

# 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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Dr. Jim Browning	Blanche Browning	6 year term
Linda Stull	Kay Walters	4 year term
Karen Wagner	Eric Oesterling	2 Year term

**Great Lakes Chapter Website**

[www.greatlakesrhodies.org](http://www.greatlakesrhodies.org)

Username—great lakes password—maximum

\*GLC newsletter posted to website quarterly

**Cover:**

'Fantastica'  
Beautifully grown by Dr. Jim & Blanche Browning in their Penn Hills three acre rhododendron garden of "good doers." Photo, Tony Pizzino

*"Fantastica"*

Hans Hachmann's hybrid ('Mars' X *yakushimanuim* 'Koichiro Wada') mid- May bloom, 4'x3'. "From Germany's (and probably the world's) premier hybridizer, a heavy bloomer with reddish pink flowers, shading to white in the throat for a picotee effect." Large tight truss, 18-22 flowers, leaves with slight indumentum, vigorous, healthy, compact plant. Everyone should have this hybrid, a delight.

**President's Message**

President's Message GLC Summer Newsletter

Hello fellow members! Allow me to introduce myself as your new president, elected during the May meeting at Secrest Arboretum. I hope my tenure will continue the strong level of enthusiasm and activity established by our former leader Chas Wagner. Fortunately, Chas is staying involved as the National Convention Chair and putting his energies into organizing the program for this event as well as the resources needed to run the May 2014 convention successfully – sites, schedules, and volunteers (meaning YOU fellow members).

Looking at our Great Lakes Chapter membership roster, I realize that there are many of you whom I have never, or only infrequently, met. A good meeting attendance nowadays is about 30 people, or only a fraction of our membership. Active involvement is not a requirement of membership, and many of you are keeping abreast of national and regional rhododendron activities through the ARS Journal and our excellent chapter newsletter. It is good to know that all of you continue to annually support the American Rhododendron Society. Nonetheless, I urge you all to make a special effort to attend the GLC-hosted convention next year. It will be a chance to meet with friends, hobnob with rhody enthusiasts from around the country, listen to entertaining speakers, and show off our great gardens.

The convention will take up most of our energies for next few meetings. Beyond that I am open to ideas about how our group should function and what sorts of activities it should pursue. This is your club, and I am here to help make it what you want it to be.

Cheers, Steve Krebs

Director, David G. Leach Research Station of The Holden Arboretum



Left to right, GLC President Steve Krebs. Center, speaker. Ken Cochran Secrest Arboretum GLC Past President Chas Wagner

Photo Tony Pizzino

**"PASS ALONG INFO"**

**Convention 2014 Postcards & Bookmarks**

**Place Your Order Post Paid**

**Page five this issue see, illustrated copies of Convention 2014 Postcards and Bookmarks in full color, available Post Paid to GLC members, as pass-along—handouts. Share information and extend an invitation: to friends, nurseries, local garden club members and other interested gardeners**

**to attend American Rhododendron Society**

**Convention 2014**

**May15—18th Greater Cleveland area, situated along the scenic shores of Lake Erie, and beyond...**

**"WHERE EVERY GARDEN TELLS A STORY"**

**Welcome to the "City of Trees," experience the beauty and variety of a Mid-western spring. Visit carefully chosen tours—in our woods, along our shores in private and public gardens in the Greater Cleveland area and beyond. Speakers with fresh perspective and interesting garden themes will entertain and inform. AMP**

*"Thought and learning are of small value, unless translated into action."*

-Wang Ming



### Bits by Bev

Great Lakes Chapter Truss Show, Saturday, May 18, 2013  
Secret Arboretum, Wooster, Ohio  
The Jack & Deb Miller Pavilion was the location of our Annual Truss Show.

Dr. Jim Browning's entry of Fantastica was best in show. There were 91 entry's this year. Class 2, Elepidotes, as in the past, was the most popular category. Thank you to the following members who worked diligently on our groups behalf, Harold Berg, Dr. Jim & Blanche Browning, Robert Frenzel, Dr. John Guyton, Marge Johnson, Wolfgang Koger, Blossom McBrier, Dr. Spike & Kay Walters.

What a pleasant surprise it was to see Jill Griesse (and family) she has been absent due to illness, we also enjoyed seeing Ralph Heller (and family). Sending good well wishes to Bill & Ann Glenn who have also been ill, hope to see you both again soon.

After all the judging was over the show was opened to the public. All our members enjoyed visiting the gardens surrounding the pavilion.

The evening activities took place at the Wooster Inn. (Some of us spent the night at the Inn. I must admit entering the bedroom, I felt I was in a time machine back to the late 1800's, BUT it was a very comfortable and interesting experience.

Our president Chas Wagner conducted the plant sale, with help and descriptions of many plants from Dr. Jim Browning. Approval of the new officer slate, who will take over in August 2013, followed by dinner, good conservation closing the day off with the speaker of the evening: Ken Cochran, Curator of Secret Arboretum. He shared the history, gardens success's and future plans for Secret. Secret has been involved in plant life for over 100 years, in 1915 it was the Forest Service of Ohio. Trees are basic to an eco friendly lifestyle. "Our reputation is in science". Learn, Explore, Wonder and Connect.

So many topics' were discussed, I'll close with a couple that especially caught my eye. "Edibles in landscape", "Wellness", many landscape pictures from the area are hanging in the halls of the Cleveland Clinic. There are so many year round activities offered to the public come and join the wonders of nature.

Remember our next meeting is in Butler, Pa, Dr. Spike & Kay Walters are looking forward to seeing all of you there.....me too!!!



Secret Arboretum gardens

Photos Tony Pizzino

### GETTING IT RIGHT ARS CONVENTION 2014 Plant Sale Committee, "sums it up."

"The plant sale committee is wrestling with arithmetic which deals with specific numbers! The headlock comes with estimated numbers ie. How many are coming. How many plants will each buy. Which plants will they want etc., etc., etc.

We will however Persevere !"

Update note from, Plant Sale Committee

Contributed by Dr. John Guyton, keep us updated ,Thanks.

**The David Leach Award for Best in Show**

Fantastica Dr Jim Browning

**The Joseph Gable Award for Second Best in Show**

Keith Brown Ray Walylko

**The Orlando S. Pride Award for the Best Proven Performer**

Everestianum Dr Jim Browning

**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. smirnowii Dr Jim Browning

**The Weldon Delp Award for the Best Lepidote**

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

Bubble Gum Marge Johnson

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

The Best of these "cultivars of extraordinary Hardiness" introduced before 1926

Everestianum Dr Jim Browning

**The Exbury Award for the Best Hybrid of yakushmanum**

For the best truss of a first or advanced yakushmanum hybrid

Fantastica Dr. Jim Browning

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

Trude Webster Blanche Browning

**The Robert Blough Award for Best Truss of a White Rhododendron**

R. smirnowii Dr Jim Browning

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

Keith Brown Ray Walylko

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

Capistrano George Tomaich

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

President Lincoln Ray Walylko

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

R. luteum Blossom McBrier

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

unknown pink Blossom McBrier

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

unnamed Rhododendron Chas Wagner

**The Holden Arboretum Award**

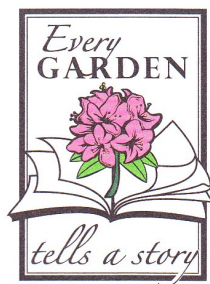
The best new named hybrid rhododendron introduced in the past seven years

Presque Isle George Tomaich

**The ARS Seed Exchange Award**

ARS Seedling Dr John Guyton

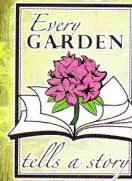
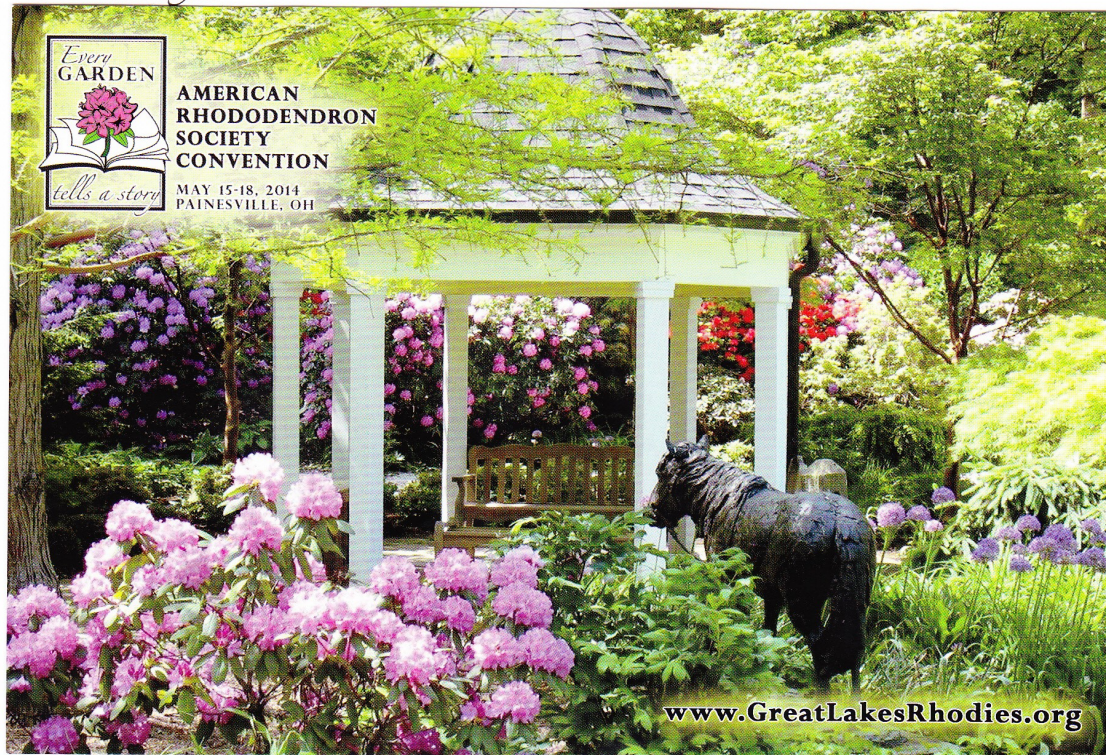
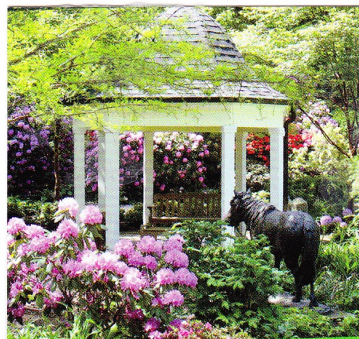




**AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY CONVENTION**

MAY 15-18, 2014  
PAINESVILLE, OH

**“PASS ALONG INFO”**  
Illustrated below are samples of postcards and bookmarks, very attractive in full color — on firm glossy paper, place post paid order Information below.



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TELL  
*me a fact*  
AND I'LL  
LEARN

TELL  
*me a truth*  
AND I'LL  
BELIEVE

*but*  
TELL  
*me a story*  
AND IT  
WILL  
LIVE  
*in my heart*  
FOREVER

NATIVE AMERICAN  
INDIAN PROVERB



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AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY  
11274 Curtis Road, North East, PA 16428



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**THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY**  
68th Annual International Convention  
**May 15-18th, 2014**  
Greater Cleveland Area where Every Garden Tells a Story

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Call (440) 497-1100 or visit [www.QuailHollowResort.com](http://www.QuailHollowResort.com)  
Mention ARS May 2014 Convention for special rates

**Event Tours:**

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| David G. Leach Research Station    | Cleveland Botanical Garden      |
| Holden Arboretum                   | LakeView Cemetery               |
| Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden | Schneider Healing Garden        |
| Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens          | The areas best private gardens! |

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Postcards and Bookmarks, prepared by Chas, & Karen Wagner and Kay & Dr. Spike Walters  
Place your order for the above—by the number of postcards and bookmarks to be distributed. **Mailed post paid.**  
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## Great Lakes Chapter/ARS May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Secret Arboretum, Wooster, OH

### AGENDA

1. Call to order at 3:20 PM. 36 people in attendance
2. Secretary - Minutes of last meeting – as printed in May 2013 – Vol 54 #
3. Treasurer - Financial Report - \$4000-\$4500 in checking; , \$5000 + \$6000 in CDs  
Conference spending report from Karen Wagner \$752 spent on promotional materials,  
\$1258.70 current balance

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- I. Report on opening of Holden's Rhododendron Discovery Garden from Chas Wagner

### OLD BUSINESS

2014 ARS Convention - Committees:

Chairman Chas Wagner discussed Day pass w Bruce Feller who supports the idea; discussion  
Budget for each Committee is requested in order to project costs/pricing

Tours & Speakers – Pizzinos and Steve Krebs

Plant Sale – Committee continues to work on conference plants; list of plants should be available  
to convention attendees

Vote taken deciding to continue with Great Lakes March plant sale

Renewed concept of artisan sales directed by Cheryl M.

Flower Show & Photo Contest

Sponsorships – letterhead developed for official requests

Publicity - postcards & bookmarks distributed to members

Website – send info to Linda in digital form

Journal Articles – Steve will be working with deadlines

Need for silent auction chairperson and items to auction

### RECESS UNTIL DINNER MEETING

### NEW BUSINESS (RECONVENED AT 6:00 WOOSTER INN)

Moved by Bob Frenzel, Second by Tony Pizzino to accept full proposed slate of officers

Approved by members present:

Pres. Steve Krebs

VP Bert Henley

Sec. Jill Griesse

Treas. Margaret Corbin

The evening included a plant sale, speaker Ken Cochran from Secret, and media  
presentations of convention and of Secret Arboretum as well as dinner

### UPCOMING DATES: 2013

Aug Meeting to be hosted by Kay Walters

### ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Wagner



May 18th 2013  
Great Lakes Chapter Truss Show  
Secret Arboretum  
Wooster, Ohio

Photos rhododendron truss show finalists—  
everyone a Blue Ribbon winner,  
Placed best- in- their- class. All locally grown in  
members gardens. BEST IN SHOW on cover.

Photo Tony Pizzino



# Great Lakes Chapter August 17, 2013 Meeting Agenda Conley Resort, Butler, PA

**Date:** Saturday August 17th, 2013  
**Place:** Conley Resort  
740 Pittsburg Road (Route 8)  
Butler, PA 16002  
800.344.7303 or 740.586.7711  
**Host:** Spike & Kay Walters  
724.287.2047 spike1932@zoominternet.net

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**All Activities are at Conley Resort**

**Agenda:**

**10:00 am Welcome and remarks from Pres. Steve Krebs**

**10:15 am Chas Wagner leads update info on work progress on ARS National Convention May 15-18, 2014**

**Noon Break for Lunch**

**We will continue the morning agenda ASAP**

**4:00 pm May Truss Show Awards will be presented**

**Plant Sale to follow above Show Awards  
To request a special plant contact:**

**Ray Walylko 724.349.5653  
David Walylko david24066@live.com**

**5:00 pm  
That's all folks! - safe trip home, See you in October TBA**

## PLACES TO STAY

**Conley Resort**  
Address see left  
800.344.7203  
724.588.7711

**Comfort Inn**  
724.287.7177  
5 miles north  
of Butler, Rt 8  
2 double beds  
AARP rate  
\$108.00 + tax

**Days Inn**  
724.287.6761  
2 double beds  
AARP rate  
\$99.00 + tax

## Plant Sale: \*

1 g rhodo & deciduous \$8.00  
2 g rhodo & deciduous \$12.00  
3 g rhodo & deciduous \$16.00  
1 g evergreen azalea \$4.00  
2 g evergreen azalea \$7.00  
3 g evergreen azalea \$10.00

\* minimum bids

**Send lunch reservations to:**

**Margaret Cobin**  
1802 Millfair Road  
Erie, PA 16505  
814.833.7207  
gramcl@aol.com  
\$15.00

**BOX LUNCH RESERVATION DEADLINE**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2013**

**MANY HANDS MAKE CHORES LITE, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**



GLC member Jim Stienke garden, pond purple martin houses





Holden is turning  
**a new leaf**  
be a part of the story.

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For information on Holden's New Leaf Campaign,  
visit [holdenarb.org/home/newleaf](http://holdenarb.org/home/newleaf)

Above photo, prepared by The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio  
New Eliot & Linda Paine Rhododendron Discovery Garden

**Donors' Special Preview May 15, 2013 and gala opening of the**

***Eliot and Linda Paine  
Rhododendron Discovery Garden***

A "landmark" event in the history of The Holden Arboretum, after four years of planning and fundraising, (New Leaf Capital Campaign) the beautiful new Rhododendron Discovery Garden opening preview, was celebrated in the new garden under tents on a gala, fun-filled, warm evening. The new RDG was approached through the scenic R. Henry Norweb, Jr. Tree Allée. The Great Lakes Chapter was represented by Blossom McBrier, Bob Frenzel, Steve Krebs, Annette & Tony Pizzino and Chas Wagner. AMP

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