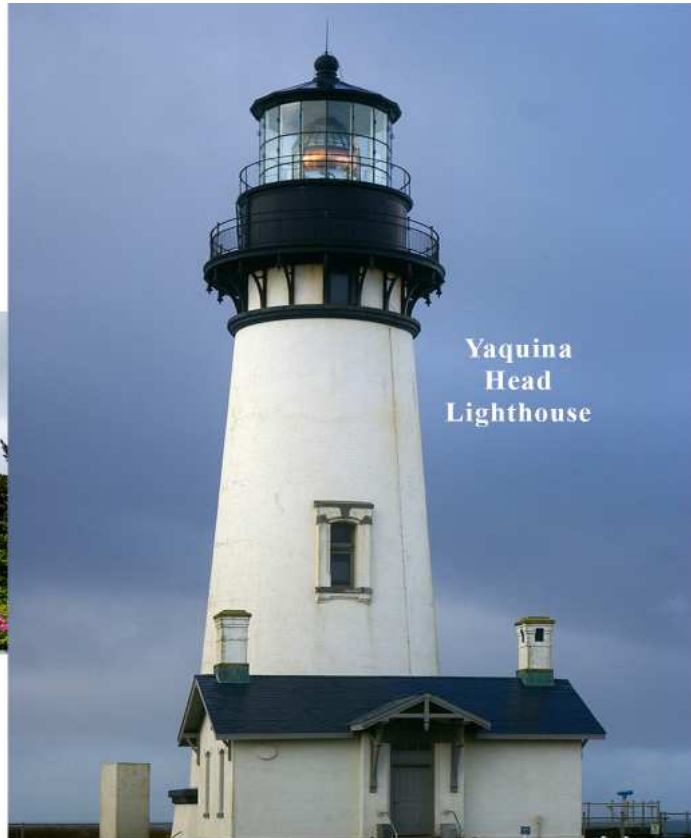


**For the Love of Rhododendrons...
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The 34th Western Regional
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Best Western Agate Beach Inn, Newport, Oregon



Friday, September 30th

- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ARS Board Meeting
- 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM Registration Desk Open
- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Plant Sale Open
- 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM No Host Social
- 6:45 PM - 7:50 PM Welcome & Dinner —
- 8:00 PM - 9:20 PM Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World

Speakers: Introduced by Harold Greer & Mike Stewart
 Don Hyatt — America's Treasure: Our Native Azaleas
 Karel Bernady — German Rhododendron Gardens
 Andrey Karpov — Rhododendrons in Russia
 Mike Stewart — Rhododendrons in Sikkim

For descriptions of each program see next page.

This four part program will show how rhododendrons are grown around the world - from in the wild to small or large gardens. This will be an unusual program and one you will enjoy. We finish our world rhododendron tour on Sunday morning with three more great speakers.

- 9:20 PM - 10:30 PM Plant Sale Open — The key word is "BUY" while the plants are still available!

Saturday, October 1st

- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Registration Desk open
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Plant Sale open
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast with Friends — This is a wonderful chance to spend time with your friends without worrying about getting a table. You'll really enjoy this fabulous buffet.

"How to and More" Clinics — (Note: several repeat)

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
 - A. Success with Rhododendron Cuttings - Dennis Bottemiller
 - B. Digital Photography in the Garden - Don Hyatt
 - C. Camellias: The Revival of an Aristocrat - Robert Herald
 - D. Bonsai with Rhododendrons \$10 fee - Mike Bones
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
 - A. Inherently Nice: Mountain Plants in the Garden - Truls Jensen
 - B. Digital Photography in the Garden - Don Hyatt
 - C. Camellias: The Revival of an Aristocrat - Robert Herald
 - D. Bonsai with Rhododendrons \$10 fee - Mike Bones
- 11:10 AM - 11:55 AM
 - A. Inherently Nice: Mountain Plants in the Garden - Truls Jensen
 - B. Hybridizing Rhododendrons With Goals in Mind - Don Wallace
 - C. Hybridizing for "Big-Leaf" - Richard Flavell
 - D. DIY Seed Grown Rhododendrons - Dennis Bottemiller

12:10 PM - 1:00 PM Speakers Symposium — This is a chance to ask many of our speakers questions, in this up close and personal session. These impromptu sessions are popular at conferences and provide much unexpected knowledge even if you don't have a question.

The afternoon is free to enjoy the beach, the nearby gardens, or the shops in Newport and Lincoln City.

- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM No Host Social
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Buffet, Raffle and Auction Winners
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Azaleas, the Other Rhododendrons
 Speaker: Don Hyatt — Eastern North America is home to more species of the rhododendrons we call azaleas than anywhere in the world. But also in this area are grown the wonderful rhododendrons we know as evergreen azaleas. In this keynote address of the conference, Don will emphasize evergreen azaleas and their beauty and why you will want to include them in your collection no matter where you garden.

- 8:30 PM - 8:50 PM Rhododendrons Up Close and Personal, using both sight and sound presented by Harold Greer

8:50 PM to whenever — Plant Sale and a time to enjoy new and old friends. There is a quiet bar where we can all relax and enjoy our friends.

Sunday, October 2nd

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration & Information Open
- 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Plant Sale open
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast with Friends

"How to and More" Clinics Continue

- 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM
 - A. Grafting Rhododendrons - Karel Bernady
 - B. Hardy Fuchsias - Sandi Jensen
 - C. A Garden Appreciator - Dave Eckerd
 - D. Is Your Big-Leaf Rhododendron Identified Correctly? - Steve Hootman

- 10:15 AM - 10:35 AM
 A Behind the Scenes Tour of the ARS Web Sites
 Speaker Bob Weissman — The Society's Webmaster will take you on a tour of the ARS websites. Long the "go-to" site for rhododendron information, the public site has been redesigned. Finding information is now quick and easy, and visitors come from everywhere. An OARS website tour will reveal why it is now a valuable hub of information. The ARS blog and online archive of ARS Journals and Bulletins will be covered.

- 10:35 AM - 11:15 AM — Rhododendrons & Gardens Around the World - Continued from Friday
 Speakers: Introduced by Mike Stewart
 Linda Derkach — Rhododendrons in the Land of the Long White Cloud - New Zealand
 Steve McCormick & John Stephens — Rhododendrons in South America

For descriptions of each program see next page

- 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM — The Grand Finale of Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World is:
 Rhododendrons from Far Away Places at the RSBG
 Speaker Steve Hootman — Steve will wrap up the convention on Sunday with a lecture discussing the collection of rhododendrons from around the world and their successful introduction into cultivation—specifically at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden.

- 12:00 - 1:00 PM — Back to the Plant Sale for last minute bargains!

Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World

Descriptions of the "Around the World Series" on Friday night and Sunday morning

America's Treasure: Our Native Azaleas

Speaker Don Hyatt - As we begin our program "Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World" on Friday evening, Don Hyatt will be the opening speaker. Nowhere in the world will you find deciduous azaleas that rival our American natives. These fifteen species offer colors and fragrances that are almost beyond description. Don, foremost expert on these beautiful rhododendrons, will show you the magnificent areas where they grow in the wild. You will enjoy Don's energy while he expands your knowledge of a subject that is so dear to his heart.

Rhododendrons in Germany

Speaker Karel Bernady - Germany has a rich tradition with the genus Rhododendron especially in developing hybrids for their beauty of flowers, form and foliage. As part of the "Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World" program, Karel will reflect upon his six rhododendron visits to Germany and highlight some of the nation's must-see gardens. He will also draw some comparisons and differences of rhododendron culture within Germany and North America.

Rhododendrons in Russia

Speaker Andrey Karpov - Russia is thought of as a "cold country" where rhododendrons do not grow, but in actuality, there are parts of Russia that grow rhododendrons very well and there are several native species. Andrey is a founder of rhododendron culture in Russia and knows much about rhododendrons, both native and in gardens. He will show you many of his successes in growing rhododendrons and their beauty in the wild.

Searching for Species Rhododendrons in Sikkim

Speaker Mike Stewart - As part of the "Rhododendrons and Gardens around the World" program, Mike will give you an overview of the rhododendron wonders of Sikkim, a mountainous state in northern India. In 2015, on an adventurous trip there with an RSF sponsored group, the goal was to see as many of the 36 species indigenous to Sikkim as possible. Now you have the opportunity to see a short program of that adventure, with striking photos of breathtaking views and beautiful species rhododendrons in their natural habitat.

Rhododendrons in the Land of the Long White Cloud

Speaker Linda Derkach - As we continue the "Rhododendrons and Gardens Around the World" program on Sunday morning, Linda takes us on a whirlwind tour of the North and South Islands of New Zealand, highlighting the creative efforts of New Zealand's passionate gardeners and their amazing accomplishments. From sub-tropical to cool temperate, everything grows well in this unique part of the world.

Rhododendrons in Southern Chile

Speakers John Stephens and Steve McCormick - A recent travel itinerary took John and Steve to the Lake District of southern Chile in the southern hemisphere's late Spring, November, 2015. They wanted to see if rhododendrons flourished there due to the area's proximity to the Pacific and similar latitude to their home environment in the Pacific Northwest. They were pleased to find a wide variety of rhododendrons in full bloom and will share what they have learned about the history and origins of rhododendrons in the region.

"How To and More" Clinics in Alphabetical Order

This section, always a popular part of the conference, stresses the "how to" and "what with" of growing and enjoying your garden. These clinics are designed to allow you to ask questions and learn directly from the speaker in smaller groups where it is easy to interact with both other participants and the presenter.

A Garden Appreciator

Speaker Dave Eckerdt — Most days find Pat and Dave in their two acre 'collectors' garden which they have named Deerly Missed, or perhaps off visiting an open garden or a public garden, attending a plant conference, or seeking new treasures at a nursery. Dave's talk will share plants, ideas, and garden art from their own garden as well as favorite encounters in their recent travels. Underlying the talk will be Dave's search for a prize winning rhododendron photograph.

American Bonsai with Rhododendrons & Azaleas

Speaker Mike Bones — Mike has been collecting and growing rhododendrons for 54 years. Mike and his wife, Kathy, own a small retail nursery along with his other careers. Mike's flair for bonsai rhododendron and azaleas started about 20 years ago. He proudly displays over 200 different ones. His enthusiasm for his plants is catching. Join in on this "hands-on" workshop; have some fun and create your own bonsai to take home with you. **This seminar requires a \$10 fee to pay for your bonsai.**

Camellias: The Revival of an Aristocrat

Speaker Robert Herald — In the 19th century camellias were considered a "Queen of Flowers", but some interest was lost over the years. But now there is renewed enthusiasm for these aristocrats that flower during the winter months and into early spring. Robert will show and discuss the many flower types and flowering times from fall, through winter to spring. You will see what you have been missing to add color to the garden during the grayest months of the year. All from a knowledgeable speaker who will delight the audience with information and beauty.

Digital Photography in the Garden

Speaker Don Hyatt — Imagine all the wonders of the natural world that you can capture in photographs. Imagine that you have enough knowledge of photography to capture the essence of the natural world. Imagine that you have the opportunity to hear Don Hyatt talk about capturing the natural world in photographs. You do have that opportunity! Don is an enthusiastic teacher and he will give two clinic sessions on digital photography for you to enjoy.

Grafting Rhododendrons

Speaker Karel Bernady — The Plants for Members Program was started by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter in 1986 with the goal of encouraging members to try new rhododendrons. Chapter members participated in the program rooting cuttings and growing them on. Six years ago, the Chapter started grafting rhododendrons to propagate difficult to root varieties. Karel will highlight the process of grafting rhododendrons with unrooted understocks and the lessons learned. He will conduct a workshop to demonstrate the ease of grafting with unrooted understocks of both elepidotes and lepidotes.

Hardy Fuchsias

Speaker Sandra Jensen — For more than 40 years, Sandi has been growing fuchsias. The last 20 years, since she joined the Eugene Fuchsia, Begonia and Geranium Society, she has found very educational. She will pass on to those who attend this hardy fuchsia clinic how best to grow fuchsias and which ones to grow. Sandi will show photos of fuchsias in the ground and of their beautiful flowers as well as how to plant and care for them. Fuchsias are a great addition to our rhododendron gardens to add color when our rhododendrons are not in flower.

Hybridizing Rhododendrons With Goals In Mind

Speaker Don Wallace — Don's program will discuss how to set hybridizing goals that are valuable and achievable, including hybridizing for foliage, flower and fragrance. He will then describe how to search for potential parents to use in reaching those goals. Using his skills as a fine photographer, Don will show photos of the actual outcomes of some crosses after describing the theory and reasons for making those hybrids. Among the fascinating hybrids that Don has developed are R. 'Delta Dawn', R. 'Elegant Dancer', R. 'Briceland', R. 'Candycorn', R. 'Second Show', R. 'Icon', and R. 'Persuasion'

Inherently Nice: Mountain Plants in the Garden

Speaker Truls Jensen — As co-owners of Wild Ginger Farm in Beavercreek, Oregon, Truls and his wife Emma, have shown their expertise in growing alpine, montane and woodland plants. They grow hundreds of unusual alpine and rock garden plants at their nursery. Truls will present techniques of rock gardening that allow mountain plants to grow alongside our favorite genus in our gardens. He will focus on the lean soils in which these special plants like to grow. This is your opportunity to learn valuable concepts about growing alpines from an engaging and talented speaker.

Success with Rhododendron Cuttings

Speaker Dennis Bottemiller — When you want to propagate a certain rhododendron to create a copy of the original, taking cuttings is a very reliable method of propagation. Dennis will focus on the parent plant from which the cuttings come so that there is a greater success in getting the cuttings to root. He will illustrate some of the variables in plant growth, culture and physiology which can be manipulated to our advantage. Dennis will show that paying attention to the details will pay off in the end.

D.I.Y. Seed Grown Rhododendrons

Speaker Dennis Bottemiller — This is a hands-on clinic! Dennis will bring seeds from the RSBG for you to sow in your own container and take home with you. He will talk about what to do and what to avoid in order to raise healthy seedlings. You will get a handout about seed growing. Dennis will additionally talk about producing seeds in your garden, collecting seeds, drying them, sowing them, germinating them, and moving seedlings on to viability as garden or nursery plants.

Karel Bernady is very active in several capacities for the American Rhododendron Society. He is Co-Chair of the Research Committee of the ARS and is the Chairman of the Trustees of the Research Foundation. He also serves on the ARS Endowment Committee. He was awarded the Gold Medal in 2015 for all his years of dedication. Besides completing two terms as ARS Director for District 8, Karel has served as President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter. For his Chapter, he currently Co-Chairs the Plants and Propagation Committee, with responsibility for the Chapter's Plants for Members Program.

Mike Bones is the current President of the Siuslaw Chapter in Florence, Oregon. Florence is located right in the middle of the Oregon Coast which has a mild climate year around, making it a great place to wear the short pants Mike is known for, and to grow rhododendrons. Growing plants on the Central Oregon Coast is different from growing plants elsewhere; beach sand and lots of rain. Mike likes to educate and have fun at all times. He is a Past District Director of Oregon District 4. He loves to do bonsai!

Dennis Bottemiller has been the Propagator and Nursery Manager for the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington, for almost 20 years. In that capacity, he has been rooting cuttings and growing seedlings of plants collected from all over the world. With the RSBG surrounding him, he is inspired with the largest collection of species rhododendrons in North America. Dennis works his magic with tiny seeds and cuttings. Think of all the variables that Dennis needs to take into consideration when propagating plants from a diverse range of temperatures, altitudes, soils and amounts of moisture.

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Hybridizing for "Big-Leafs"

Speaker Richard Flavell — Although rhododendrons are spectacular in flower, it is their foliage that we see most of the year and can be equally impressive. Of all the kinds of rhododendrons, the foliage and flowers of the so-called "Big-leaf" species of the Subsections *Falconera* and *Grandia* are arguably the most dramatic with enormous leaves of spectacular texture. Unfortunately these plants are also relatively tender and can only be grown successfully in the western coastal areas of the USA. To overcome these difficulties, hybridizers have placed many of these beautiful traits into hardy rhododendrons. This has produced many interesting plants that can be grown widely, even in inhospitable climates. This approach can also be used to generate interesting plants even for the milder parts of the country. He will discuss these hybrids.

Is Your Big-Leaf Rhododendron Identified Correctly?

Speaker Steve Hootman — Learn how to tell if your favorite big-leaf rhododendron is actually a hybrid or completely mis-identified. Join with Steve Hootman as he discusses the identification features and characteristics of the fabulous big-leaf rhododendrons. Steve will have samples and images as well as a comprehensive handout. Their successful cultivation will also be discussed.



Speakers

Linda Derkach is President of the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society and is additionally serving as our ARS Secretary. An avid, lifelong gardener, Linda belongs to the Vancouver Island Master Gardeners and the Alpine Gardeners of Vancouver Island. She is also very active as an advocate for people with intellectual disabilities in British Columbia. We are very fortunate to have Linda as our ARS Secretary and as a speaker at this WRRC.

Dave Eckerdt and his wife Pat have created a two acre "collector's" garden named "Deerly Missed" in Salem, Oregon, that has been featured on television and in magazines and newspapers. Dave is the Past President of the Salem Hardy Plant Society, and along with Pat is an active member of the Conifer Society, the International Clematis Society, and several Oregon garden groups. Dave is an engaging speaker and an accomplished photographer. You are in for a treat when you visit their garden online at www.deerlymissed.smugmug.com. Dave and Pat will also Co-Chair the photo contest for this conference.

Richard Flavell grew up in Great Britain where he developed his interest in plants in general and Rhododendrons in particular. He came to Connecticut in 1988 and started his garden. He now lives in Guilford. The 5-acre property is focused on Rhododendrons and temperate trees and shrubs. Initially, with very helpful mentoring by Gustav Mehlquist and lots of good advice from many others including Nick Nickou, he has accumulated a large collection with a particular focus on Rhododendron species. His interest in hybridization has been focused on the "big-leaf" species of the *Grandia* and *Falconera* Subsections. In the winter of 2013/14 he also acquired a mature garden in Florence Oregon, which has greatly expanded the diversity of rhododendrons he grows. Richard Flavell is Sterling Professor of Immunobiology at Yale University School of Medicine, and an Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Speakers continued next page

Speakers Continued

Harold Greer along with his wife Nancy, owned Greer Gardens in Eugene, Oregon, which they recently closed and retired from after 50 years. He is a past president of the American Rhododendron Society, and served on the board of directors for over 25 years. He also holds the title of being the youngest person to ever serve as president of the ARS or to receive a Gold Medal from the ARS. He is the organizing founder of the Western Regional Conferences which happened 37 years ago, so you can guess his current age. As said he is a recipient of the Gold Medal plus two Bronze Medals and is recognized internationally as a rhododendron expert. Harold has contributed enormously to the world of rhododendrons through books, plants, service and dedication. He is an experienced photographer and his pictures have been published in many books and publications including the cover of the Smithsonian Magazine.

Robert Herald has been gardening his entire life. He received a degree in botany from Iowa State University with emphasis on ornamental horticulture. Robert has spent most of his professional career working in public horticulture. He worked for Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, for 17 years, becoming head gardener. Then he took a job to develop a modern plant records system at the Chanticleer Foundation in Pennsylvania. In 2011 he moved to Portland, Oregon. He has a broad range of knowledge of plants and has taught a variety of horticultural subjects.

Steve Hootman is the Executive Director of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way, Washington. Under his direction, the Botanical Garden has become one of the finest and most complete collections of species Rhododendrons in the world. He has led many rhododendron expeditions into Asia and is considered to be one of the world's best collectors and expedition leaders. His knowledge of rhododendrons and many other genera is exceptional. Steve is always willing to speak to rhododendron groups throughout the country and abroad. He is a recipient of the American Rhododendron Society's Gold Medal Award.

Don Hyatt is a nationally and internationally renowned expert on America's native azaleas and rhododendrons. He is a past Director of both the American Rhododendron Society and the Azalea Society of America and in 2012, was the recipient of the prestigious Gold Medal from the ARS. His private garden in the Washington, D.C. area has been featured on national tours and he frequently leads tour groups through groves of native azaleas in the Appalachian Mountains. He is a botanical illustrator, a hybridizer and an award winning educator. Don's gift of storytelling makes his presentations humorous and highly entertaining.

Sandra Jensen has lived in the Coast Range of Oregon her whole life, but when her husband built their home in among fir trees, she had to search for plants that could handle shade. She found fuchsias and begonias, and so began her obsession with fuchsias. Sandi is currently the President and Newsletter Editor of the Eugene Fuchsia, Begonia and Geranium Society and she is the Vice-President and Newsletter Editor of the Siuslaw Chapter of the ARS. This very busy lady grows several hundred different fuchsias!

Truls Jensen is co-owner of Wild Ginger Farm in Beavercreek, Oregon. He is a scientist by training, specializing in the fields of biology and the ecology of medically important mosquitoes. After receiving his Ph.D. in Entomology from University of California, he conducted field research throughout the U.S. for the University of California, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Illinois Natural History survey. After a number of years, he and his wife, Emma Elliot, decided to pursue a different career, following their life-long love of plants. They founded Wild Ginger Farm nursery in 2003. Truls and Emma have a broad interest in plants, but they have chosen to emphasize alpine, montane and woodland plants from around the world. They also feature natives of western North America.

Andrey Karpov lives in Rostov-on-Don in southern Russia. He is a cardiovascular surgeon of world renown and travels the world sharing with and learning from the best surgeons around the world. He also developed a keen interest in rhododendrons in a country that has few native rhododendron species, but has even fewer in gardens. He has imported many rhododendrons from North America. He was a speaker at the 2013 WRRC and his talk was much enjoyed. This is a chance to hear from those we don't have the chance to hear from normally. His talks and pictures are great.

John Stephens devoted his professional career to university level instruction in geography and cartography, to management in two major publishing companies, and to his position as Director of Professional & Continuing Education at the University of Washington. **Steve McCormick's** professional life encompassed positions in marketing in the Los Angeles music industry, in account management for major broadcast companies and as Senior Account Executive of CBS Radio. **John and Steve** retired to Washington State's Long Beach Peninsula in 2013. They purchased a retirement property on Willapa Bay which they found had been a rhododendron nursery created by Dr. J Harold Clarke, one of the early ARS Presidents and a founding member of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Development of the property has focused on the preservation of existing specimens and introducing additional rhododendrons, all with a newfound interest in learning more about the genus.

Mike Stewart is a rhododendron expert from Sandy, Oregon. Along with his wife, Maria, he owns Dover Nursery which is known for its outstanding selection of rhododendrons, both species and hybrids. They also maintain a magnificent private rhododendron garden around their home. Mike is very active in the ARS, having been a President and a Gold Medal recipient. He currently serves as the President of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. He is a gifted and entertaining speaker with excellent photography skills. What he says is always worth hearing!

Don Wallace is the owner of Singing Tree Gardens, a retail nursery in McKinleyville, California. He is the Past President of the Eureka Chapter of the ARS and is very active in his Chapter. Over the past 30 years, Don has hybridized, propagated and grown from seed many rhododendrons. His current interests include hybridizing for fragrance and for new and exciting colors. Also, Don has been involved in photography over 25 years. He travels each year to photograph gardens up and down the West Coast. What a pleasant way to see lots of landscapes and visit with people at the same time!

Bob Weissman is Chairman of the American Rhododendron Society's Electronic Media and Digital Publications Committees. Bob has been the Society's Web Master since 2000. He is a member of the De Anza Chapter in California. After receiving a Ph.D. degree from Stanford University, Bob worked in research at Hewlett-Packard and Agilent Technologies until he retired in 2002. Bob was awarded the Society's Gold Medal in 2008.



Why should I attend the Western Regional & How did it Begin?

First, it will be fun! When a group of plant “lovers” gets together there is always enjoyment. Why else would this have been so successful for 36 years?

Second, it will be educational! This program has a long list of some of the best speakers to be found and they come from all over the world. Few conferences offer this depth and variety.

Third, it is reasonable! Almost any concert or ball game will cost you more for three hours than this will cost for three days.

Fourth, the location of the conference has beautiful views of the ocean and the food is outstanding. What more could you ask?

Fifth, this has something to please everyone, whether you are a neophyte or a long time veteran. Even if your interest is not primarily rhododendrons you will find this a worthwhile event.

Sixth, food! While a 300 person banquet isn't the same as a single fancy dinner, our hotel has done a wonderful job for us in the past and promises to do even better this time. Note the great coastal, fresh seafood cobb salad with crab and shrimp they will provide us on Friday, or pork or chicken if you prefer. On Saturday there is a great buffet! You get value for your money.

Come and join us for this outstanding event, non-ARS members are especially welcome!

This is a “Vacation Conference”, where your family can enjoy the coast, and you can enjoy the conference. It is the best of two worlds, the family at the beach, while you are enjoying your passion for plants. Though we encourage you to stay at our host hotel, which is one of the best hotels on the Oregon coast, we also invite you to bring your RV, camp or stay in one of the many wonderful nearby hotels. Contact the Newport Chamber of Commerce at 1 800 COAST44 or go to www.newportchamber.org/visit/ for more options.

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The Connie Hansen Garden in Lincoln City and the public part of the Gerdemann Garden in Yachats are open for visitors.

And where did the WRRRC begin?

Did you know that the Western Regional Rhododendron Conference started at this favorite location? More than 30 years ago, a couple wandered down the beach and looked up at what is now the Best Western Plus Agate Beach and said it would be nice to get some rhododendron friends together there. Well, it happened and six WRRRCs have been held here. You will not want to miss this wonderful conference.

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Canadians only - special registration \$35 US due to exchange rate

ARS Board Luncheon (open to all to attend) Friday Sept. 30

Banquet: Friday, Sept 30 Please indicate choice of Chicken Picatta or Pork Loin or Seafood Cobb Salad. Check below for Gluten free or Vegetarian

Wave Runner Breakfast Buffet: Saturday, Oct. 1

Banquet: Saturday, Oct. 1 Sundowner Buffet - Prime rib, Salmon, and more! Wow!

Bonsai Clinic - take home a plant in a pot that you will make

Wave Runner Breakfast Buffet: Sunday, Oct. 2

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Plant Sale

Terry Henderson has put together an amazing collection of rhododendrons and companion plants from a wide variety of nurseries. Growers include: , Dover Nursery, Log Cabin Nursery, Rhododendron Species Foundation, Red's Rhodies, Thompson's Nursery, and others.

Raffles and Auctions

A great selection of plants and other garden related items will be raffled and auctioned. These will include a magnificent Quilt that is made by Marjean MacIntyre and several one of a kind exceptional photographs of rhododendrons on canvas.