

Rhododendron

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Great Lakes Chapter American Rhododendron Society

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:

Beautiful white Rhododendron hybrid graces the park like setting at Blossom McBrier's Briar Hill Garden, Fairview, PA Photo Tony Pizzino

Grounds tours and very special evening BBQ, a real threat, don't miss this event.

President's Message

Yes, this will be a spring for the record books. Even the nighttime lows were records. As we arrived on March 24th at Holden, the spring bulbs were in their prime, the heliobores were covered with blossoms. Meetings kept us from exploring more. And what is going on at Holden??? Yes! The expansion of the rhododendron garden At Holden. They are half done!!!! At the board meeting and then with further explanations at the GLC Business meeting, Clem Hamilton and team explained the creation of a new 4.5 acre Rhododendron Exploration Garden (REG) and how the Great Lakes Chapter/ARS can help. A letter dated March 7th from Clem to me states:

"In recognition of the mutual interests of the Great Lakes Chapter of ARS and Holden. I respectfully ask the organization (GLC) to assist financially by making a gift or a multi-year pledge of \$25,000 to help ensure the success of the REG. A gift or pledge made by August 1, 2012, will have greater value in that the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust will match with \$1 for every \$2 given or pledged by that date."

A vote of the membership will be taken at the May meeting. Talk to board members before the vote if you have any questions. (see letter pg. 5)

Thank You Clem Hamilton, Steve Sedam and Steve Krebs for the presentation. Nick Yarmoshuk presented some exciting happenings at the Niagara Chapter to increase membership.

The evening activities were held at the beautiful Best Western Lawnfield Inn and Suites. The evening was graced by two legendary ladies, Marie Shammarello and Dorothy Brotzman. (Tim Brotzman's mother) Tim Brotzman spoke on witch hazels. Does anyone know more about witch hazels in the world???? Many thanks to Steve Krebs for the work making an educational and delightful day. Thank you, David and Ray Walylko and Don Whitney for organizing and coordinating the sale of beautiful plants.

Coming on Memorial Day weekend will be our annual truss show. With spring weather, we need a good showing—so please bring as many trusses from your garden. Refrigerate cutting if needed. The Tom Ridge Environmental Center is an ideal place for our show. Hundreds of people will pass by. Be ready to share your love for rhododendrons with someone new. Google the TREC and Presque Isle to inform yourself of the setting before you arrive.

Blossom has an exciting evening planned and speaker, Dana is truly a gifted individual.

Come with you family and enjoy the weekend!!!!.

Respectfully,

Chas Wagner



Speaker Tim Brotzman, & Blanche Browning (R.), complement Jill & Paul on their bouquets of Daffodils. .

Bits by Bev

Bits by Bev by Proxy

It's that proxy time again. Beverley and Harold still are under the misconceptions that only Florida has warm spring temperatures. In our town all the people who decided some time ago to plant all those Bradford Pear trees are walking around with that, "I told you so" look this year. As they used to say on the old "A Team" TV Show, "Don't you just love it when a plan comes together."

Our early spring plant sale meeting was hosted by Dr. Steve Krebs at the Holden Arboretum. Nice job Steve, Don Whitney auctioneer, Thank You.

Dr Clement Hamilton, the president of Holden Arboretum gave an overview of the new improvements, at the Arboretum and requested donation/gift from the GLC for the newly developing very special Rhododendron Exploration Garden. Very Impressive!

Ray and David Walylko bought a truck load of plants for the plant auction. It never fails to amaze me how they can get an eighteen wheeler load of plant into a pickup truck. Thanks to Ray and David for the many plants with buds so that we have a chance to see them bloom at least once. Another new twist that I hope continues was the projecting the picture of the plant's bloom before bidding on it. Nice job Linda & David. Now everyone can make their own decision as to what is red. Hardiness is still up for discussion however as "the first liar never has a chance" is still in effect here. As usual the "I don't need any plants," didn't hold up for me and I again ended up vacuuming my car trunk at home.

The evening meal meeting were held at the Best Western Lawnfield Inn, Mentor, OH. It lived up to the "Best" in it's name as the Irish Ale on draft absolutely demanded a second glass. Our speaker for the meeting was Tim Brotzman who opened my eyes to witch hazels. I had thought they were all yellow. Now I have something else to protect from the chain saw in my woods.

As always both Kay and I had an enjoyable day. Its always good to spend time with old friends. The one down side as I looked around I realized the term "old Friends" seems too rapidly becoming a metaphor. At least for me. Now for everyone who has taken the time to read this, I thank you for your attention. Hopefully Bev will be back by the next meeting and the literoticy* should be improved.

Spike Walters

* Literoticy is a Spike word not yet recognized by Webster.

Kay Walters , GLC Women's Fund, presents gifts to Linda Stull- webmaster, Margaret Corbin-Treasurer, & Jill Griesse Secretary, for jobs well done. Photos Tony Pizzino



Lake Michigan Chapter of the ASA cancels May 18-20 event.

Saturday, April 28th Garden Visit Day
All garden visits are **FREE**, just come, have fun, and meet new friends. Contact info below:
John Migas at azaleajohn@yahoo.com 269.857.1505
Phil Lanning at lanningphil@gmail.com 765.438.3374

Secretary's Notes

Called to order at 10:00 am by President Chas Wagner.

In attendance: Jim & Blanche Browning, Karen Wagner, Steve Krebs, Don Whitney, Gordon & Kay Walters, Margaret Corbin, Annette Pizzino, Linda Stull, Jill Griesse.

Minutes of last meeting accepted as published

Treasurer/Financial Report:

PNC checking account	\$5162.93
Women's Fund	790.43
Otto Prycel Fund	359.99
Book Fund	650.44

PNC six month CD's total \$49,017.10
Report approved as presented

Committee Reports Today's meeting:

We have 100 plants for sale today. Linda has produced a power point on the plants that are for sale.

Awards:

Jim Browning is going to continue awards with presentation pictures.

Dinner attendee table plants:

Steve Krebs two offerings: R.'Anke Heinje' and enkianthus plants

Membership:

Spike said we have 91 paid members, 21 spouses, and 6 associates for 2011. Some problems reading emails, please update Spike with email corrections, and how-to-do tips.

Old Business:

Old books are now \$10:00, some \$5:00—books will be offered till October 2012 meeting.

New Business:

Spring Truss Show, May 26th 2012 Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Host Blossom McBrier, plan to visit; nearby Presque Island. Very special evening BBQ. See agenda in newsletter for all details. Need person to man table Saturday.

**New Rhododendron Exploration Garden, info presented by Holden Arboretum's CEO Clem Hamilton and Stephen Sedam.
Site needed August and October 2012.**

May 4—7, National Convention, Asheville, NC

Adjournment: 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Griesse, Secretary

Goodell Gardens & Homestead

Goodell Gardens & Homestead is a non-profit, education-based botanical garden and arboretum, located in Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

Located on a portion of the historic 78-acre Goodell family farm Goodell Gardens & Homestead is a result of the philanthropic will of the last two surviving members of the Goodell family, sisters Carrie and Margaret Goodell Gardens & Homestead, also known as The Goodell Project, began in 2001. The Gardens first opened to the public in 2003, and have been developing the site ever since. With just under 10 acres developed, the gardens feature the Welcome Garden, a traditional Victorian rose garden near the welcome center: the Heritage Garden, (photo right) featuring an extensive collection of Rhododendrons, Laurels, and native plants, first planted by Carrrie Goodell; and the Erie County Pollinator-Friendly Demonstration Garden, which is home to pollinator-friendly plants meant to attract native bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

Today, Goodell Gardens offers a wide variety of programming, including adult and early childhood education, a summer music series and a farmers market.

Goodell Gardens & Homestead is open to the public Wednesday—Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm, May—October. For a full schedule of events as well as admission rates, visit

www.goodellgardens.org .

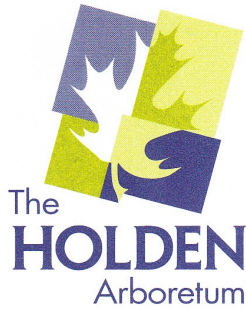
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March 7, 2012

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Dear Chas,

The Holden Arboretum is in the midst of the largest capital campaign in our history. We seek to renew the landscape and gardens at Holden through the \$7.8 million "New Leaf" campaign, and the centerpiece of our efforts is the creation of a new 4.5 acre Rhododendron Exploration Garden (REG).

Holden is very committed to the success of REG. It is our intent to create one of the finest, most comprehensive rhododendron gardens available to the public in the United States. Fortunately for us, much of the interpretation in REG is the direct result of input provided by members of the Great Lakes Chapter two years ago.

In recognition of the mutual interests of the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and Holden, I respectfully ask the organization to assist financially by making a gift or multi-year pledge of \$25,000 to help ensure the success of the Rhododendron Exploration Garden. A gift or pledge made by August 1, 2012 will have greater value in that the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust will match with \$1 for every \$2 given or pledged by that date.

A proposal to the chapter and a variety of supporting documents are enclosed for your review. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request for support. I'd be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Clement W. Hamilton, Ph.D.
President and CEO

p.s. I look forward to welcoming you and the entire Great Lakes Chapter to Holden on March 24, and to sharing our plans and progress on REG.

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
TRUSS SHOW
SATURDAY, MAY 26TH
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
WWW.TRECPI.ORG**

Hostess: Blossom McBrier

Place: **TOM Ridge Environmental Center (TREC)**

301 Peninsula Drive
Erie, PA 16505 ~
Phone: (814) 833.5049

Date: **Saturday, May 26, 2012**

AM

TREC

8:00 - 10:00
10:00
10:00 - NOON
NOON

Truss Entry.
TREC opens to the Public
Judging Period
Lunch on Your Own - Suggestion: Sunset Café at TREC

GLC Judging Period is private

Noon, Truss Show opens to public

PM

NOON - 1:00

Local Garden Club and Rhodo Enthusiast's Truss Entries

See info back page

1:30 - 3:30

Roundtable - Sharing of knowledge to garden enthusiasts

5:30

Tear Down of Show

6:00

TREC Closes

Change of Location: Blossom's - 6721 Brier Hill Road, Fairview, PA

5:30 - 6:30

Plant Sale, Social Hour & Membership meeting (vote on Holden proposal)

6:30 - 7:30

Dinner - BBQ under the Tent

7:30 - 8:30

Evening Program -

Speaker:

Dana Atwood, Director of Goodell Gardens

Big Trees: Their Role in Contemporary Landscape

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS TO:

{Deadline May 18th}

_____ BBQ - \$25.00

Margaret Corbin
1802 Millfair Road
Erie, PA 16505
814-833.7207
gramcl@aol.com

**Barbeque Buffet
Chicken, Ribs, Roasted Reds, Veggie, Salad and Dessert
Wine, Beer and all dinner condiments**

Canadians may pay upon arrival

If staying overnight, get your reservations early – this is a busy weekend in Erie

Places to Stay: Suggestions:

Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel & Conference Center

2800 W. 8th Street
Erie, PA 16505
(814) 833.1116
Rooms: \$85.00 and up

Courtyard by Marriott

7792 Peach Street
Erie, PA 16509
(814) 860.8300
Rooms: \$140 and up

Comfort Inn Presque Isle

3041 W. 12 St.
Erie, 16505
(814) 835.4200
Rooms: \$75 and up

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel

55 W. Bay Drive
Erie, PA
(814) 454.2005
Rooms: \$150 and up

OVER 100,000 VISITORS SHOULD BE VISITING THE BEACHES OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. COME AND BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY , ALONG WITH YOUR TRUSSES, TO ERIE FOR AN EXCITING WEEKEND.

Presque Isle State Park is a 3,000 acre state park on an arching sandy peninsula that juts into Lake Erie. The park has 13 miles of roads, 21 miles of recreational trails, 13 beaches for swimming and a marina. Popular activities at the park include swimming, boating, hiking, biking, and bird watching. In 1921 Presque Isle became a state park hosting over 4 million visitors each year, the most of any PA state park – the same number of visitors as Yellowstone National Park.

The peninsula is constantly being reshaped by waves and wind. This leads to 7 ecological zones within the park, which provides a classic example of ecological succession. A National Natural Landmark since 1967, the park has been named one of the best places in the US to watch birds. The diversity of habitats on the peninsula makes it an ideal home for over 320 species of birds. (The whole of the United States has about 925 bird species). Forty-five of the bird species found in the park are listed as “endangered” or “threatened”.

The Tom Ridge Environmental Center at the entrance to the park allows visitors to learn more about the park and its ecology. Presque Isle State Park has been chosen by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Parks for its list of "Twenty Must-See Pennsylvania State Parks".



www.presqueisle.org/

Several member’s gardens will be open on Sunday – details at the meeting.



Rhododendron
"Blossom's Blaze"
Brier Hill Garden

Invitation to all local garden enthusiasts

As chairman of the Great Lakes Chapter American Rhododendron **Society** Truss Show, which is being held at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC), May 26th, 2012, I am delighted to invite your membership to participate in the Truss Show. For the first time, the Regional Chapter is inviting all area flower enthusiasts to participate in the flower show by entering their Truss Rhododendron-Azalea and to participate in a round table discussion with experts to answer questions and discuss rhododendron horticulture. The local Truss' will be received, entered and judged for a non-member ARS Horticultural Award.

Noon to 1:00 PM Local Truss entries will be received at TREC
1:30 to 3:30 PM Round Table-sharing of knowledge to garden enthusiasts

Noon to 5:30 PM Great Lakes Chapter Truss Show at TREC - open to the public

We appreciate the diversity of varieties of Rhododendron-Azaleas in this area and we are looking forward to meeting all of you and seeing your flowers.

I personally invite all members of your organization to visit Brier Hill Garden Parke My gardens are open to you on Sunday & Monday, May 27th & 28th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Bring your lunch and eat in the Brier Hill Garden Park.

Blossom P. McBrier

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Gardeners, a fun-filled event
Pass this invitation along.

Great Lakes Chapter/ARS
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