

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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Username—great lakes password—maximum

*GLC newsletter posted to website quarterly

Cover:

Fall color enhances the rhododendron garden.
Photo by Tony Pizzino

*"Nothing happens if first not a dream."
Carl Sandburg*

President's Message

THANK YOU to the 27 members who drove for a 'working lunch' to Butler on August 25th. Thanks for all the input and suggestions. Thank you Kay for the planning!! Extra effort award goes to George Tomach and his wife driving from Lexington, KY to attend the meeting. Good to meet long time member Bud Mecklem who loves rhodies but has had family commitments keeping him from attending meeting. Special thanks to Bert Hendley for the use of the projector.

Most of the time was spent working on the 2014 ARS Convention. A few items were finalized. Thanks to Jill Griesse and her friend, Linda Murphy-Ganger, information was gathered and Quail Hollow Resort was approved as the site for the convention. Quail Hollow is on the East side of Cleveland, just off I-90 and very close to Holden. We should 'take over' the whole complex that 3rd weekend in May 2014. The room rate is \$119 which includes breakfast. There are conference rooms on the ground floor for our truss show and plant sale – with an outside entrance. The theme was approved – "Every garden tells a story". The logo is being revised, with your suggestions, and will be revealed in an email.

The next big topics which need to be nailed down by our March 2013 meeting will be the speakers and tours. Email Steve Krebs and Annette Pizzino with any suggestions. We could need more private gardens, so if you know a friend of a friend whose garden is a notch above, ask for permission.

The main event which will balance our financial sheets will be the plant sale. Ray and David need cuttings NOW for gallon size containers for 2014. Next year's cutting will only be available in 4 inch liners. So send cuttings to WW Nursery, 188 Valley Green Road, Indiana, PA. 15701.

October 6th, our next Great Lakes event will be held at Coshocton, Ohio. As a historical canal town, there is much to do even after our event. Check out the schedule later in the newsletter.

Respectfully,
Chas Wagner

Secretary's Notes Karen Wagner

Excerpted from Karen's Notes:

Four page Treasurer's Financial Report, - Check Book bal. \$1026.72.

\$2010.70 will start 2014 convention checkbook. Library funds will be updated

Membership—Spike Walters reports 95 members, up from 91, 2012.

Old Business:

Letter from Holden REG acknowledging gift from GLC/ARS, see next page
Truss Show Awards, look for updated Truss Show Awards, October GLC issue.

New Business 2014

Committee Assignments:

Chairman—Chas Wagner

Registrar—Margaret Corbin

Secretary—Karen Wagner

Treasurer—Karen Wagner

Tours & Speakers—A. Pizzino/S. Krebs

Sponsorships—Margaret Corbin

Promotion—Carl Sutherland

Website—Linda Stull

REG article 2013 JARS Viki Ferreniea

Hospitality—K. Walters, T. Pizzino, and

G. L. Edwards Bev/ Harold Berg

Plant Sale—Linda Stull, Bert Hendley

Flower Show—Blanche/Jim Browning

Photo Contest—Spike Walters, T. Pizzino

Plant Auction—Don Whitney

Hotel Selection/Liasion, Jill Griesse

Established Framework for Convention

- Moved, seconded and approved to:
- Site: Quail Hollow Resort, Painesville, Ohio
- Title: "Every Garden Tells a Story"
- Basic Logo selected with revisions
- **Dates: May 15-18th 2014**

Upcoming Dates:

October 6—Coshocton Village tour, Speaker Bill Freund, Rainbow Hills Dinner

March 2013—Plant sale at Holden—Host Steve Krebs, Plants by Walylko

May 2013—Exploring possibilities in Dayton/Cincinnati, Ohio

Karen Wagner

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL info to us—THANKS

Coming spring issue:

The Mark and Jane Konrad
Rhododendron garden story with photos.

Our Garden Continues to Grow

by Cait Anastis, editor

This summer, construction crews were part of the landscape at The Holden Arboretum as the new Rhododendron Exploration Garden took shape.

Guests walking along Corning Lake between the Display Garden and the Helen S. Layer Garden could watch the progress as crews worked on new concrete walkways, built the new restroom facility and brought in truckloads of topsoil to create new garden beds. Scheduled to open in spring 2013, the garden will focus on rhododendrons and other plants in the Ericaceae family, the role Northeast Ohio breeders have played in developing new hybrids and how to care for rhododendrons in the home landscape.

This fall work will continue, with Holden's horticulturists starting work planting the new garden. That work will continue in 2013. "We will be planting ground covers and bulbs in the spring," Gettig said. "Other plants, including some of the rhododendrons and their relatives will wait until spring to be planted."

While many of the plants in the new garden will be new additions, efforts were made during the construction process to preserve existing trees on the site, and three existing trees from other spots at the arboretum were moved into the new garden to give it a more mature look. The preservation of existing trees also gives the garden a link to Holden's history.

The spot where the new garden is being constructed was once the site of a house belonging to Warren H. Corning, Holden's first volunteer director. Corning lived on the site in the 1960s and '70s. Although the house was demolished in the 1990s, a few of the trees on the site, which were preserved during construction, were originally planted by Corning. This includes a pair of *Quercus robur* (English oaks) that flank the pathway where the new garden meets the Layer Rhododendron Garden. Gettig also believes that a pair of *Taxodium distichum* (bald-cypress) and a pair of *Parrotia persica* (Persian ironwood) trees were originally placed there by Corning.

"We kept some of the things he put here," Gettig said. "There were some great finds, and we didn't have to remove everything."

Holden is planning for a May opening of the new garden, giving guests a chance to see it at a time when many of the plants will be starting to bloom. Work will continue even after the garden opens and conditions continue to evolve.

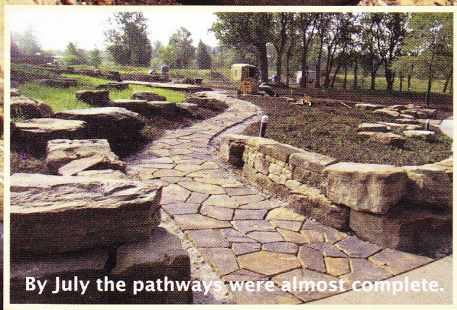
"Right now the north end of the garden is in a lot of sun," Gettig said, "but as trees grow it will get shadier and we will be able to plant a greater variety."

Moving mature trees into the garden.



RICK ANIELSKI

By July the pathways were almost complete.



BRIAN PARSONS



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July 27, 2012

Great Lakes Chapter ARS
c/o Ms. Margaret Corbin
1802 Millfair Rd
Erie PA 16505

Dear Ms. Corbin:

Thank you for the generous gift of \$25,000.00 from the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society to Holden's "A New Leaf" Campaign. Your generous donation will allow Holden to become what many envisioned it would be almost 80 years ago. Ernest "Chinese" Wilson, the famous Arnold Arboretum plant explorer, said it best, "If all your plans transpire, you will have the greatest arboretum in the world."

With your help, we are excited to provide the community with an arboretum that exhibits outstanding new gardens that serve a purpose; new visitor facilities that welcome guests and encourage exploration of the natural world in which they are surrounded; beautiful and protected natural areas; and interesting educational programs for both young and "young-at-heart." Your gift brings us closer to realizing Holden's full potential as one of the nation's truly great arboreta.

Thank you for investing in Holden's future and partnering with us as we forge ahead and turn over "A New Leaf."

Sincerely,

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

*The new Rhododendron
Exploration Garden is
coming along great - thank
you for your thoughtful help and
generosity.*

P.S. This serves as your receipt for tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Thank you again for your gift.

Great Lakes Chapter Truss Show Awards May 26th, 2012

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The David Leach Award for Best in Show

Pearl Passion

Marge Johnson

The Joseph Gable Award for Second Best in Show

Russell Harmon x Moser's Maroon

Dr. Jim Browning

The Orlando S. Pride Award for the Best Proven Performer

Dorothy Amateis

Linda Stull

The Sir Joseph Hooker Award for the Best Species Rhododendron or Azalea
The Judges' choice from all the blue ribbon winners of the hardiest, most vigorous,
and easy to grow rhododendron

R. viscosum

Linda Stull

The Weldon Delp Award for the Best Lepidote

For the best truss or spray of a hybrid or species Lepidote

R. wilsoni

Marge Johnson

The E. H. Wilson Award for the Best Ironclad Rhododendron

The Best of these "cultivars of extraordinary Hardiness" introduced before 1926
Not awarded

The Exbury Award for the Best Hybrid of yakushmanum

For the best truss of a first or advanced yakushmanum hybrid

Yak Hybrid

Dr. Jim Browning

The C.O. Dexter Award for the Best Truss of a Pink Rhododendron

Pearl Passion

Marge Johnson

The Robert Blough Award for Best Truss of a White Rhododendron

Not awarded

The Dr. Tom Ring Award for the Best Truss of a Red Rhododendron

Unnamed Red Hybrid

Margaret Corbin

The William Fetterhoff Award for the Best Truss of a Yellow or Orange Rhododendron

Dream

Linda Stull

The Peter Girard Award for the Best Truss of a Purple to Near Blue Rhododendron

Dorothy Amateis

Linda Stull

The Otto Prycl Award for the Best Spray of a Deciduous Azalea

Cecile

Blossom Mc Brier

The Tony Shammarello Award for the Spray of a Persistent Leaf Azalea

Rosebud

Chas Wagner

The Homer Salley Award for the Best new Hybrid Never Before Shown

Russell Harmon x Moser's Maroon

Dr. Jim Browning

The Holden Arboretum Award

The best new named hybrid rhododendron introduced in the past seven years
Not awarded

The Best Foliage Award

Xanadu

Dr. Jim Browning

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER AUTUMN MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

Date: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

Place: COSHOCTON, OH

10:30 – 12:30PM Meeting/ Lunch – **COSHOCTON VILLAGE INN & SUITES**
115 N. WATER STREET COSHOCTON, OHIO 43812
TOLL FREE. 888.395.9316

1:00 – 5:00 Tours of Clary Garden and Private Gardens - www.clarygardens.org

5:00 – 6:30 Back to motel and travel to Winery

6:30 – 7:45 Summer Cook Out - Rainbow Hills Vineyards
26349 T. R. 251, Newcomerstown, OH 43832

8:00 – 9:00 Evening Program – *Changing a community through gardening*

Speaker: WILLIAM FREUND - View Bill on this site!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVvqZ3h8c1A

Sunday Morning: Tour of Roscoe Village

NOTE DINNER RESERVATION HAS MOVED TO MONDAY OCT 1ST

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS TO:

{Deadline Sept 26th}

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

**Cook Out: Baked Potato, Tossed
Saled, Bread, Dessert and wine
\$34.00**

Choices:

(Qty)

_____ Chicken

_____ Steak



October 6th, 2012 Great Lakes Chapter/ARS Fall Meeting

Places to Stay:

Meeting Location:

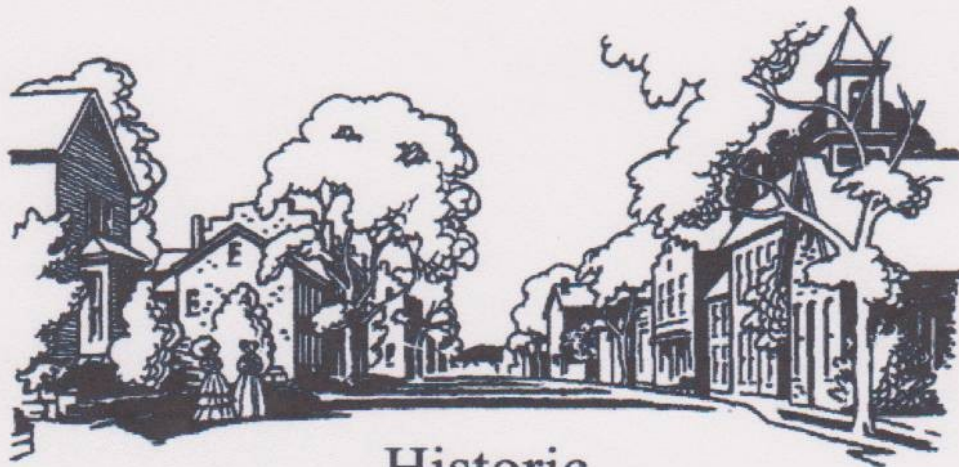
Coshocton Village Inn & Suites
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Coshocton, Ohio 43812
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Society"

Bed & Breakfast at Winery
740.545.9305
Lee & Joy Wise

3 rooms @ \$165.00 per night
1 room @ \$175.00 per night

Slideshow at:
historicroscoeivillage.com/wineries/rainbow-hills/



Historic
ROSCOE VILLAGE
COSHOCOTON, OHIO

"Little joy has he who has no garden." —Sadi



Great Lakes Chapter member and rhododendron enthusiast, Robert Billings moves his rhododendrons to a new site in Findlay, Ohio. Determined to grow his favorite rhododendrons in this new site, Robert shares his observations, experiences, and experiments that have resulted in a beautiful new rhodo garden in Findlay, Ohio. Planted in groups of red/white, yellow, orange, purple, white, and red, Good does by color, listed below.

Robert writes:

One of the problems of growing rhododendrons in my part of Ohio is that the land is so very flat with heavy clay soil. Rhododendrons must never sit in stagnant water. They need good drainage, loose air-filled soil and steady moisture. Seven years ago in October, in a very limited time, I dug up my best 25 plants (B&B) and had to plant and prepare them for winter at the new house in Findlay. I had available free, unlimited amounts of large size wood chips at the local community re-cycle yard. Since I had no soil, I placed my B&B plants in a deep bed of woodchips on the top of the ground. The day after my last rhododendron was placed it started to snow. My plants made it through the winter in good condition and flowered. That spring I replanted most of my landscape, putting a good soil mix around each rhododendron root ball, (1/3 pine, 1/3 presoaked peat, 1/3 rich soil). I now continue to grow large color groups on top of the ground in wood chips. New chips are needed to keep the bed full since the wood chips turns to humus in about three years. My surface mulch is black wood. In 40 years of growing rhododendrons/azaleas I have never had such good looking plants. I grow on the east side of my house and have three well spaced trees for partial shade and I water each week (if no rain), and dead-head all my plants I have found that some tender plants can survive -20 F. if they are in good health and have a good root system.

Plants I grow are:

- Group one, (Red and White) Hachmann's 'Charmont', 'Fantastica' 'Consolini's Windmill,' 'Landmark', and azalea 'Garden State Glow'
- Group two, (Yellow) 'Klondyke', deciduous azalea, 'Golden Lights'
- Group three (Blended colors) 'Janet Blair' 'Phyllis Korn'
- Group Four (Orange color), Azaleas 'Golden Sunset,' 'Mandarin Lights', 'Gibraltar'
- Group Five (Purple) 'Peter Alan', 'Edith Bosley'
- Group Six (White) Shammarello's Azalea 'Desiree', 'Polar Bear', Girard's azalea 'Kathy'
- Group Seven (Red/pink) 'Nova Zembla,' 'Scintillation,' 'Helsinki University,'

Photos & content by Robert Billings

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