

Rhododendron



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Great Lakes Chapter/ The American Rhododendron Society

**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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www.greatlakesrhodies.org

Username—great lakes password—maximum

*GLC newsletter posted to website quarterly

Cover: Photo, T.Pizzino
R. 'Spellbinder' (early blooming Leach hybrid)
Helen S. Layer Rhododendron Garden
Holden Arboretum, Sperry Road, Kirtland, Ohio

New Officers

The Great Lakes Chapter Members would like to thank all the past and present members who have, and continue working diligently to keep the Great-Lakes Chapter the excellent and progressive group it is!!

A sincere Thanks to Bev Berg and the Nominating Committee for their long time important work in obtaining new Great Lakes Chapter Officers.

Effective August, 2013

Special THANKS to Bev Berg, who in addition to writing "Bits by Bev" - never fails to procure new officers..

President's Message

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We weren't supposed to get that much snow, just some flurries along the lake shore. As we got onto I-90 the flurries started to come. The roads and traffic were busy enough to melt the snow on the right lane, until we crossed the state line. We would have turned back a couple of times as the semis went flying by, but I called the meeting. We only saw one plow in Ohio – Sequester!! So when the first few people arrived, I said we could really have the meeting. Then more came, and more. Some came close to 300 miles. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THE EFFORT!!! That's lake effect snow!!!

Quail Hollow had the room set and we filled all the spaces by the end of the day – 30 members came. There were good comments on the food and the facilities. Special thanks to Bert Hendley for the use of the projector.

We spent the time working on the 2014 ARS Convention. There was a good exchange of ideas. Committees selected rooms and charted the course. Annette and Tony are working hard on the tours and busses. Speakers were lined up, plants are being grown, hospitality is getting primed, & money is being spent- as we prepare to host the 2014 ARS convention!

Our 54th annual truss show is scheduled for May 18th at the Secrest Arboretum and Gardens in Wooster, OH. The Great Lakes Chapter and Secrest have had a long history together with a Rhododendron Display and Test Garden, as described by Gordon Emerson in his July 1966 article in the ARS Journal. Peter Girard, Lanny Pride, Tony Shammarello, David Leach and Musser Forests contributed plants for the garden.

The evening dinner and speaker will be held at the Wooster Inn. Our speaker for the evening will be Ken Cochran, the curator of the Arboretum. Our last truss show at the Arboretum was in 1981. Those members who remember or helped with the planting of rhododendron in Wooster, try to make a special effort to attend this event – and bring trusses. There shouldn't be any snow!!!

Respectfully,

Chas Wagner

NOTE—NEW GLC OFFICERS

Invitation

Once again the Lake Michigan Chapter of the Azalea Society of America will attempt to host a spring garden tour here in Holland and Saugatuck, Michigan. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and allow this event to happen.

Last year's plans were cancelled due to the untimely spring weather we had in early

April

Next year will be different. The show will go on no matter what the weather brings.

The dates are as follows:

Friday, May 17: registration and early bird garden visits.

Saturday, May 18: garden visits, evening banquet

Sunday, May 19: post garden visits, head for home.

Hotel Location: <http://www.hworthinn.com/pages/haworthhistory.html>

Hayworth Inn & Conference Center

225 College Drive

Holland, MI 49423

Garden Tours, speakers & schedules TBA (more info: azaleajohn@yahoo.com)

This notice is simply to let everyone aware that the event is a go.

Hope to see you all here.....many thanks.

John Migas

“ Well done is better, than well said.” -Benjamin Franklin

Past President Bob Grankowitz writes;

Bill Feuger (deceased) wanted to register one rhododendron after his wife when I was president. He expressed that he had a great rhododendron that had never failed to bloom no matter how cold it got there. I asked Bill to bring in pictures, but he wanted me to see it and I live a long distance away. I think his area can be considered as H-1 or H-2 coldness. So on a trip back from Florida a few years ago, since it was blooming season I made a detour up and over to his home and saw this gorgeous 12 to 14 foot high rhododendron in front of his home. He wanted help in registering it and to make it available to chapter members. I took pictures and he called me just before he died – asking for his help to register. I was in poor health at the time with infection and waiting to get two knee replacements, so I did not get his message, until after he died. My knees are very good now and the infection is in remission. This is when we lost 6 rooms to water damage when we got back and I was ripping up the hardwood closet floor when I go the infection.

I promised Bill I would try to get “Mrs. Lily Feuger” into hands of people to enjoy .

This is a seedling of his. So a couple of years ago I did go over to his home when the GLC/ARS meeting was at Holden Arboretum. I took over 60 cuttings and gave them to Ray—who had them put in the restaurant’s cold storage refrigerator for safe keeping— during the evening dinner period. Ray went to get them and it appears someone had thrown them out, and he was not able to start the cuttings. At a later date when asked for cuttings- Lily Feuger did not want any money for cuttings and was thrilled to hear Bill wanted to introduce it as— “Mrs. Lily Feuger.” I am still willing to register this rhododendron for Bill Feuger ,since I have pictures and details.

Update:

Tony & Annette will take 50/60 cuttings early September 2013 and get them to Steve Krebs/Ray Walyklo. This would begin a wide distribution Of “Mrs. Lily Feuger”

Note:

Have Ray keep some cuttings, so he could be the one to get it into commerce—it is a very nicely formed, ball—shaped rhododendron and so is the large, beautiful truss.

Bob Grankowitz

Lily Fueger Obituary

FUEGER



LILY A. FUEGER, 82, of Novelty passed away peacefully at home Wednesday January 2nd, 2013. Daughter of George Broos and Sarah (Hermann) Broos, she was born March 27, 1930 in Cleveland, OH. Lil was

an avid gardener and artist, member of the Chagrin Valley Herb Society, Honorary Master Gardener, retired artist for American Greetings, and former art therapy volunteer for Hospice of the Western Reserve. Lil is lovely remembered by her sons Mark (Karen) and Daniel (Cindy), grandchildren Heather, Matthew, Nick (Shawna), Natasha, and Danielle, and great-grandchildren Devon and Arianna. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of the Western Reserve, Geauga County Dept. of Aging-Congregate Meal Program, or Chagrin Valley Herb Society. The Funeral Service will be Wednesday, January 9th, 11am at STOD-LAWERENCE FUNERAL HOME located at 95 S. Franklin St., Chagrin Falls, OH. The Calling hours will be Tuesday, January 8th, 2-4 and 6-8pm at the Funeral Home. Interment Munn Cemetery in Newbury.

Doug Irish- Hosler obituary
Contributed by Harry Johnson

OBITUARIES

Douglas (Doug) Michael Irish-Hosler

Douglas (Doug) Michael Irish-Hosler was born on January 18, 1942, in Lansing, Michigan. Shortly thereafter he was adopted by Dorothy Hart Hosler and Maynard David Hosler. Four years later his sister, Mary (Diane) was adopted.

The family lived in Lansing, Mich.; Kendallville, Ind.; and Ft. Wayne, Ind. In 1960 Doug began his studies at the University of Cincinnati where he met his wife of 49 years, Penny Irish. After graduating with degrees in art and education, the couple moved to Penny’s hometown of North East, Pa., where they lived for 45 years. Further education included graduate work at Edinboro State University, The PA Academy of Fine Arts, Temple University (in England), and the University of Alaska. During Doug’s time in Cincinnati, he worked at the Museum of Natural History; and in the summers he worked as a fry cook and a security guard. Upon moving to Pa. he worked at Dergance Ford for a year; then from 1965 to 1979 Doug taught crafts at McDowell High School in Millcreek, Pa. From 1979-2013, he was a self-employed potter, sculptor, painter, and builder whose work has been exhibited in over 200 galleries throughout the U.S., Korea, and Japan and is included in many collections. Between 1960 and 1994, he was given over 20 one-person shows at galleries in Calif., Ind., Mass., Mich., N.Y., Ohio, Texas, Washington D.C., and W.Va. He also participated in more than 20 invitational shows in Calif., Conn., N.J., N.Y., Ohio, Pa., Texas, Wash., and Japan and received numerous corporate and individual commissions. Between 1972-1994, he presented workshops at three universities and two arts organizations. He also participated in numerous art shows and fairs in the U.S., receiving several “Best in Show” and “Special Recognition” awards. Doug attributed much of his creative success to the inspiration of his high school art teacher Don McLead and his wife Jan. In addition to his three dimensional work, Doug was involved in writing. He had articles published in Ceramics Monthly, Showcase Magazine, Network, and Crafts Report. For several years, Doug and Penny published the North East School District Newsletter and The Great Lakes Chapter of American Rhododendron Society Newsletter. Doug also reviewed books for Timber Press in Portland, Ore., wrote poetry and has written two unpublished novels. Orchids were his lifelong passion, and during his life he built three greenhouses for them, and designed a fourth. Besides hybridizing orchids, he hybridized lilies, and rhododendrons. At various times he belonged to numerous botanical, art, and art education organizations.

Doug’s interest in and concern for quality public education was evident even after leaving teaching. He was elected a North East School District Director and served on the Board from 1979-84, twice as vice-president. In 1996 and 1997, he worked for Potratz Floral Shop. In 1998 he was hired by the governing board of the Arts Council of Erie to be their Arts in Education Director in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. During his tenure, the program went from three to 12 counties with over 50 artist residencies in over 50 school districts and social service agencies. He had to retire in 2004 after triple bypass heart surgery, and in 2005 was awarded the PA Art Education Association Friend to Art Education Award in the state capital.

In 2009, Doug and Penny moved to Douglas, Ariz., a town they quickly came to love as much as North East. Doug is survived by Penny; his sister, Diane Kirkpatrick, her four children and eight grandchildren; Penny’s sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Bob Morton, and their two children and two grandchildren. Also important in their lives has been Gregory Hites of Cambridge, Mass., for whom they were guardians in 1966-67. His family and many friends, remember him for his great intelligence, paintings, clay work, sense of humor, cooking, creative building projects, and mentoring. Doug died at home of a massive heart attack on March 4, 2013. As per Doug’s request, he was cremated with no service being held. His ashes will be with Penny in Douglas, Ariz. Memorial donations can be made to the Douglas Fire Department Rescue Squad, 1400 E. 10th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607, Arts in Education Division of the Arts Council of Erie, 310 French Street, Erie, PA 16507, and the Cochise County Library System, c/o Douglas Library, 560 10th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607.

Sign the guestbook at www.GoErie.com/obits



Ask Charles

by Charles Tubesing,
chief horticulturist



JACKIE KLISURIC

Q: My rhododendron has grown so large that I can't see out my front window. Can I shorten it without hurting it? If so, when should I do it?

A: Yes, it is possible to reduce the height of a rhododendron by pruning without hurting it. If you only want to shorten the shrub by a foot or so, you can do this right after flowering is finished. The best tools for this are hand pruners and a pair of lopping shears or a small pruning saw for the heavier branches. When you remove a branch, you should cut it off at its base, so that only a very short stub is left. New shoots will emerge from just below where you cut, and a number of these can be expected to produce flower buds for the next spring.

More drastic cutting back can be used as a means of reinvigorating or restoring the appearance of an old plant with bare stems that are no longer clothed with leaves to their bases. This is best done in early spring, mid-March to mid-April, before new growth appears. All of the stems are cut off at six to eight inches from the ground and disposed of. Look at the stems that remain, and if they appear crowded, remove some of the stems completely to provide space between those that are left. New sprouts will appear at the bases of the remaining stems, as well as on the stubs themselves, and thinning of the old stems will provide them with room to develop. Once the new shoots

have elongated to a foot or so, and their leaves are full size, it is a good idea to apply fertilizer. I like to recommend cottonseed meal or Holly-tone. Because these are organic fertilizers, nutrients are slower to become available than with artificial fertilizers, and the nitrogen content is lower. As a result, the potential for applying too much and harming the plant is much reduced. Apply these fertilizers by broadcasting them by hand in a ring around the base of the plant. A plant that has been cut back to such a degree will make vigorous growth, and should not be expected to flower for two to three years afterward.

It is appropriate at this point to recommend that when planning to acquire and plant a rhododendron, you should consider the maximum height that is desirable for the place where you intend to plant it. When you shop for rhododendrons at the nursery, seek out those varieties that do not exceed the height limitation and then make your selection for flower color and other aesthetics among those. This will help ensure that your new rhododendron performs the function intended for it and does not require pruning later to keep it in bounds.

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Source: "Leaves" spring, 2013, a publication of The Holden Arboretum, reprinted with permission

Short Update

John Heinze had occasion to speak with Jill Griese— (long-time GLC Secretary)— and that he had a good conversation with Jill, who continues her treatments. John relates: that Jill has enjoyed being with the folks in The Great Lakes Chapter and says, "one of the best experiences she has had— is the joining of The American Rhododendron Society." Jill a very upbeat person, is also very active in The Daffodil Society

Jill is to Host the Gala "Daffodil Stroll and Auction in mid April.

Everyone says Hi and sends best wishes, see you soon. AMP

TO SOME PEOPLE:

Gardening is just a "lifestyle accessory" says the famous British garden designer and restorer, Tim Smit,— but to the true gardener, whose numbers are increasing all over the civilized world—gardeners are "the happiest of people." Because the creation of beauty and raising of food is one of the most profound joys of life.

Source: *Avant Gardener* November, 2011

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"Nothing so stirs the senses like a morning in the garden." -Walt Whitman

Holden Library Purchases Rare Book

Holden Kicks off "The Year of the Rhododendron" with New Addition to the Corning Rare Book Collection

The Holden Arboretum's latest addition to its library special collection is Joseph Dalton Hooker's *The Rhododendrons of Sikkim-Himalaya*, a beautifully illustrated account of Hooker's collecting expeditions in the Himalayas in 1848-49.

This book, and the species described therein, launched rhododendrons' and azaleas' dramatic increase in garden popularity, to the status they enjoy today. In short, Hooker's work is arguably the historically most important book about rhododendrons, making its addition to our collection wonderfully appropriate at the outset of 2013, Holden's "Year of the Rhododendron."



Librarian Sue Swisher and Clem Hamilton, president and CEO, with the newest addition to the Corning Collection.



David Leach's 'Mist Maiden' Relocated

Steve Krebs comments:

"...a photo of 'Mist Maiden' being taken from the Leach Research Station to plant at the new Holden garden (Rhododendron Discovery Garden) - one, of two matching clones, 20+ years old. Definitely one of the largest plants we've moved. David Leach planted it around 1993 to screen the air conditioning unit next to our building.

Mission accomplished and then some."

Steve

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"A garden is a delight to the eye and a solace for the soul." -Sadi

**GREAT LAKES CHAPTER
TRUSS SHOW
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH
Secrest Arboretum
Wooster, Ohio**

Date: **Saturday, May 18, 2013**

Host: Ken Cochran

Place: Secrest Arboretum & Gardens
1328 Dover Road,
Wooster, Ohio

AM Jack & Deb Miller Pavilion

8:00 - 10:00 Truss Entry.
10:00 - NOON Judging Period
NOON Lunch on Your Own

PM

NOON - 5:00 SHOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
3:30 - 4:30 2014 Convention Update - Short Committee Reports
5:00 Pavilion Closes

Change of Location: Wooster Inn 801 East Wayne Avenue, Wooster, OH

5:30 - 6:00 Reception
6:00 - 7:30 Dinner
7:30 - 9:30 Evening Events including speaker, election of officers, plant sale -

Speaker: Ken Cochran - Curator of Secrest Arboretum

Sunday May 19th - Truss Show open

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS TO:

{Deadline May 7th}

Margaret Corbin
1802 Millfair Road
Erie, PA 16505
814-833.7207
gramc1@aol.com

_____ **Goat Cheese Stuffed Chicken - \$34.00**

_____ **Grilled Salmon - \$34.00**

_____ **Certified Angus Beef Filet of Sirloin - \$42**

_____ **Total**

Price of meal includes room charge, tax, tip & dessert.

If staying overnight, the Wooster Inn has very limited number of rooms left. (Only for May 18th - 17th is booked)

Places to Stay: Suggestions:

Wooster Inn \$110
801 E. Wayne Ave
330.263.2660

EconoLodge \$60.
2055 E. Lincoln Way
330.262.5008

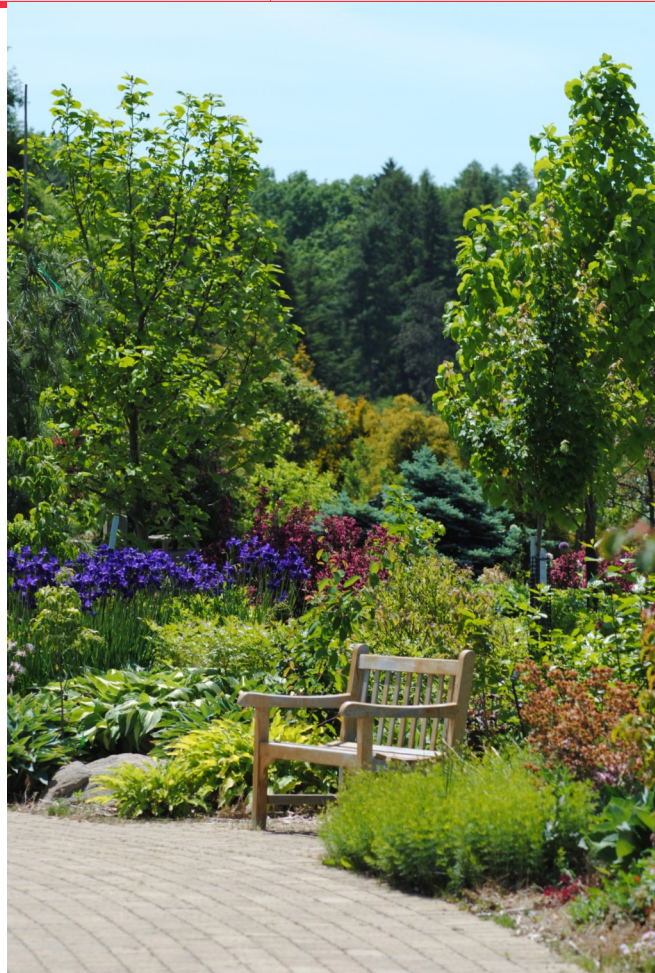
Rodeway Inn \$66
4253 Burbank Road
330.345.4424

Hampton Inn Wooster \$116
959 Dover Road
330.202.7701

Hilton Garden Inn Wooster \$107
969 Country Highway 419
330.264.6211

Super 8 Wooster \$60
243 Liberty Street
330.264.7750

Best Western Hotel \$77
243 E Liberty St
(330) 264-7750



Secret Arboretum, - Wooster, Ohio

Some might not realize that The Great Lakes Chapter of The American Rhododendron Society—had a test garden at the Secret Arboretum beginning in the early 1970's Some of our members (Ernie Schmidt and others) were instrumental in establishing that garden. By 1976 there were 170 different species, varieties, hybrids, or cultivars at the arboretum. The last time we had our truss show at Secret was on May 23—24, 1981.

Chas Wagner

Photos: Ken Cochran, Secret Arboretum Curator
Above, Jack & Deb Miller Pavillion
Middle, Deciduous Azalea. unnamed
Top, Art & Joe Berry Family Pathway



Harbinger of Spring, North Carolina

While attending , The American Rhododendron Society and The Azalea Society of America—Convention "Appalachian Spring" May 4-7, 2012, Asheville, North Carolina— during a tour of The North Carolina Arboretum— we walked the Azalea Trail. The above photo captures the essence of spring as we viewed " The National Native Azalea Collection" with its stunningly beautiful spring display, full of color, fragrance— while nectar seeking butterflies (swallowtails) visited this remarkable collection. The collection contains 16 of the 17 species native to the US. Memorable!!

R. canescens

Greer's *Guidebook to available rhododendrons Species & Hybrids*, By Harold E. Greer describes *R. canescens* as: "Azalea s.s. Luteum 6', " Flowers are fragrant, tubular-funnel-shaped, to 2" wide, open either before or with the leaves, in trusses of 6-15. Color ranges from pure white ,white blushed pink to pink or purplish, with pink or reddish corolla tube. Compact to upright growth, E. North America." Many of the above varieties were represented here—blooming in their full spring glory! (The Piedmont Azalea)

Photo above taken by Tom Davis (Son-in-law using his smart phone) Talk about capturing the moment! AMP

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