

Rhododendron

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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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Great Lakes Chapter Website

www.greatlakesrhodies.org

Username—great lakes password—maximum

*GLC newsletter posted to website quarterly

Cover

**R. canescens: Bloomquist Garden Native Plants
Sarah P. Duke Gardens
Duke Univ., Durham NC April, 2011**
Photo Tony Pizzino

President's Message

Isn't this GREAT!!! What?? Climate Change!!! Here it is February already and I have many of my springtime projects completed. With the last 3 weeks including a day of 50+ degrees, how can one sit inside just reading garden catalogs? I'm starting to covet the award winning rhodos from Southeastern Region. Looking for a place for Vireyas in the yard?

Of course, by the time you receive this newsletter, we may all be in waist deep snow-drifts in the Great Lakes!

We left Erie in the rain last October 15th, and the closer we traveled to Butler, the clearer it became. The Conley Resort was a beautiful setting for our fall meeting hosted by Kay & Spike Walters. The day was well attended, with a good auction and a delicious meal. Linda gave an informative seminar encouraging each to put their gardens online. Despite planning and best efforts by our hostess, Kay our evening's speaker, Joe Stupka, was nowhere to be found. Blossom stepped in extemporaneously and shared pearls of wisdom on "The Tales of the Rose Tree" by Jane Brown. She shared her insights of the book and encouraged all of us to read it. (I found most of the pages online to read)

Sunday produced several other highlights. After breakfast with Bob and Blossom, we tagged along with them to Floyd Moore's Gala Garden Center to observe many maples in full fall colors among the large rhodos, followed by a visit to Floyd's home and gardens. Great specimens!! Another highlight was a visit to Bill & Ann Glenn's garden in Rimersburg, an amazing mature garden all started with some rhodos from A&P over 40 years ago. Another visit during blooming season is a must. (View their garden on the website.)

Circle March 24th on your calendar for our annual spring plant sale at The Holden Arboretum. Details appear later in this newsletter.

As exciting joint Rhododendron and Azalea National Convention—"Appalachian Spring" is planned for the first weekend in May, located in Asheville, NC Tours from the Biltmore, to the NC Arboretum to private gardens are in store. Check out the recent Journal of the ARS website for more info—if it is not too late.

See ya there!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. Wagner

A gathering of GLC President's

Present at GLC October, 2011 meeting, Conley Resort, back row from left to right: John Heinze, Dr. John Gayton, Harry Johnson, Dr. Jim Browning, Harold Berg, Ralph Heller, Dr. Mark Konrad—Front row Fred Palmer & current president, Chas Wagner
Photo Tony Pizzino



Bits by Bev

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October 15, 2011 Great Lakes Chapter / ARS Fall Meeting, Conley Resort, Butler PA., hosted by Dr. Spike and Kay Walters, All Activities for the day were at the same location. A hardy welcome to our newest member, George Tomaich, from Lexington, Ky.

After the GLC Board Meeting, lunch-on-your own and our chapter business meeting, Linda Stull, our Chapter Webmaster gave all of us insight into how to use the web to our advantage, going step by step on how to accommodate our pictures, our gardens, etc for use on the web. Hoping our members will feel confident in offering their pictures to be included on our Chapter site, not only for our members to enjoy but also for outsiders checking the web for information on Rhododendron's, one never knows if their interest is as strong as ours, perhaps that person would consider joining our group.

Linda would like to request chapter members to send her your best Rhododendron and also your favorite one, please respond.

Mark and Jane Konrad donated, five ash trays and four bowls, original Rhododendron China from the Green Brier factory for auction. A Rhodie tea pot was won by John Johnson, guest of his Mother and Father, Harry and Marge Johnson...lucky!! It was also a lucky day for some other members, as the ladies group surprised five members who had their dinners paid for, and last but not least garden books were given out as door prizes. (Don't expect that at every meeting, but maybe every once and a while)

Our plant auction was next; the auctioneer was our president, Chas Wagner, assisted by Dr. Jim Browning, Eric Oesterling and Tony Pizzino.

Dr. Jim Browning was presented an award for winning the Best in Show at our May 20, 2011 Truss Show for his entry of "Consolini's Windmill"

Following the "happy hour", dinner was served, congratulations to our hosts for choosing a very good and varied menu for us to choice from.

Our evening speaker, Joe Stupka, at the last minute was unavailable to attend our gathering.

Closing out the evening Blossom McBrier spoke to us about "The Rose Tree" book, she reread the book again and found it as interesting now, as it was in her first read. Peaking my interest, I ordered the book.

Thanks go out to Dr. Spike & Kay Walters for a very enjoyable evening, closing out another year of our enjoyment of flowers and friendship.

Correction

October GLC newsletter cover, incorrectly labeled 'Kay Walter's rhododendron as hybridized by Dr. L. G. Walters. It should read: hybridized by Bill Fetterhoff.

"A joy shared is a joy doubled." -Goethe



Dr. Jim Browning receives, "Best in Show Award," for his entry of 'Consolini's Windmill.'" Kay Walters' Award Chair and meeting Host makes the presentation at the beautiful Conley Resort, Butler, Pa.

GLC Library Update

October 15th, 2011 Meeting as per consensus, GLC Library books were redistributed among members present—in an open: member-choice-format. Its many older, in some cases, very older used books were made available for purchase. Interested, appreciative, due-paying members came forward & selected attractively priced books and paid GLC Treasurer Margaret Corbin, then and there. A very special Thank You, to Margaret for her very efficient management of Plant Sale and Book Sale funds.

Remaining Books

All remaining GLC Lending Library/new never sold old books will be displayed and attractively priced at the March, 24th, 2012— Plants For Members Sale— at the Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio. If any books remain, they will be donated to Holden's Warren H. Corning Library. Plant Sale attendees may want to visit the Corning Library, and check out the many titles offered by the Corning library sale book cart. The Corning Library is scheduled for renovation 2012. Book lovers will not be disappointed.

Secretary's Notes

Board Meeting October 15, 2011, Conley Resort, Butler, PA

Called to order by President Chas Wagner at 10:00 am.
In Attendance: Blanche & Jim Browning, Chas & Karen Wagner, Bob Frenzel, Annette Pizzino, Margaret Corbin, Kay Walters, Linda Stull, Steve Krebs, Bert Hendley, Jill Griesse.

Blossom McBrier May Host, to discuss GLC Truss Show Meeting, May 26th Erie, PA Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Barbeque event

Minutes approved as distributed

Treasurers Report:

- \$6361.91 in checking
- \$565.00 received at last auction, GLC profit \$302.00
- There were 31 dinners ordered, only needed 30
- Also charged \$72.50 for a bartender-social hour
- CD's:
- \$6860.67
- \$21,962.45
- \$15,104.34
- \$5,018.83
- Total: \$48,946.29
- Report Approved

Old Business:

GLC October Auction, - tried new style—discussion. Decided to put a minimum price on each plant (priced wholesale). Auctioneer to set minimum—going back to open auction.

GLC Plant Sale The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH
Move for a website meeting at each meeting
Important webmaster instructions, see below.
Kay Walters, Jim Browning. Passed unanimously.

Library still have 24 books. [;is 4 boxes of books.. Seems to have outlived its time. Book auction of remaining books March meeting, remaining books to be donated to The Holden Arboretum's Corning Library.

Website: Working on improving.
Going to have a lesson today on using website.

New Business:

Let Linda Stull (Imsgardener@yahoo.com) know about our best performing plants for the GLC website
Test and Display Garden—we must let them know if interested—in a particular plant and report to Steve Krebs and Dan Whitney

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Griesse

Creating Your Garden Pictorial

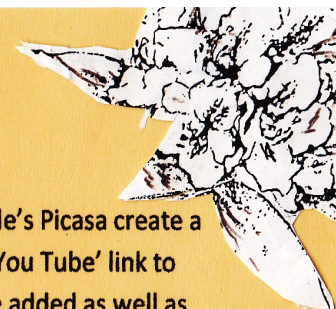
October 15, 2011

1. Using a photo program like Adobe's Photo Shop or a free download program such as Google's Picasa create a slideshow of your favorite garden photos. Picasa is an excellent program because it has a 'You Tube' link to publish your slideshow/movie directly to the 'You Tube' site. Don't forget, captions may be added as well as accompanying music if desired. Either proceed below or mail a CD with a copy of your slideshow to me to upload to the site.
2. Got to www.youtube.com and create an account. Be sure to check for the confirmation email and click on the link to finalize the set up.
3. Up load your slideshow to You Tube.
4. Copy the web address of your 'You Tube' posted slide show and email the web address to Imsgardener@yahoo.com. The slideshow link will be then be posted to the Great lakes Chapter website.

A slide show of instructions will be available on the website www.greatlakesrhodies.org following this meeting.

The Members Only section of the website will also be available shortly. You can find a member directory, Treasurer's reports and meeting minutes here.

Linda Stull



Rhododendron 'Hino Red' (evergreen azalea)

by **Ethan Johnson**, *plant records curator*

Rhododendron 'Hino-Red' is named after a city near Tokyo. It is classified in the Kurume group of evergreen azaleas, which in Northeast Ohio are semi-evergreen. These azaleas perform best in sun with some afternoon shade. In general, with rhododendrons, the smaller the leaf, the less shade they should have. The leaves of 'Hino-Red' are dark green, small, narrow and turn coppery-bronze at the onset of winter.

Tony Shammarello, (1903-1982) based in South Euclid, Ohio, bred 'Hino-Red' more than 50 years ago. It is a complex cross that includes 'Hino-Crimson', a Royal Horticultural Society Award of Merit winner which Shammarello bred in 1940 and Korean azalea (*R. yedoense* var. *poukhanense*), interbred with a combination of torch azalea (*R. kaempferi*) crossed with 'James Gable', an evergreen azalea selected by Joseph Gable of western Pennsylvania. Shammarello, along with the late Peter Girard Sr. of Geneva and David G. Leach of Madison are the best known hybridizers of rhododendrons and azaleas from Northeast Ohio.

The Holden Arboretum has been growing 'Hino-Red' since 1964. It has bloomed profusely about nine years out of 10. In 1984 and 1994 only the branches below the

plant facts

Light

Full sun to part shade

Soil type

Acidic, moist and well-drained

Mature size

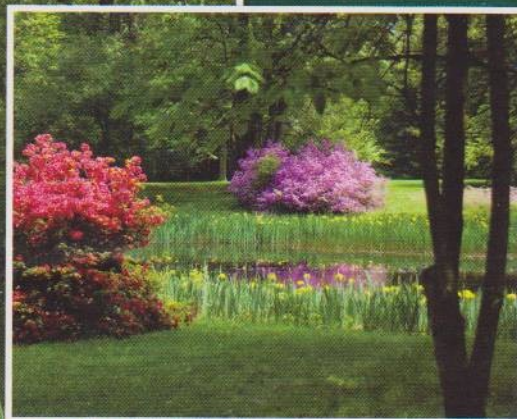
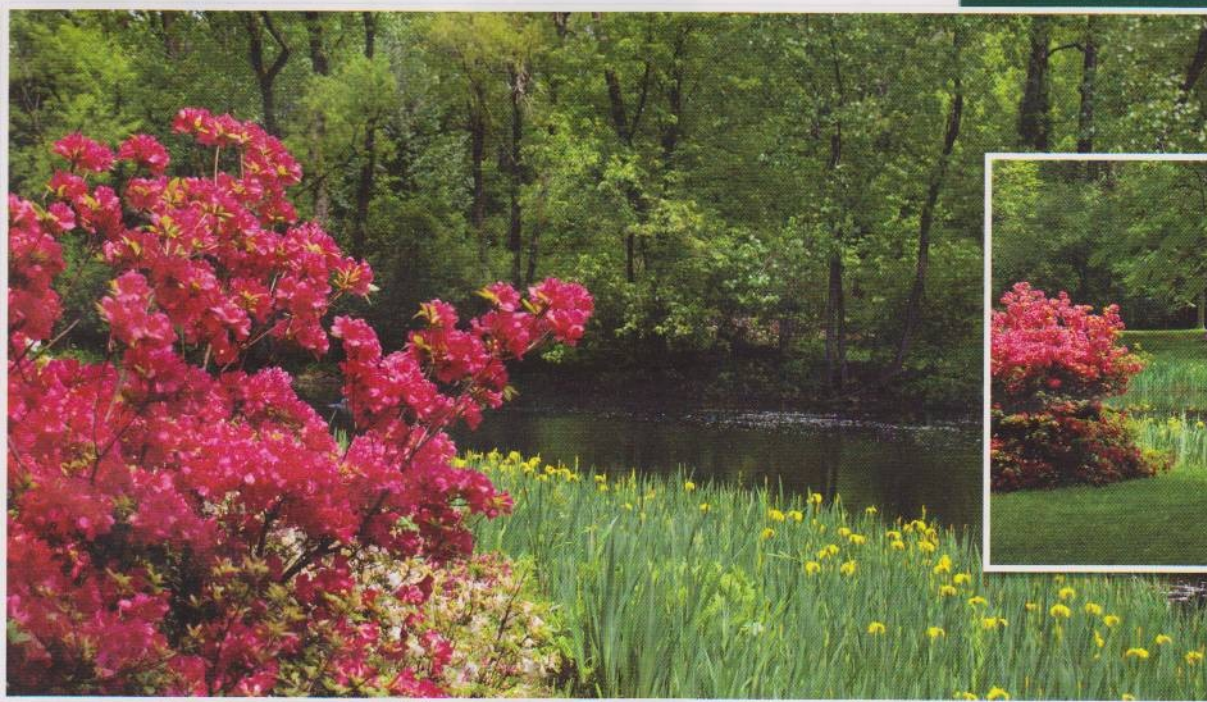
7'-10' tall with a greater width

Best location

USDA Zones 5b-8b

Source

Select garden centers



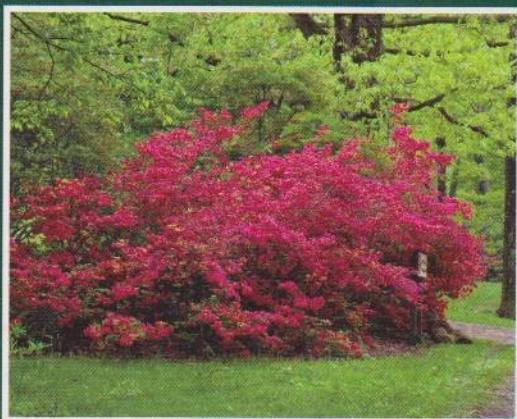
snow line had many flowers as frosts below -20 degrees F. nipped their buds in January. Plants not fenced have been browsed severely by white-tailed deer. Inside the Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden it may be seen blooming in May just past Heath Pond near the intersection of the work road and the path that leads up to Beech Knoll.

Even Leach gave 'Hino-Red' a prime spot in his landscape in Madison, along with 'Hino-Pink' and 'Hino-White'. It can still be found growing near the pond ringed with yellow iris (*Iris pseudoacorus*) at the David G. Leach Research Station. On average the best time to view the flowers at Holden is mid-May but the plants have started blooming as early as the end of April (2010) and the last week of May (1983) in the Layer Rhododendron Garden. Bloom typically lasts two to three weeks.

Our champion specimen of 'Hino-Red' in the southeast locust grove at Leach Research Station is 11' x 14'. The plant by Leach's pond measured 6' x 9'. The mass planting southwest of Heath Pond has one plant in it that is more than 9' tall. All these plants are more than 40 years old. After 10 years they grow to about 2-3' tall.

It is not easy to say what the "best" evergreen azalea for our landscapes is. In the Layer Rhododendron Garden's Palay Bed north of Oak Pond 'Hino-Crimson' is planted along with 'Hino-White' next to a nice new Korean azalea named 'Pink Discovery'. As you proceed around the garden's loop path you will discover other evergreen azaleas of various colors which may catch your fancy. Please come out for a stroll in May and let us know if you have a favorite.

Rhododendron 'Hino Red' at the David G. Leach Research Station



Rhododendron 'Hino Red' in the Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden just past Heath Pond.

PHOTOS JACKIE KLISURIC

Rhododendron Exploration Garden

A wonderfully fresh new wind blows in, as The Holden Arboretum continues its implementation of its New Leaf Master Plan. A new garden is creatively evolving into a beautifully interpreted 4.5 acre, park-like, "Rhododendron Exploration Garden." Handsomely sited, with its own scenic approach it will exist, close-by, but separate, from the stunningly beautiful 20 acre, Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden. It will also have a unique contemporary home garden focus. Look for soon to be added spectacular features: Tree Crescent, (Sperry Road), Adventure Woods, (child oriented discovery garden) and urban tree display, and future Warren H. Corning Visitor educational focus.

The long awaited, wished-for, and very welcomed Rhododendron narrative is in the works. The whole idea is to blend together the stories that illuminate rhododendron diversity, hybridizers, and culture. Interpretive material on rhododendron origins/diversity, and culture will be attractively displayed through-out the garden.

Important REG features include: the fascinating stories immersed in the creation of the early, successful, hardy hybrids introduced by local Northeastern hybridizers: Anthony Shammarello, Peter Girard, Paul Bosley and David G. Leach.

Look for recent Leach introductions: 'Holden's Solar Flair' (yellow with a maroon flare) and 'Holden's Spring Herald' (pale purple with dark blotch, very early). Steve Krebs, PhD director of The David G. Leach Research Station, Madison, Ohio, continues creative hybridizing. Look for colorful new hardy rhododendrons to be continuously introduced.

As continuous interpretation unfolds, in the new "Rhododendron Exploration Garden" with its important theme, of incorporating newer rhododendrons with complementary companion plants-- look for accurate knowledge on how to successfully grow these plants in the home landscape. By the telling of the stories, it will awaken public interest and awareness of the beauty in the genus rhododendron.

Clement W. Hamilton, PhD, President and CEO, comments on The Holden Arboretum's mission: "We regard a great garden as having three essential attributes: beauty, interesting woody plants, and compelling stories being told by the plants and interpretive materials."

The Rhododendron Exploration Garden estimated cost, 2.1 million upon completion. The infrastructure, paths, stonework scenic approach, etc., are largely in place. Spring 2013, is the target date for the opening of this beautiful new rhododendron garden.

I'm sure the focus on rhododendron diversity, interesting stories, and, eye catching plant vignettes, plus accurate cultural info, will make this an often visited destination garden.

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View: "Garden Musing," by Viki Ferreniea

Save this article, a good reference source, that will add interesting variety to the early spring rhododendron garden. www.greatlakesrhodies.org



Rhododendron Gardens'
Entry, gatehouse and rock garden

Great Lakes Chapter March 24th Plant Sale

Date Saturday, March 24th, 2012

Places to Stay

Place *The Holden Arboretum*
 9500 Sperry Road
 Kirtland, OH 44094
 Holdenarb.org 440.946.4400

Best Western Lawnfield Inn and Suites
 8434 Mentor Avenue, (Smoke Free Facility)
 Mentor, Ohio 44060
 Toll-Free (866) 205.7378 www.lawnfield.com
 \$79.00 plus tax King or Double/Double includes hot breakfast
Reserve by March 5th, mention ARS (5 of each)
Reservations past date— ask for availability

Host *Dr. Steve Krebs skrebs@holdenarb.org*

Days Inn
 4145 State Route 306
 Willoughby, Ohio
 (440) 946.0500
 King \$64.00 plus tax; two Queen \$59.99 plus tax

Agenda Following events— *Reinberger Classroom*

10:00 am—11:30 am *GLC Board Meeting*
 Noon *Lunch on your own** Optional Box Lunch*
 12:30 pm—2:00 pm *GLC Business/Website Meeting*
 “*Rhododendron Exploration Garden Presentation*”
 By Holden’s Steve Sedam
 2:00 pm—4:30 pm *Plant/Sale/Auction All Welcome*



Description: Local nurseryman Tim Brotzman uses the yellow-flowered witch hazel *Hamamelis x intermedia* ‘Arnold Promise’ (introduced by the Arnold Arboretum) as a point of departure in a journey that explores the horticultural past, present, and future of these beautiful and intriguing plants. *

Evening Events: Lawnfield Inn Mentor, Oh. (see right)

6:00 pm—7:00 pm *Social Lawnfield “Skye” Pub*
 (See address above right)
 7:00 pm—8:00 pm *Dinner*
 8:00 pm—9:00 pm *Tom Brotzman Speaker*
What Did Arnold Promise? (see info right)

Dinner Selections: (\$25.00 per selection)

Butternut Squash Raviolis
 Braised greens, roasted tomatoes, crispy onion, lemon buerre blanc ()
Veal Meatloaf
 Sweet corn and potato puree, seasonal vegetables, veal glace ()
Pan Roasted Free Range Chicken
 Sweet potato puree, French beans, roasted pearl onion, chicken jus ()
 Includes Dinner Salad, Rolls & Butter, Beverages, Sorbet & small cookie
 Total Dinner ()
**** Box Lunch, \$8.95 (includes all condiments)**
 Turkey/Swiss Croissant ()
 Roast Beef/Cheddar Croissant ()
 Pasta Primavera/w Vidalia Vinaigrette ()
 Total Box Lunch ()

DEADLINE TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

SEND DINNER RESERVATION:

Margaret Corbin gramcl@aol.com
1802 Millfair Road
Erie, PA 16505 814.833.7207

Final Total, Dinner/Box Lunch \$ _____

Make check payable
Great Lakes Chapter/ARS
Include name, address, phone number

Canadians may pay upon arrival

Final Total Dinner & Box Lunch \$ _____

* Above photo and description of *Hamamelis X intermedia* ‘Arnold Promise’ Submitted by Steve Krebs, director David G. Leach Research Center, Madison, Ohio

NEW



R. canescens a species azalea, sometimes spoken of as “The Piedmont Azalea,” is described in *Greer’s Guidebook to available Rhododendrons Species & Hybrids*. * “As a deciduous shrub, medium size, oblong-obovate glabrous leaves, with fragrant tubular-funnel-shaped 2” wide flowers in pink or white.” The above photo was taken by Tony Pizzino, April, 2011, in the Bloomquist Garden Native Plants at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. * the above title is by Harold E. Greer, the revised edition.

RareFind Nursery offers this stunningly beautiful and fragrant early blooming deciduous azalea. info@rarefindnursery.com

Those attending “Appalachian Spring” 2012 Convention, May 4-7-Asheville, NC Don’t miss the Plant sale, 3000 plants, eight state-collector’s/ hybridizer’s special plants will be available and offered for sale—most likely. the above azalea will be available.

Check out the convention website for details: <http://www.azaleas.org/convention12.html> AMP

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