

# Rhododendron

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**Great Lakes Chapter  
American Rhododendron Society**

# GREAT LAKES CHAPTER/ARS

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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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Books: Rhododendrons, azaleas, companion plants, and other informative plant info, plus videos, DVD's, slides

Cover:

R. 'Consolini's Windmill'

Multi-colored red, picotee-type, fast grower, good habit, best in dappled shade.

Photo by Paul Halapin

## Presidents's Message

*Time flies when you're having fun! It seems like just yesterday when Jill and Paul Griesse Hosted the 2009 Truss Show and treated us with their gracious hospitality to the big roast, George Dorner, the Daffodil Society President as speaker, and the reception next day at the home of Holly and Park Shai, and their breathtaking backyard vista; the August meeting, (Host Pizzinos) touring the Fellows Riverside Garden in Youngstown, Ohio (what seemed like an unlikely spot), the concurrent Dahlia Society flower show, and the last time we saw Hank Schannen with his wise words on Rhododendron hybrids; the lovely gardens of Peggy Rae and Carl Sutherland in Sewickley, PA (Host Beth Genter), at the October meeting; the last of the Berg's Plants for Member's meetings in March, 2010 aided by the computer expertise of Steve Sohner and Bob Stout and the professorial lecture on "How Plants got their Names" by Tony Reznick; the GLC 50th anniversary (Host Annette & Tony Pizzino) at The Holden Arboretum, (30 visitors from Ann Arbor/ARS Chapter), Marge and Harry Johnson winning Best in Show with their truss of Trude Webster, dinner Pine Ridge Country Club, speaker Clement Hamilton, President and CEO of The Holden Arboretum; The August meeting at the Wade and Gatten Hosta Nursery, (Host John & Joan Guyton), with speaker Peter Zale expounding on (New and Useful Plants for Midwest gardens); Beautiful Chautauqua in October, (Hosts McBrier & Wagners), the presentation of "Scottish Rhododendrons" by Blossom McBrier and Steve Krebs; the giant plant sale last March with the generous and ample supply of plants by Ray Walyko and Floyd Moore, the expert auctioneering of Felix Robinson, and the presentation of Spike & Kay Walters' DVD "A Spring Walk in the Walters' Woods"—and finally the recent Truss Show, (Host Jim & Blanche Browning) in Pittsburgh at D'Imperio's restaurant, mother nature's gift of a perfect spring day for the garden tour, "the first sunny day in the previous 3 weeks!" and speaker Bert Hendley's portrayal of his impressive Mission Oak's Garden in Zanesville, Ohio.*

*All the events in this warm reminiscence were chronicled by Annette Pizzino and contributors in the GLC newsletter "Rhododendron" which must be the best in the ARS. May the good times continue with our new President Chas Wagner, at the helm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jim Browning*

*"He who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth is generally considered a fortunate person, but his good fortune is small compared to that of the happy mortal who enters this world with a passion for flowers in his soul..." from "An Island Garden" -Celia Thaxter amp*

**Appreciative note: Bev Berg long time Nominating Chair; Spike Walters loyal Membership Chair, Harold Berg Truss Show results, and Linda Stull, GLC Webmaster—who presents us to the world. THUMBS UP!! amp**

## *“Bits by Bev”*

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Finally the SUN returned after so many week’s of rain in April and continuing into May First let me compliment Dr. Spike Walters on his “Bit by Bev” proxy, excellent job, the penalty for your success the permanent taking over of the “Bits,” how does “Spike Speaks” sound?

Their really is no rule on where to have a Chapter Truss Show, our President, Dr. Jim and Blanche Browning came up with an unique idea. The Great Lakes Chapter’s 51st Rhododendron Show was held May 21, 2011 at the D’Imperio’s Restaurant and Café in Pittsburgh, PA. The restaurant had a very large enclosed patio, ideal for such an occasion. Their staff was very helpful and accommodating. When we arrived, a big platter of fruits, cookies, coffee cakes etc., were there for the taking along with one’s choice of beverage.

One hundred twelve trusses were entered into the show this year: “Pinks” again were the most popular entry color. The judges awarded 16 first and 16 seconds, the winning categories can be seen in another section, a big thanks goes out to Dan Baughman, Harold Berg, Bruce and Cathy Bradley, Dr. Jim and Blanche Browning, Jane Konrad, and Annette Pizzino for all your help in judging and scribing.

Following lunch on our own, we were invited to a garden tour at the home of Dr. Jim and Blanche Browning, I will share with you what I said to my driver as we approached the long breath-taking driveway, “OH MY GOD.” A large number of mature Rhodies were in full bloom on their spacious grounds. Their driveway appeared on the front cover of the May, 2011 GLC Newsletter.

To the Browning’s thank you for your hospitality and for sharing the beauty of your garden with us, it will long be remembered!

Back to the restaurant for the plant auction, the auctioneer Chas Wagner, assisted by Dr. Jim Browning, Blanche Browning and Susan Hendley handled the book work.

Before dinner the awards were passed out to all the truss show winners. Dr. Jim Browning was presented with a bottle of bubbly (from the Women’s Group) as he, not only won best of show but, also scored the most points in the ribbon awards. Dan Baughman came in second.

Excellent food choices for dinner, someone pointed out to me that I haven’t mentioned or graded desserts lately in my “Bits” what’s the old saying, “no news is good news?” Today’s lemon cake with raspberry sauce..rated—very good.

Speaker for the evening was Bert Hendley. Bert has always

referred to himself as a “Country Boy,” (my opinion, a “Country Gentleman” in the true sense of the word). He was born in a small village in North Carolina, population 500, where everyone cared about and looked after one another, a small farming community, surrounded by dirt roads, to me his growing-up years sounded so rural “America,” hardworking, close knit and patriotic. Time passed, he married his Susan, worked in the “Big City” for years, he next moved to Zanesville, Ohio. The historical Ohio mission style home they purchased was built many years before their births. After many changes were made, the restoration was complete. Visiting there to me, it is the centerpiece of the neighborhood. For those who have never been there—it is hard to imagine an over five acre garden in an urban area. Bert detailed the time and effort it took to clear out the “items” dumped on the property. It became what it is today, **“The Mission Oaks Gardens” with collections of azaleas Rhododendrons, a bog, waterfalls, a conifer garden, a perennial garden and so much more.** Bottom line, the Mission Oaks Garden is now managed by the Mission Oaks Foundation; it has become a learning tool not only for children but also for adults. Many volunteers help make this all possible. A very enjoyable presentation Bert.

Thanks go to our hosts: Dr. Jim and Blanche Browning for a well planned day.

### **Nominating Committee update:**

**Karen Wagner has agreed to take Bill Glenn’s Board of Director’s post, due to Bill’s health problem, come and see us when you’re feeling better Bill!!!**



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**Send photos of your garden Linda Stull GLC Webmaster  
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**Great Lakes Chapter Truss Show Awards May 21, 2011**

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<p><b>The David Leach Award for Best in Show</b> Dr. Jim Browning      Consolini's Windmill</p>
<p><b>The Joseph Gable Award for Second Best in Show</b> Dr. Mark Konrad      Garden Jewel</p>
<p><b>The Orlando S. Pride Award for the Best Proven Performer</b> Dr. Jim Browning      Trinity</p>
<p><b>The Sir Joseph Hooker Award for the Best Species Rhododendron or Azalea</b> The Judges' choice from all the blue ribbon winners of the hardiest, most vigorous, and easy to grow Rhododendron Not awarded</p>
<p><b>The Weldon Delp Award for the Best Lepidote</b> For the best truss or spray of a hybrid or species Lepidote Not awarded</p>
<p><b>The E. H. Wilson Award for the Best Ironclad Rhododendron</b> The Best of these "cultivars of extraordinary Hardiness" introduced before 1926 Dr. Jim Browning      Everestianum</p>
<p><b>The Exbury Award for the Best Hybrid of yakushmanum</b> For the best truss of a first or advanced yakushmanum hybrid Dr. Jim Browning      Trinity</p>
<p><b>The C.O. Dexter Award for the Best Truss of a Pink Rhododendron</b> Dan Baughman      Parker's Pink</p>
<p><b>The Robert Blough Award for Best Truss of a White Rhododendron</b> Ray Walyko      Head Honcho</p>
<p><b>The Dr. Tom Ring Award for the Best Truss of a Red Rhododendron</b> Ray Walyko      Keith Brown</p>
<p><b>The William Fetterhoff Award for the Best Truss of a Yellow or Orange Rhododendron</b> Dr. Mark Konrad      Garden Jewel</p>
<p><b>The Peter Girard Award for the Best Truss of a Purple to Near Blue Rhododendron</b> Dan Baughman      Blue Peter</p>
<p><b>The Otto Prycl Award for the Best Spray of a Deciduous Azalea</b> Dr. Mark Konrad      Garden Jewel</p>
<p><b>The Tony Shammarello Award for the Spray of a Persistent Leaf Azalea</b> Annette Pizzino      Girard's Kathy</p>
<p><b>The Homer Salley Award for the Best new Hybrid Never Before Shown</b> Dr. Mark Konrad      Garden Jewel</p>
<p><b>The Holden Arboretum Award</b> for the best new named hybrid Rhododendron, introduced within the past 7 years Not awarded</p>



## Gene Conservation of Ash *continued*

of the EAB is found and successfully deployed. In addition, seed will be provided to the U.S. National Plant Germplasm System for long-term conservation and distribution to its users.

What distinguishes this seed collection plan from others is the focus on collecting seed from a wide array of parental populations that are adapted to environmental conditions in specific ecoregions. Natural ash populations have adapted to soil, climatic, pest/pathogen and other environmental conditions that uniquely characterize their specific habitat and region, and as such, may represent distinct local populations or ecotypes. Breeding resistant ash trees for reintroduction will ultimately require a widely-diverse gene pool consisting of an array of these local populations or ecotypes. Consequently, preserving a significant number of these populations is essential for reintroduction of ash into specific ecoregions once adequate environmental control measures for EAB are developed or trees resistant to the insect are bred and introduced.

Robert Karrfalt, the director of the USDA Forest Service National Seed Laboratory, assembled a *Fraxinus* germplasm collection plan in fall of 2007 and solicited organizations to volunteer their time and resources to help collect ash seed systematically

in infested counties in seven states. The enormity of the project and urgency in states that are heavily infested with EAB spurred a variety of organizations to volunteer, spearheaded by people who understood the importance of such an effort. I learned about the collection plan in mid-June and immediately volunteered to help organize collection efforts in Ohio. With little time and no federal monies available to reimburse volunteers for time and travel, Holden solicited organizations and individuals who might be interested in helping to collect ash seed in Ohio. In the end, a small, but dedicated group of scientists, undergraduate and graduate students, horticulturists, and conservation biologists from the following organizations underwent training and collected ash seed in Ohio in the fall: the USDA Forest Service Laboratory in Delaware, Ohio; Dawes Arboretum; Ohio State University; Kent State University; the University of Toledo; ODNR Division of Forestry; Geauga Park District; Cleveland Metro Parks; Lorain County Metro Parks; Portage Park District; Five Rivers Metroparks; and The Holden Arboretum. In 2009, more volunteers will need to be trained to continue collecting ash seed in Ohio. If you would like to learn more, please contact me at [mtopa@holdenarb.org](mailto:mtopa@holdenarb.org).

Location of infestations in Ohio and up-to-date quarantine maps and regulations can be found at the following web sites: [www.agri.ohio.gov/eab](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/eab), [ashalert.osu.edu](http://ashalert.osu.edu), [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

### Condition of Ash Trees at The Holden Arboretum

An email to Charles Tubesing, Holden's Plant Collections Curator dated, (6.08.11), inquiring about the current condition relating to the emerald ash borer—concerning a huge ash tree at the picnic area near Foster Pond— and Holden's ash tree collections in general? Charles replied:

“No sign of emerald ash borer at Holden yet. There are other borers that attack weakened ash trees, and diseases that impact ash as well. EAB has been found at the North Chagrin Reservation. It's just a matter of time. A scientist from the Forest Service is monitoring traps placed at Holden.” — Charles Tubesing [ctubesing@holdenarb.org](mailto:ctubesing@holdenarb.org)

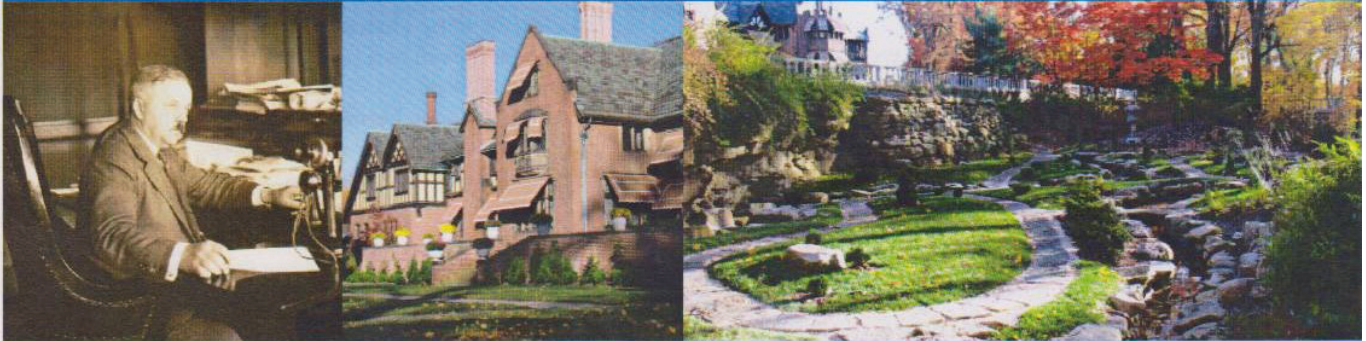
### Trees and Wellness—Every tree a Treasure

The Japanese have an expression (Shinrin-yoku), “forest bathing,” that loosely translates to: spending time in nature, especially walking among trees in rural settings, due to oxygen they exude —soothes the mind, energizes the body, can lower blood pressure and increase immune function. A walk in the woods is a booster of wellness.

The above excerpted from John Swartzberg, M.D., Chair Editorial Board article, in his article, “Speaking of Wellness.”  
UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, December 2010 amp

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

# 2011 Calendar of Events



We'll see you in the spring as we **gain momentum** with three exhibits around the Estate.

## Uniquely Rubber

Manor House

April 12-October 28

## Plants of Industry

Corbin Conservatory

April 12-October 28

## Innovation Stations

Gardens & Grounds

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Season Opens: April 1

Kids Club Educational Programs: All season

Wool Walks: Select Sundays, April 3 - Oct 30

Mother's Day: May 8

Plant Sale: May 21

Vintage Base Ball: May 22, July 17, Sept 25

Founders' Day: June 10-12

Father's Day Car Show: June 19

Midsummer Night's Gala

Reflections: Inspiring the Future: June 24

Shakespeare Performances

Love's Labour's Lost: Select Evenings, July 7-24

Richard III: Select Evenings, July 28 - Aug 14

Dancing Under the Stars: August 5

Goodyear Band Concert: Summer

Grandparents' Day: September 11

Ohio Mart & Stitchery Showcase: Sept 29 - Oct 2

Murder in the Mansion: October

Deck the Hall: November & December

Dates subject to change. Look for updates at [www.stanhywet.org](http://www.stanhywet.org).

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# Great Lakes Chapter/ARS August 20th, 2011 Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Saturday, August 20, 2011

**PLACE:** Holiday Inn Akron West  
4073 Medina Road  
Akron, Ohio 44133  
330.666.4131

**Host:** Annette & Tony Pizzino  
annettepizzino@roadrunner.com

## PLACES TO STAY

**Holiday Inn Akron West 33.666.4131, all info left**  
Mention GLC/ARS \$99/00 + tax Call by 08.06.11

**Baymont Inn & Suites Free Hot Breakfast**  
70 Rothrock Loop, Akron, Ohio 44321  
www.Baymontinn.Akron.com  
330.668.2700

Mention GLC/ARS, AARP—special price \$54.00 + tax

## AGENDA All GLC Events Holiday Inn Ballroom A

**10:00—11:30 AM** GLC Board Meeting

**12:00—Noon** Lunch on your own

### Grand Estate Tour

**Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens A National Treasure**

714 North Portage Path

Akron, Ohio 44303-1399

330.836.5533

**1:30 PM Guided Manor Tour** (assemble Manor entrance)

**2:30 PM Guided Grand Estate Tour** ( combined, allow 21/2 hrs)

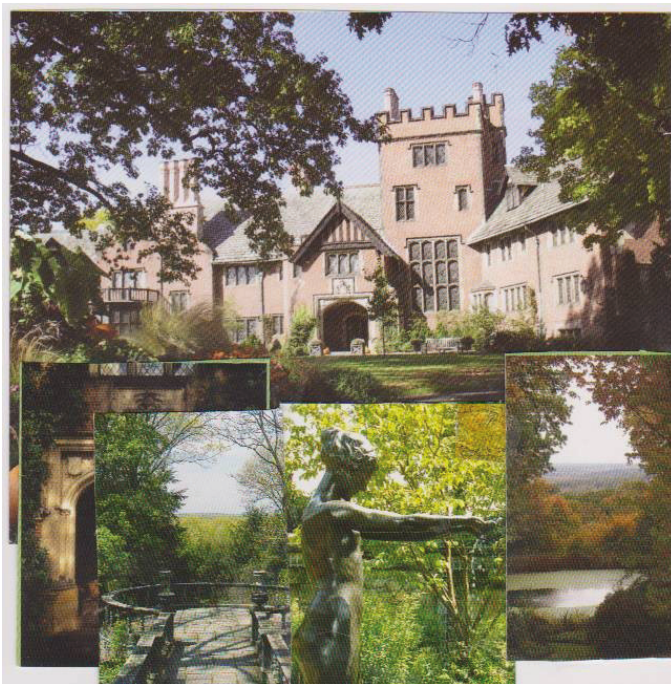
**4:30 PM** Social Hour, Chapter Business Meeting,  
Plant Auction, Members bring plants

**6:00 PM** Dinner

**7:00 PM** Speaker: Viki Ferreniea

Lead Horticulturist The Holden Arboretum

“Some Favorite Companion Plants for Rhododendron & Why”



### Dinner Menu

*All Dinners served with Mixed Greens salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, all condiments, Dessert: Chocolate Cream Mousse.*

# \_\_\_\_\_ *Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu*

# \_\_\_\_\_ *Sirloin, med., Cabernet/Shallot/Butter*

# \_\_\_\_\_ *Baked Scrod, Parmesan Bread Crumbs*

& \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Dinner* \$ 25.00 *Per Person*

# \_\_\_\_\_ *Grand Estate Tour*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Grand Estate Tour* \$ 18.00 *Per Person*

### DEADLINE DINNER & TOUR TUESDAY AUGUST 16

### SEND DINNER/ TOUR RESERVATION

*Margaret Corbin gramc1@aol.com*

*1802 Millfair Road*

*Erie, PA 16505 814.833.7207*

*Final Total Dinner & Tour* \$

*Include Name, Address, phone*

*Canadians may pay upon arrival*

“Stan Hywet” (pronounced Hee-Witt) old English for stone quarry.. Build 1912-15 for F.A. & Gertrude Seiberling (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.) View 65-room Manor House, Walled English Garden (Edith Biddle Shipman), walk along Birch Allee Vista, Japansse Garden, large row new plantings of Rhododendrons/azaleas, select perennials, hosta collection, Rose Garden, Carriage house Museum Store & Café Birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous. Historic Landmark, Save America’s Treasures Project, Accredited American Association of Museums.



'Garden Jewel,' a stunningly beautiful deciduous azalea hybridized by Mark Konrad-wins 2nd Best In Show plus three other awards. Photo top right, A troika of successful rhododendron propagators: Ray, Mark & Jim. Photo bottom left, Sunday garden tour, Spike & Kay Walters' garden-you are never lost in the Walters' woods-big sign reads: YOU ARE HERE. Photo bottom right, Up the hill into the Jim & Blanche Browning garden. If you ever wanted to see that "special" rhodo, well grown & mature ~ Ask Jim he has it! (1500) Photos Tony Pizzino

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