

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

## *Eureka Chapter*

*The next meeting*  
**Thursday April 26 , 7:00 p.m.**  
*Woman's Club*  
*1531 J Street*  
*Eureka, California*

*Pre-Meeting No Host Dinner 5:15*  
**Gonsea, 2335 4th Street**  
*Near Target*  
**Call Nelda, 707-443-8049**  
*for a reservation so there will be enough*  
*seating*



**APRIL 2012**

# **RHODO 101**

The **Thursday April 26** meeting of the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will feature **3 mini seminars on Rhododendrons and Azaleas**. The meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club 1531 J Street, Eureka**.

**Don Wallace** will take half the participants to talk about **"6 Steps to Success with Rhododendrons and Azaleas"**. **Bruce Palmer** and **Nelda Palmer** will take the other half; Bruce will use his microscope connected to his computer to show the fascinating **structures of Rhododendrons** that can not be seen with the unaided eye, **Nelda** will show **how to prepare your Rhododendron and Azalea** flowers for display at the **40th Anniversary Rhododendron Show and Sale** taking place **April 27th through 29th** at **St. Bernard's Elementary School** in Eureka.

After a break for refreshment and fellowship the programs will be repeated. Afterwards the raffle, door prize and Auction will take place.

This will be a great meeting to bring your friends and neighbors to as **NO QUESTION** will be too elementary. Ask **EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RHODODENDRONS AND AZALEAS**. Did you know that all Azaleas are Rhododendrons...but not all Rhododendrons are Azaleas, what is the difference and how can you tell?

**Be ready to benefit from a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening evening.**

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## Rh. 'Pink Pinwheels'



### Plant of the Month *Rhododendron* 'Pink Pinwheels'

By Don Wallace

Created by Frank Fujioka of Whidbey Island, and famous for being the creator of such award winning rhododendrons as 'Seaview Sunset', 'Pomegranate Splash', and 'Starbright Champagne'. This new plant was registered with the American Rhododendron Society just a couple of years ago, and has some amazing qualities. *Rhododendron* 'Pink Pinwheels' is a cross of *Rhododendron* 'Flirt' x *Rhododendron* 'Noyo Chief'. The first parent R. 'Flirt' is a *Rhododendron yakushimanum* hybrid, so brings in some dwarfing characteris-

tics, while the other parent, R. 'Noyo Chief' imparts shiny foliage characteristics. The plant will grow to 3 ft. tall and 4-5 ft. wide in 10 years. In some shade the leaves will be extraordinary! Here is foliage that is shiny and a very dark green that holds for 3-4 years, making it a very full plant. The flowers are very much 'pink pinwheels', with the overlapping pink and white wavy edges reminiscent of a colorful pinwheel spinning on the end of a stick. We are fortunate to be able to acquire these new rhododendrons and share them with our members.

It is **Show Time! April 27 to 29** at St. Bernard's Elementary School at 115 Henderson in Eureka. Come buy plants, see the show flowers including the Bonsai Society's display and watch the Rhododendron Parade.

**ENTER Flowers and Plants, Photographs, Flower Arrangements and Educational Displays Friday April 27th from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday April 28th from 7 to 9 a.m. No entries will be accepted after 9 a.m. Saturday.**

## The 40th Annual Rhododendron Show and Plant Sale

*By Nelda Palmer and Mary Marking*

My gosh! Is it that time already?? Our rhodies are just beginning to show color. We may have 'MI Amor' and 'Southern Cloud'. And, if the weather warms a bit, who knows what the garden will provide? Lots of buds but not much time left. We would really like to have at least **3 trusses from each member**. Can you imagine how wonderful the tables will look??

Location: Miles Hall, St. Bernard's Elementary School at 115 Henderson Street, Eureka, California.

**Open to the public: Saturday April 28th from 10 to 4 and Sunday April 29th from 10 to 3:30.** Your friends, relatives, neighbors and the public are encouraged to enter trusses.

**Trusses will be accepted for display from 6 PM until 9 PM on Friday and from 7 AM until 9 AM on Saturday. No entries will be accepted after 9 AM.**

**Set up will begin at 3:00 PM on Friday the 29th for those of you who are planning to help.** We will need the most help with filling the bottles for the trusses. You can also bring your trusses, plants, educational displays, flower arrangements and photos at that time but they will not be accepted for display until 6 PM. Be sure they have plenty of water and the stems are cut long enough to allow the most water to get into the truss. Sheets will be ready for covering the tables and risers.

**For the plant sale:** helping hands will be needed to unload the trailer full of plants. Tim and Don will be there to unload and supervise.

Anyone can **enter trusses and plants**. If you have a **special plant** that can be dug or is in a pot, bring it in. Also, don't forget there is an **Education category**. We have had some really interesting displays in the past. The **photography** has been a well-filled section. Be sure the **photos are matted and not framed**. Carol Dunning will be happy to receive any and all entries for the **flower arrangements**. We should have that table at the front of the hall simply full of arrangements. Remember, that if you don't believe your flowers are "good enough" for judging, bring them anyway. They will look great as examples of the type of rhododendron they are. They can also fill in the spaces on the tables after the judging. We need all we can get.

The **Bonsai Society** will be sharing our show space again this year for added appeal.

This is a great time for everyone to participate, bring your family, friends and neighbors. People who join will be able to have their **choice of a free one-gallon plant** from the plant sale for their paid thru 2013 membership!



## WORD OF THE MONTH

*By President Bruce Palmer*

The show is coming up rapidly. Nearly everybody in the chapter has **April 27, 28 & 29** marked on calendars thanks to Gayle Teter's persistence with signing up volunteers. Mary Marking and the rest of us appreciate your willingness to help with the show. This month's word is related to one more thing you are asked to do to make the show a resounding success. The word this month is **MUD**. We thought it was never going to appear in our gardens this year, but it's here now, big time. Maybe there will be enough rain for the year after all. That's not why **mud** is the word this month. Your name will be **Mud** if you don't bring some flowers or other displays to the show this year. The term "your name is mud" is usually thought to refer to Dr. Samuel Mudd and his treatment of President Lincoln's assassin, but its original use was more than forty years earlier, in 1823. It's still appropriate today. In addition to your volunteer time during the show, **PLEASE** help us put on a good, complete show for the public on **April 28 and 29**; the show will be magnificent. Your trusses and plants don't need to be perfect; the main object is education, not competition. You will be rewarded for your efforts by seeing your entries among the others. The public is always impressed and we are too.

## Chapter Awards Bronze to Verne Trinoskey

At the March meeting Jerry Reynolds presided over a very special Bronze Medal Award presentation. As he read out the citation Verne Trinoskey grinned, in spite of himself. The citation reads;

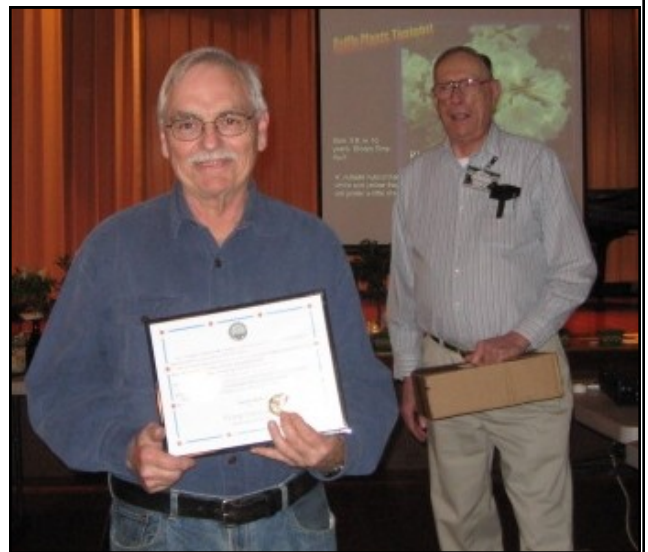
"As a "dragee" to the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, you have been an important part of the chapter's activities.

You have provided housing for our annual truss show judges and served as host and chef for their post-show lunches and garden tours.

You are there as part of the set-up crew for the annual truss show and always return at the end to help with take down and clean-up chores.

You have welcomed members into your garden during many of our annual garden tours and allowed us to hold plant sales in your front yard.

For your dedicated and selfless service, the Eureka Chapter is proud to award the **Bronze Medal to Verne Trinoskey**".



# Mark your calendars for this year's Members' Garden Tour and Potluck Sunday June 3rd

## Chapter Awards Bronze to Paula Trinoskey

At the March meeting Jerry Reynolds presided over a very special Bronze Medal Award presentation. Past President Paula Trinoskey received the award for her years of participation and work with the Eureka Chapter.

The citation reads;

“Since you joined the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, you have been an inspiration to all members. You have served as a board member, vice president, president and as past president.

You have provided housing for our annual truss show judges and served as hostess for their post-show garden tours and lunches.

You are there as part of the set-up crew for the annual truss show and always return at the end to help with take down and clean-up chores. You're also a

consistent exhibitor for the show, have judged other chapters' flower shows and given excellent programs both at Eureka Chapter and at other chapters.

For your dedicated and selfless service, the Eureka Chapter is proud to award

**The Bronze Medal to Paula Trinoskey.”**



Evelyn Giddings (left) President of Humboldt Botanical Gardens presented the Irene Van Natter Award for service to Eureka Chapter member **Mary Gearhart** (right) at the March Volunteer Appreciation BBQ held at the HBG greenhouse.

Twelve members of the Eureka Chapter who are regular volunteers, weeding,

planting, deadheading, propagating, bench maintenance and acting as docents and guides also enjoyed the BBQ. Pictured L-R front Ellen Gill, Jim Gayner, middle June Walsh, Kathy Burtchett, Nelda Palmer, Diane Larkin, Mary Lou Goodwin, Tim Walsh, Ellie Gayner and Mary Gearheart. Hiding in the back-left are George Burtchett and Bruce Palmer.





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April 26, 2012, 7:00 PM	<b>Future Programs</b>
April 27, 28 & 29	<b>Rhodo 101, Don Wallace “6 Steps to Success with Rhododendrons”</b>
May 4 to 7, 2012	<b>Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale</b>
May 24, 2012, 6:00 PM	<b>ARS Annual Convention, Asheville, North Carolina</b>
<b>June 3, 2012 Date Change</b>	Members’ <b>Mini Show</b> and Potluck
September 21 to 23, 2012	Members’ <b>Garden Tour</b> and Potluck picnic
	Western Regional ARS Conference, Nanaimo, BC
	Registration <a href="http://arsnanaimo2012.ca/">http://arsnanaimo2012.ca/</a>

President Bruce Palmer appointed Jerry Reynolds to the Chapter Nominations committee. Elections will be held at the April 26th meeting. Additional Nominations will be accepted from the membership at the meeting. The new slate of Officers will fill their posts beginning with the June 3rd Tour and Potluck.

Nominations are:

President -- Bruce Palmer	Vice President -- Tim Walsh	Secretary -- Gail Ledbetter
Membership -- Trish Ortiz	Treasurer & Newsletter -- June Walsh	Publicity -- Ellie Gayner
Programs -- Don Wallace	Show Co-Chairs: Tom and Mary Marking	
Past President -- Betty Bottemiller		

At-large directors: Max Abrahamsen, Nelda Palmer, Jerry Reynolds  
 Doug Batt, who has served so well has a current obligation with another group which is fulfilled on our meeting dates.

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