



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 Three times each year, on the third weekend of 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
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Username—great lakes password—maximum
***GLC newsletter posted to website**

Cover:

YellaFella hybrid rhododendron, by Steve Krebs

**American Rhododendron Society
Rhodo Notes***

Electronic version, Spring 2015 (eJARS)
<http://www.arsoffice.org/jars/toc1.asp> (sign up once)

2015 ARS Convention, Sidney, British Columbia, Canada
www.2015rhodo.ca
ARS Membership – spike1932@zoominternet.net

Patronize the ARS Store– Amazon or other—gives ARS a contribution

***Formerly Rhodogravure**

David Banks

President's Message

Dear Members

We had a smallish but very enjoyable May meeting at the Holden Arboretum, were we are preferred customers thanks to our Chapter's involvement with the rhododendron gardens there. The weather cooperated for touring the grounds and everyone brought plenty of flower trusses to display in the visitors' center. We even sold some plants to the public.

For the evening entertainment, a movie about plant exploration was shown in lieu of a speaker, and I think that went over pretty well. Thanks to all of you who attended and contributed to making this meeting a success.

Once the rains end - and they will end, won't they? - we have planned a day trip August 22, at Kingwood Center, in Mansfield, Ohio. You don't want to miss out on this guided tour of a spectacular 47 acre estate gardens! Details attached.

**Cheers,
Steve**



Kay Walters passes out ribbons won by Great Lakes Members. Chas records details.

Photo bottom, Beautiful rhododendron flower trusses, Lit- up the Corning Visitor Center, Holden Arboretum.

Photos
Tony Pizzino





<p>The David Leach Award for Best in Show YellaFella Steve Krebs</p>
<p>The Joseph Gable Award for Second Best in Show 'Catawbiense Album' Annette Pizzino</p>
<p>The Orlando S. Pride Award for the Best Proven Performer 'Catawbiense Album' Annette Pizzino</p>
<p>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. molle Leach Research Station</p>
<p>The Weldon Delp Award for the Best Lepidote For the best truss or spray of a hybrid or species Lepidote 'Windbeam' Blossom McBrier</p>
<p>The E. H. Wilson Award for the Best Ironclad Rhododendron The Best of these "cultivars of extraordinary Hardiness" introduced before 1926 'Catwabiense Album' Annette Pizzino</p>
<p>The Exbury Award for the Best Hybrid of Yakushmanum For the best truss of a first or advanced yakushmanum hybrid Yakushmanum Chas Wagner</p>
<p>The C.O. Dexter Award for the Best Truss of a Pink Rhododendron Dexter hybrid Blossom McBrier</p>
<p>The Robert Blough Award for Best Truss of a White Rhododendron 'Catawbiense Album' Annette Pizzino</p>
<p>The Dr. Tom Ring Award for the Best Truss of a Red Rhododendron 'Burma' Leach Research Center</p>
<p>The William Fetterhoff Award for the Best Truss of a Yellow or Orange Rhododendron YellaFella Steve Krebs</p>
<p>The Peter Girard Award for the Best Truss of a Purple to Near Blue Rhododendron 'Blue Peter' Chas Wagner</p>
<p>The Otto Prycl Award for the Best Spray of a Deciduous Azalea 'Buttons & Bows' Annette Pizzino</p>
<p>The Tony Shammarello Award for the Spray of a Persistent Leaf Azalea 'Girard's Caitlin' Leach Research Station</p>
<p>The Homer Salley Award for the Best new Hybrid Never Before Shown 'Freckled Pink' Chas Wagner</p>
<p>The Holden Arboretum Award The best new named hybrid rhododendron introduced in the past seven years YellaFella Steve Krebs</p>
<p>The ARS Seed Exchange Award R.makinoi 'Wing Fong' Leach Research Station</p>



YellaFella



'Catawbiense Album'



R. molle



'Girard's Caitlin'



R. yakushimanum



Dexter hybrid



'Burma'



'Blue Peter'



'Buttons & Bows'



'Windbeam' (reprint)



'Freckled Pink'



R. makinoi 'Wing Fong'

Meeting of May 23, 2015

Best Western Lawnfield Inn and Suites

Holden Arboretum

After a beautiful day and a delightful dinner, information was shared among those gathered.

- Steve Krebs gave progress report from Leach Station and rhododendron hyperythrum work with Louisiana test gardens
- Karen Wagner shared highlights from the recent 2015 ARS convention in Sidney BC, CA
- Chas Wagner gave an invitation to the April 2016 ARS Convention in Williamsburg, VA combined with the Azalea Society. He also announced that the plant sale at Holden yielded \$1045
- Kay Walters awarded truss show ribbons
- Nick Yarmoshuk discussed methods for success in the Niagara Chapter, CA
- A NOVA film on flowers, giving attention to rhodos, was viewed.

Karen Wagner Secretary

Photo right, Karen Wagner sums up—2015 ARS Convention Sidney, BC, Canada

Photos bottom left, Social hour—Lawnfield Inn Pub

Photo right, Sunday 1st tour Leach Research Station, Madison, OH

R. 'Bravo'

Photos Tony Pizzino



In Memoriam

Raymond E., Walylko Sr., 77 Indiana, Pa Formerly of Johnstown, passed away Feb. 15, 2015, at Allegheny General hospital, Pittsburgh. Born Sept 13, 1937, in Johnstown, son of George and Susanna (Galesky) Walylko. Preceded in death by parents, brother, Thomas Walylko and bother-in-law Robert Carbaugh. Survived by wife, Janet (Partsch) Walylko, Johnstown; sons Raymond Jr; and wife Tess; and David and wife Lorie, both of Johnstown; daughters Maxine, married to Dave Wise, Buchman, Va; and Loretta, married to Wally Patton, Johnstown; 14 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Brother of Maxaline, married to James Pinelli; George Walylko, and wife, Susanne; and Marian Carbaugh all of Johnstown; and Virginia, married to William Varner, South Carolina. Also survived by sister-in-law Anna May Walylko, Johnstown. Former owner of Ray's Nurseries for 31 years Ray loved his family, friends, his dogs and the great out doors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. His love of nature was a God-given talent for his artistic ability. Without a doubt, his greatest gift was his passion for propagating rhododendrons and azaleas in his greenhouse work. Wake, will be held from 1 p.m. until time of service at 4 p.m. Thursday at Hoffman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 109 Church Road, Davidsville, the Rev. Brian Simmons, presiding in lieu of flowers, donations in Ray's memory may be designated to the family. To express condolence or light a candle, visit HoffmanFuneralHomes.com.

**Ray's W.W. Nurseries supplied beautiful rhododendrons, azaleas, other plants for numerous Great Lakes Chapter plant sales. Members' gardens are alive with color thanks to Ray and his wide assortment of plants. Always pleasant, he readily shared cultural notes on how to make your plants thrive; he would also personally, custom propagate that very special plant. A wide assortment of his blooming plants graced the May 22, 2015 GLC Truss Show and sale. Although, no longer with us—his generosity was present at the Chapter Truss Show as his highly prized "Heirloom" tomato plants selected and grown from seed, were passed along to members by his son David, with a brief note, to save the seed, and return the seed to David. Ray will be remembered.

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Draffan Fountain: Dedicated to George Draffan, our first Chairman of the Board, the fountain is a focal point for the view down the Allee from Kingwood Hall and a popular gathering place.

Allee: In Mr. King's time the Allee was an unadorned long vista into the woods. It has now become a trademark feature of Kingwood's gardens. Tulips, daffodils, annuals, flowering trees and shrubs, an emerald green long lawn, and a fountain combine to make this area a visitor and wedding favorite throughout the seasons.



North Terrace: Perched between the long Allee and Kingwood Hall, this is a popular intermediate spot to get a perspective, stage a wedding, or admire the colorful seasonal plantings that decorate the terrace in the growing season.

Woodland Garden: Here we offer a shady retreat where visitors can simply relax in this comfortable out-of-the-way garden or take in the colorful diversity of shade tolerant plants.

Kingwood Hall: Built in 1926, Kingwood Hall is the French provincial inspired former home of Charles Kelley King. Today it houses administrative offices on the third floor, a horticultural library, and many of Mr. King's furnishings in period arrangements. It is open most days May through September, but for limited hours.



Naturalized Spring Garden: Have a burst of glory in this area in April, May and into June and then go dormant. The garden steps off the stage for the summer.



Trial & Cutting Beds: If you like your plants all in a row this is the place for you. All the plants we are testing and the plants we use for cut and dried flowers are lined out and labeled. It is one of our most popular gardens.

Perennial Garden: Parallel to the Allee the perennial garden offers an experimental and horticultural contrast to its more formal neighbor. The perennial garden offers interest in the minutiae of its complex plantings, its larger groupings of perennials and an attractive overview from multiple strategic spots. Each aspect of the perennial garden changes and evolves throughout the season.



South Lawn and Terrace: Enjoy the framed open view of the south terrace, a favorite for wedding receptions.

Duck Pond: An artifact from the pre-dating Kingwood Hall, Mr. King was skating on the pond. Today it is a popular spot for ducks and an attractive terminus for ever popular peacocks and peacocks everywhere in the gardens.



Historic Formal Gardens: These gardens were designed with Kingwood Hall in 1926 and represent the only gardens specifically designed in Mr. King's time. Revolving around the swimming pool that was once there a visitor could not reach the pool without going through at least one of three arts & crafts style gardens.

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Mr. King's day and probably is said to have enjoyed favorite stop for feeding the for the Terrace Garden. The chickens can be found most

Meeting Hall: Previously Mr. King's garage for maintenance equipment, this building was transformed early on in the history of Kingwood Center as a site for meetings, shows, plant sales, and gatherings of all sort.

Workshop: Once the barn, stable and office for Mr. King's service buildings, today the Workshop offers our visitors restrooms, beverages, and a site for information about our events and activities.

Exhibit Hall: Once the most upscale poultry house imaginable, this building, like the Meeting Hall, was long ago remodeled as a center of activities. With its beautiful windows overlooking the rose garden this is a favorite room for rentals.

Herb Garden: The most intensively cultivated garden at Kingwood, the Herb Garden offers many different plants of historic or current herbal value for culinary, medicinal, dyeing, strewing, fragrance and drying uses. Collectively this enormous diversity of plants transforms the enclosed space into a very pleasant and attractive place to study, enjoy, or take refuge in one of the four covered sitting areas.

Gazebo Garden: This is a little vignette featuring a vine covered gazebo, a rill of water and a wide assortment of flowering plants, especially annuals. It is particularly popular for some of the smaller weddings.

Peony Garden: This garden goes back to the early days of Kingwood Center when the emphasis was all on plant collections. The peony garden features many of peony breeder William Krekler's creations and provides a glorious swath of color in late spring when they are in bloom.

Rose Garden: Roses and more! We are in transition as we add more vigorous roses and accompany them with more companion plants to eventually achieve a fully integrated garden that features roses.



Courtyard Garden: This inviting courtyard offers lots of chairs, benches, tables, gardens, shade and a fountain. Come and relax or enjoy special events staged in this area.

Terrace Garden: In the 1990's, with funds from the Ohio Brass Foundation, the area in which Mr. King had his tennis court, vegetable and cut gardens, and orchard a new garden was created as part of the ongoing expansion of gardens since a public garden was created from a former estate.



Garden Shop:

Receive **\$5** off a purchase of **\$25** or more with your admission receipt.

- Many different plants including perennials, tropicals, cacti, herbs, annuals, and seasonal plants
- Gardening tools and garden art, e.g. bird baths, bird feeders, wind chimes, fairy garden accessories and other garden accents
- Kingwood mementos, e.g. post cards, greeting cards, magnets, peacock feather and other peacock themed garden accessories
- Friendly knowledgeable staff
- Open every day from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Greenhouse Displays:

- A tropical display house that has several hundred varieties of tropical plants.
- A succulent house with several hundred old world and new world plants.
- The Orangerie which was added on in the 1980's leads out into the greenhouse courtyard garden.
- Carnivorous Plant Display, learn about their adaptations, where they are native, and what they "eat".

Center
GARDENS

Dedication Ceremony - 1953

& Perennial Gardens:

laying the path in this area is an of gardens beds with various Currently we offer daylilies, irises, a bed for plants sharp drainage, repeat bearded irises, annuals, and ed perennial beds.

AGENDA PICNIC FORMAT

50 North Trimble Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906 www.kingwoodcenter.org

TIME 11:30 Mention GLC rhododendron at gate—direction to Kingwood building

PLACE: KINGWOOD BUILDING—ROOM LEFT—BOXLUNCH, SPEAKER, TOUR

DEADLINE—AUGUST 6th* SEE ADDRESS & INFO BELOW

*Kingwood Center, "Group Visit Agreement" requests FIRM GROUP COUNT & advance payment.

Kingwood Center GARDENS

11:30—NOON RESERVED BOX LUNCH

12:45 SPEAKER, CHARLES GLEAVES DIRECTOR
"HISTORY OF KINGWOOD CENTER"

1:30-3:00 GUIDED TOUR GARDENS & HOUSE

GUIDED TOUR & ENTRANCE \$5:00

BOX LUNCH \$12.00

TOTAL

SEND RESERVATION BY AUGUST 6TH, 2015

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