

California Chapter
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY
CAL CHAPTER NEWS

Members Meeting
Thursday, June 17, 2010
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue, Oakland

This is our
Annual Potluck Dinner
Setup begins at 5:30pm.
Drinks and Appetizers at 6:00pm
Dinner is at 6:30pm.

Please Note that the City of Oakland now charges for parking in the Lakeside Park area.

Cal Chapter will reimburse you for the \$2.00 cost
(See Marvin Larsen)

Annual Potluck Dinner

The June meeting is our annual potluck dinner. It is one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Don't miss it!!

Cal Chapter will furnish ham, coffee/tea/soft drinks/ wine, cups, glasses, plates, and utensils. We will need to bring the remainder, including **appetizers, salads, vegetables, dessert, and bread** – each of us will bring something from this list and enough for 6-8 people.

May Meeting: *Asian Garden Design*

We were privileged to have Paula Trinoskey of Eureka tell us about *Asian Garden Design*. Paula is a member of Eureka Chapter and a former member and Board Member of Cal Chapter. She gave us a brief history and philosophy behind the designs of Chinese and Japanese gardens. Her pictures were beautiful, and they each demonstrated some of the basic elements of Asian garden design.

March Meeting: We must give special thanks to Paul Anderson, who, at the last minute, replaced our scheduled (but ill) speaker at our March Members' Meeting. Paul gave us an excellent program about the gardens he visited on his trip to Australia and New Zealand last November (2009).

Congratulations to Paul Anderson for receiving the American Rhododendron Society Silver Medal at the May 16, 2010, Society Conference in Ronkonkoma, New York. Silver awards recognize significant regional contributions.

Silver Medal Award: Paul Anderson

You have served the American Rhododendron Society with distinction since you joined in 1964. You are a Life member and have served as president of the Eureka Chapter and California Chapter. You have served as District 5 Director and currently serve as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. You were instrumental in establishing two new chapters, Eureka and Hawaii.

You have worked untold hours toward furthering the aspirations and goals of the ARS to the benefit of every society member who has had the pleasure of attending a meeting where you have given a program, or visiting your garden.

For your years of untiring and dedicated service, the American Rhododendron Society is pleased to award the Silver Medal to Paul Anderson, M. D.

Hybridizing: Have you ever hybridized rhododendrons or other plants? I have not for one simple reason –I have not been successful growing plants from seed (Unfortunately, this does not happen with weeds in my garden). Hybridizing is an interesting hobby, and it does have its rewards. And, the rewards are shared with others, as most of us do have hybrids in our gardens.

Two of our members, Bill Moyles and John Koelsch, recently shared pictures of some of their hybrids.

The picture below is of John's, and it was blooming in his garden on April 28, 2010. It was the third blooming cycle after making the cross 15 years ago. He will be registering it soon.



R. burmanicum 'KW' x *R.* 'Mi Amor'
Hybrid & Picture by John Koelsch

Bill's *R.* 'SpringGold' is newly registered, and it was informally known as "The Winner." It has won several awards at Cal Chapter Shows, including *Best New Hybrid* in 1999.



R. 'SpringGold'
R. 'Saffron Prince' x *R. dalhousiae*
Hybrid & Picture by Bill Moyles
[Informally known as "The Winner"]

Bill has another hybrid that he will soon register. He did not make the cross, but he did grow the seed which was from Australia.



R. championae x *R. ellipticum*
Seed grown by Bill Moyles
Picture by Bill Moyles



Christy Hartsell's Vireya Display
Picture by Elaine Sedlack

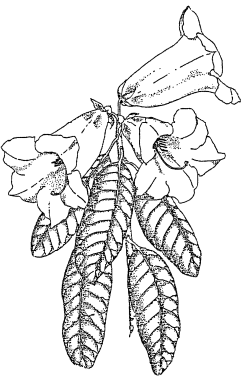
The above picture is of Christy Hartsell's vireya display at Noyo Chapter's 2010 Show. Christy loves vireyas, and this display is one of his ways of promoting them in the rhododendron world. His promotions have extended to Cal Chapter, as he has been sharing trusses with us at many of our meetings and displaying flowers and plants at our shows. Christy is a member of DeAnza Chapter and an Associate Member of Cal Chapter. Thank you Christy!

As a reminder, June is our last meeting until next fall.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and we'll see you in September!

Mark your calendar for future Cal Chapter events!

- *June 17, 2010 California Chapter Members' Meeting – our Annual Potluck Dinner**
 - *Sept 16, 2010 California Chapter Members' Meeting – Ted Kipping of San Francisco**
 - *Oct 21, 2010 California Chapter Members' Meeting – Jan Washburn, UC Entomologist**
 - *Nov 18, 2010 Frank Fujioka's Garden on Whidbey Island – Tim Walsh, Eureka, District 5 Director**
 - *Jan 20, 2011 Vireya Rhododendrons at Strybing Arboretum – Nan Ray & Christy Hartsell**
- * Denotes Chapter Members' Meeting**



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