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Great Lakes Chapter
American Rhododendron Society

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PURPOSE

A nonprofit organization whose aim is to promote in the Great Lakes region the objectives of The American Rhododendron Society, to encourage interest in and dissemination of information about genus rhododendron including azaleas; to provide a medium through which all persons interested may communicate and operate with others of like interest through educational and scientific studies, meetings, publications and similar activities.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held four times each year, on the third weekend of March, May, August and October, unless otherwise indicated.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all persons interested in the growth and culture of rhododendrons and azaleas as per the Chapter By-Laws. Those persons interested in becoming a member should contact the Membership Chairman, Dr. L. Gordon Walters

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Cover:

R. calophyllum, raised from seed by Blossom McBrier
See page 6, GLC News & Views info R. calophyllum

President's Message

"When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock," James Whitcomb Riley 1849-1916

I for one, am eagerly anticipating that touch of fall in the air cool misty mornings, the turning of the leaves, and an occasional rainy autumn day as an antidote to the hot, dry summer we have all experienced. Thanks to timely thunderstorms my rhodies are surviving, but are looking for better days.

Starting next March, 2011 the chapter will take a new tack: switching from the recent successful but no longer viable "Plants for Members" format to a program with an early afternoon workshop followed by an extensive plant auction; attempting to get as many plants in the hands of members as before.

Many thanks to Dr. John Guyton for hosting the August meeting and supplying for our auction seven sets of *Symplocos paniculata* (sapphire berry) a rather rare and hard to find plant. We had a beautiful day to visit the Wade and Gatton Hosta Nursery and Botanical Gardens. The plant auction was more than ample and the evening speaker, Peter Zale, piqued our interest in "New, Useful and Necessary (rare) Plants for the Midwest." I'm sure we all added to our want list.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Oct. 9th at our next meeting in Chautauqua, New York, hosted by Blossom McBrier and the Erie Area Rhodo Group. I understand that Blossom has ordered the perfect fall day for our enjoyment.

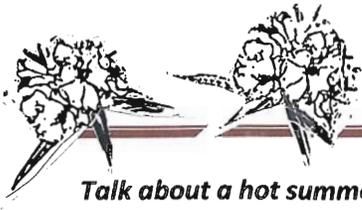
**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Browning**



How to Plant a Rhododendron or Azalea
Choose planting site away from harsh sun and strong wind, with acid organic, well-drained moist soil. Use raised beds in poorly-drained soils or clay. Dig wide hole no deep than rootball. Loosen roots, extend into soil. Backfill gently, water, mulch 2-3 inches deep. Water

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Talk about a hot summer, 2010 must in the running.....Did your Rhodies survive?

The hostas, trees and other plants we saw at the Wade and Gatton Gardens, Bellville, Ohio, Saturday August 14, 2010 showed no signs of stress. Many members had not visited the gardens in many years, the expansion of the area were massive.

Van Wade our host shared with us many of the change's that had taken place. Did you know? Six terraces have been built State Sand # 1. Hostas, 2200 varieties are for sale there are 300-400 Junipers, and they also specialize in daylilies and trees: oak, maple apple, evergreens, etc. They have a total of 1200 acres in lon- range planning stages, 350 acres of we visited. Heat takes the blue out of blue hostas. We walked many paths along the way, (but golf carts were also available for our use) giving us a private explanation of the gardens.

Thank you for the refreshments, your hospitality and the Bonus gift of a plant we all took home with us. We just made it to our cars before a thunder storm came through as we drove back to the Quality Inn and Suites for the Social Hour, Plant Auction, dinner and evening speaker.

Our Auctioneer was Felix Robinson with help from Don Whitney (who is also VERY knowledge in plants, and Tony Pizzino, (photos) as always one of the hardest worker's around, I call him the silent partner.

We sailed through dinner followed by the evening's speaker, Peter Zale, a doctoral candidate at OSU, topic: "New Useful and Necessary Plants" for Midwest Gardens. As a side bar, (no I'm not an attorney) how refreshing to see a YOUNG face enjoying the fruits of his and our labor. I had to ask how he became interested in plants, etc. He said it started in school when he had to find different types of leaves for a school assignment, (been there did that). That opened the door for his

interest in plants. He did share with me that's it's difficult getting young people interested in his field. We all know how hard it is getting young people interested in gardens, plants, etc. His slide show presented us with many of his favorite plants, what plants go together with others, giving a longer flowering period, and a colorful look in a garden. Try the usual stand-by plants along with new ones for a different look. One can tell Magnolia's (75 types) are a favorite of his. We were all given a list of 112 plants that he used in his presentation, while discussing most of them. A very interesting talk about plants: the good, the bad, and the favorites. Thanks go to our Host, Dr. John Guyton for a well planned meeting.

In closing I would like to remind our members that Tony and Annette Pizzino bring to our meetings, the GLC L ending Library books for our use, take advantage of the excellent group of books available to lend.

**Top photo, Susan & Bert Hendley, check out the colorful background Lending Library display. Hosts Joan & John Guyton, Group: Bert, Speaker Peter Zale, John Guyton
Photos Tony Pizzino**



GLC Secretary, Jill Griesse, August, Board Meetings Notes

August 14th, 2010, Mansfield, Ohio

In attendance: Linda Stull, Margaret Corbin, William Glenn, Blanche Browning, Jim Browning, Annette Pizzino, Don Whitney, Bert Hendley, and Jill Griesse.

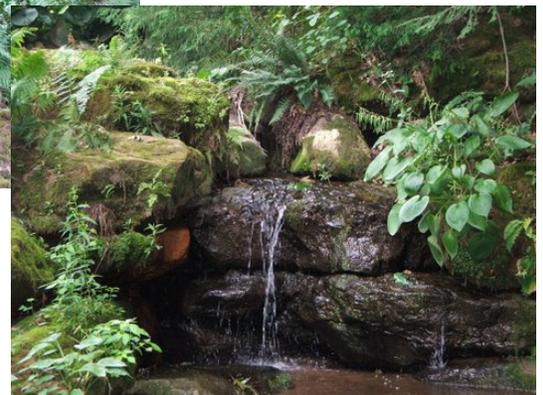
- Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jim Browning
- Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting published in the previous GLC newsletter
- Treasurer's report, prepared by Linda Stull, GLC Treasurer, and passed out and discussed.
- The very successful 50th GLC Anniversary meeting ended up costing about one thousand dollars.
- The plant auction has been supporting our meetings. (Ray can always use cuttings.)
- Move to accept by Jill, second by Bert. Unanimous
- March 2011 meeting – the Berg's are no longer able to host. Jim Browning suggests that we go to a regular auction, instead of plant for members only. (NOTE: NEW SITE, Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio, 3rd weekend in March 2011, previous facility, increased fees by \$500.00), Chapter will donate \$200.00, the amount formerly paid.
- Members can still bring plants for sale, We need more companion plants Jim Browning will contact photographer, Ian Adams for special digital camera workshop. Move to accept report by Bert, second by Annette, Unanimous
- May Truss Show Meeting in Pittsburgh, Jim & Blanche GLC Truss Show Hosts
- October Meeting in Chautauqua on the 9th—Hosts the Erie area Rhodo Group, see newsletter Agenda for events arranged by

Chas & Karen Wagner. March Meeting Hosts, Floyd & Karen Moore (with Annette). Sale of older/new books, another meeting

New

- Suggested to conduct GLC general meeting immediately following the Board Meeting, 11:30-12:00. Discussion to follow at next general meeting
- Adjourned at 10:50
- Jill Griesse, Secretary

Top photo, Van Wade assembles GLC group for tour of Wade/Gatton gardens. Additional photos capture the beauty of the scenic surrounding grounds
Photos Tony Pizzino



In the depth of winter,
I finally learned that within me,
There lay an invincible summer
Albert Camus

R. calophytum Blooms...

Blossom McBrier writes:

This is my mini-research on my plant. Planted seed, at least 12 years ago, (my husband was alive). It has been living in a lath house (50 – 50) growing bigger and bigger—always having luxurious new growth. I was always hoping some buds were flowers, but alas, only new leaves, in a spiral form. Then 10th of May 2010 it burst into blooms—the most beautiful I have ever seen. I called our members that are in my area and we had a christening party. How glad I am, I didn’t discard the plant two years ago. I was advised to wait a little longer, not to move it—big as it is. I will “slip” it this month. It appears to be covered with flower buds—I’ll keep my fingers crossed! I thank Doug Irish-Hosler for the seed. Blossom McBrier

(See above species photos, description & credits, cover and back page.)

Historical Note:

“100 Flowers,” by Diana Wells in her chapter devoted to RHODODENDRONS comments: Joseph Hooker introduced Himalayan rhododendrons to Britain, which captivated the imagination of many, including Lionel Rothschild-“a great collector... When the Rhododendron calophytum first flowered at Wakehurst Place (now a branch of Kew), Lord Rothschild, Lord Aberconway, and Gerald Loder were seen in procession, walking round and round the bush, raising their hats to it.”

An interesting peek into the past. (see pages 184-86, “100 Flowers.” 2010)

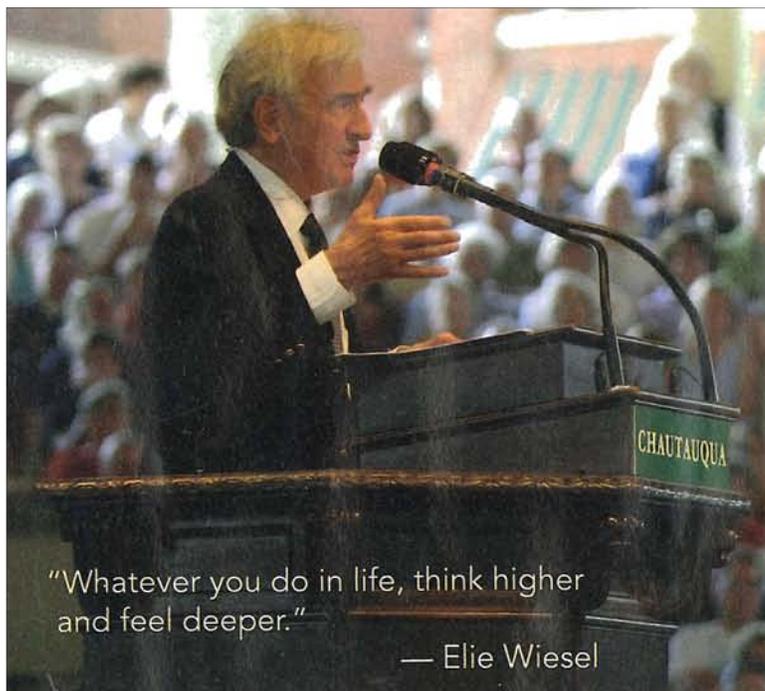
Yet everything is accomplished. Nature does not hurry.

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Chautauqua Country Visitors Guide-describes Chautauqua Institution—a festival for the mind, body and spirit.

A summer center that encompasses the arts, education, religion and recreation; ...where some of the leading thinkers come to speak ... a place where music, dance, opera, theater and the visual arts create the “Chautauqua Mix.” www.ciweb.org 800.836.ARTS Chautauqua, NY

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“Whatever you do in life, think higher and feel deeper.”

— Elie Wiesel

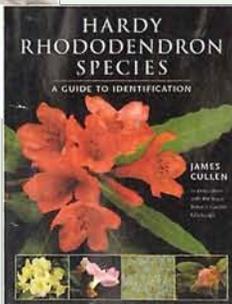
Rhododendron love companions...

The careful selection of colorful blooming spring, summer, and fall companion plants, trees, and native wildflowers can enhance, and compliment the many handsome shades of green in a rhododendron garden. First companions can be-- the near endless variety of deer-proof daffodils. (Remember Bob Blough's "river of daffodils?") And when the parade- of- daffodils wane— rhododendron companions can take center stage. It's all about adding color and seasonal interest.

Vicki Ferreniea's book, *Wildflowers in your Garden*, ("A Main Selection of the Garden Book Club") is described as, an "indispensable mini-encyclopedia of the best wildflowers to grow in your garden, along with companion plants such as ferns, shrubs, and small trees.. 170 color photographs."

Check out the GLC Lending Library:

New titles, old favorites, review rhodo/species culture. **Lot of great photos** - review what can be added as companions: wildflowers, magnolias, ferns, hydrangeas, Japanese Maples, conifers, daylilies, encyclopedia of hostas—more! Videos available to lend. Members can borrow books October meeting--return next meeting. **CHECK US OUT**



"Rhododendron! Rhododendron! Beautiful are not only roses, Beautiful also are large volumes of poetry and Prose! Rhododendron! Rhododendron!"

Afanasy Fet *Tales of The Rose Tree*

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May 31, 2010

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Dear Ms. Stull:

Thank you for the generous gift of \$300.00 made by the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society to The Holden Arboretum and the additional honorarium gift of \$200.00 for Clem Hamilton as speaker for the Truss Show. The Board of Directors and staff at Holden are truly grateful for your thoughtful support of Holden's mission and programs. We are so appreciative that Holden continues to be high on your list of important non-profit organizations in Northeast Ohio.

We are committed to being fiscally responsible with each and every gift that we receive. We will continue to provide outstanding programs that advance Holden's vision of a Northeast Ohio in which trees, forests, and gardens provide maximum ecological and social benefits to the region's people and communities.

Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to grow trees and communities, conserve native forests and engage children with plants.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Eichenauer
Director of Development

P.S. This serves as your receipt for tax purposes. This gift is fully tax-deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Holden. Hope you enjoyed your time at Holden.



Great Lakes Chapter Meeting – October 9th 2010 – Chautauqua Institute

Date: Saturday, October 9th

Place: WEBB'S RESORT
115 West Lake Road
Mayville, NY 14757
716.753.2161

Host: Erie Area Rhodo Group

Places to Stay

WEBB'S RESORT (ADDRESS, PHONE LEFT)
Rooms \$119.99 & up, book early if ground floor needed.
Mention "Rhododendron Society"

Chautauqua Suites
215 West Lake Road, Mayville, NY
Rooms \$110.00 & up
www.chautauquasuites.com

Agenda:

11:30 – 1:00 pm **GLC Board Meeting** – Mazza Chautauqua Cellars & Café. Wine tasting and the café will be available for lunch. 4717 Chautauqua Stedman Road (Route 33) Mayville, NY 14757 716.269.3000 mcc.mazzawines.com

1:00 4:00 pm **Guided Tour of Historic Chautauqua Institute**
www.ciweb.org

4:30 – 6:00 pm **GLC Business, Plant Sale, Social Hour***
Bring Plants!! (*Restaurant site)

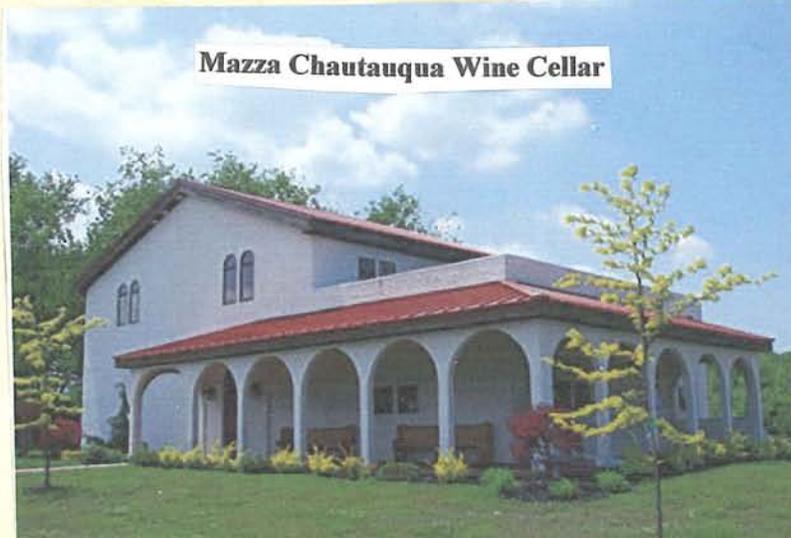
6:00 – 7:00 pm **Dinner, Webb's Captain's Table Restaurant**

7:30 – 8:30 pm **Evening Program: Speakers:**
Steve Krebs and Blossom McBrier will present highlights of The International Rhododendron Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland. Slides: including famous gardens/Edinburgh Botanical Garden – more.

Dinner Choices

-----Chicken Chautauqua ----\$28.00
-----Roast Pork Tenderloin ----\$28.00
Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce
-----Fresh Boston Scrod ----\$26.00
-----Vegetable Lasagna ----\$26.00

TOTAL \$ _____



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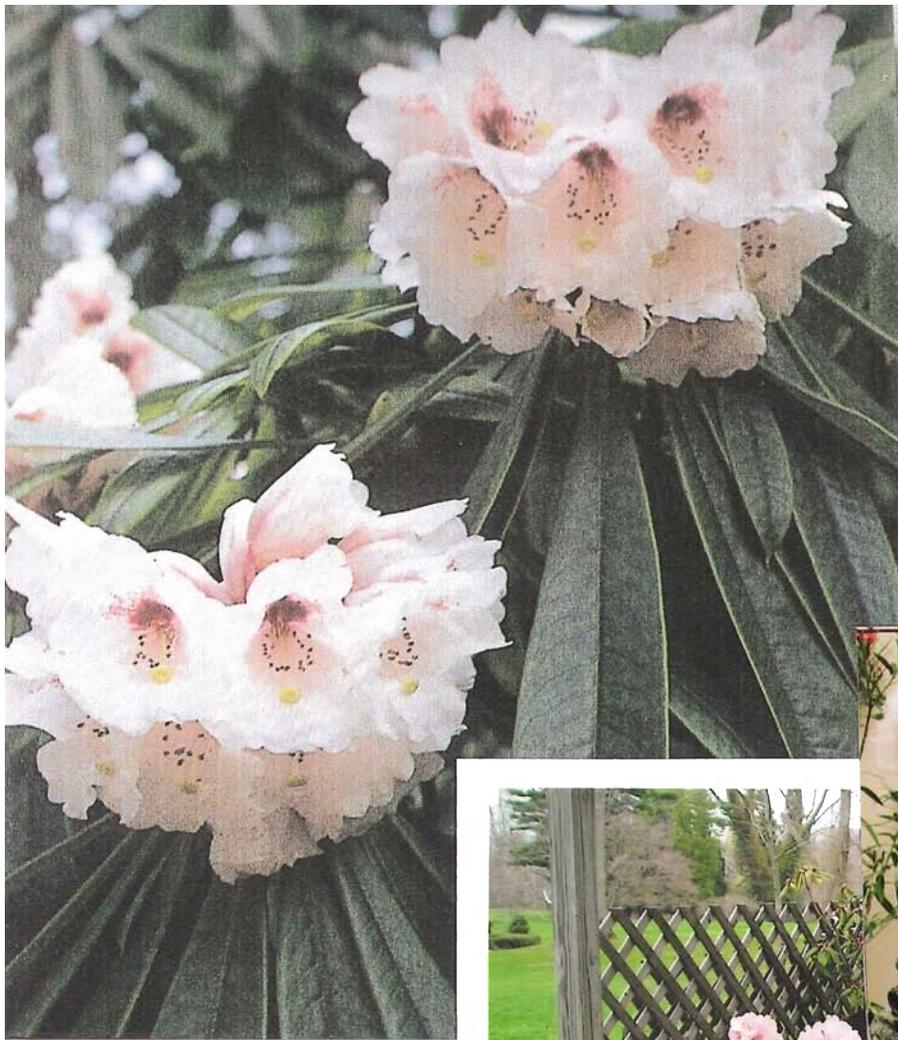
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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower"

Albert Camus



R. calophytum, (Franch), is one of the hardiest of the really large growing species, worth trying in severe climates, with adequate shelter. It is long lived, quite common in cultivation and can form a magnificent, free-flowering umbrella shaped tree. Introduced, 1904-10 and reintroduced 1980.

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