine about them.

Elaine will also be discussing planting mediums and soil amendments

Mark your calendar for future Cal Chapter and other ARS events!

April 9, 2011	California Chapter Show
April 16, 2011	DeAnza Chapter Plant Sale
April 29 – May 1, 2011	Eureka Chapter Show & Plant Sale, Eureka, California
April 30 & May 1, 2011	Noyo Chapter Show & Plant Sale, Fort Bragg, California
May 11-15, 2011	ARS Annual Convention, Vancouver, Washington – Hosted by District 4
*May 19, 2011	Journey to Tibet – Phil Danielson
*June 16, 2011	California Chapter Members' Meeting – our Annual Potluck Dinner

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