

## **Tuesday—April 14th—7 PM**

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**FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.**

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### **A VERY SAD MONTH FOR OUR CHAPTER**

We have lost 2 more of our precious members this past month—Bob McKinney and Margaret Pflug. These two wonderful people passed away in March just a week apart.

**Margaret Pflug** passed away on March 14th. She has been battling Parkinson's disease for several years and has been lovingly cared for at home by our friend Gene and others. The family wants to thank all of those who have helped and supported Margaret and Gene.

Margaret and Gene were long time members of the Cascade Chapter and were very active. Margaret was on the board for a number of years and served as secretary/treasurer in the past. She has been missed along with Gene for the past several years.

There was no funeral and the family asked that if you'd like to help, donations can be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc ([www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)). You are also invited to send cards, letters, pictures or other memories to [pflugserendipity@Q.com](mailto:pflugserendipity@Q.com) or to Gene at

1411 151st Pl. NE, Bellevue, WA 98007.

Gene will be moving to Ellensburg later this spring, and if you are interested, I can give you his new address and phone number.

**Bob McKinney** passed away on March 20th. Bob had a number of ailments over the past several months and had had a pacemaker installed last year just before our Spring Rhododendron Show, of which he was the chairman. It slowed him down a little, but didn't stop him from "going on with the show". Bob was 79, but you'd never have known it as active as he was.



*June 2008  
Awards Ceremony*

*To become a member of the Cascade Chapter of the ARS, send dues to:  
Bob George, 3030 E Beaver LK DR SE; SAMMAMISH, WA 98075 - 425-391-2366  
\$35.00 Annual Membership fee or \$8.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.*

Bob was a charter member of the Cascade chapter and had served several terms as president, vice president and board member. He was always there when help was needed. He was also actively involved with Meerkerk gardens, doing much of their propagation over the years. He also served on the Management and Advisory board for several years. When he wasn't doing all of his rhody, fuchsia, and perennial work, he was helping the local Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops with organizing Pine Car Derbies. He will be missed by many.

And we will all miss the “**Adventures of the Little Garden**” in this newsletter. I've had so many comments about that column and that it was their favorite series.

There was no funeral at the families request.

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On a personal note, when I joined the Cascade Chapter in 1995, my first contact was an invitation to come to a meeting from Margaret. When I did come to my first meeting, it was Bob that greeted me and made me feel welcome. He was the president at that time. I will miss them both.  
*Don Smart, President*

#### **APRIL PROGRAM—A TRIP ARUNACHAL PRADESH, INDIA**

This month we will take a trip to Arunachal Pradesh. We will be showing a new DVD from the ARS Program Library and it is really well done. The quality of these library productions are really improving.

This program is of an October, 2005 trip to Arunachal Pradesh with Steve Hootman, Ken Cox, Ron Rabideau, Garrett Richardson and other. Ron provides the narration with both photos and video by several members of the team.

The program is a day by day adventure of poor roads, suspension bridges, small villages and colorful local people. The video of crossing a bamboo suspension bridge over a white water river gives you a much better perspective of what it's like than a still picture!

*Editor*

#### **MARCH—A PASSION FOR RHODODENDRONS—THE MOVIE**

We watched a DVD titled A Passion for Rhododendrons produced by Mendocino Coast Films and the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. We will be selling this DVD at the Everett Convention.

This was a great film and very informative. It was not just a travelogue of rhododendrons and gardens, but also had segments on planting, fertilizing, hybridizing, and propagation of rhododendrons. It appealed to all levels of knowledge of rhododendrons. You might want to pick up a copy of your own at the convention in Everett.

*Editor*

#### **TREAT TIME!**

Those brownies from Mary Loop were quite a hit - - - plus she brought delicious cookies, too. Thanks, Mary.

Millie English has volunteered to bring treats in April. We have now filled the calendar with volunteer hosts and hostesses.

Many thanks to all of you.

*Coleen George—The Sunshine Lady*

#### **PLANTS FOR DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE FOR MARCH**

We have some more amazing rhododendrons from Rogers Rhodies in Olympia. Rogers Rhodies has a huge selection of 1 gallon rhododendrons as you can tell. They have acres packed with Rhododendrons and Japanese maples. We would like to thank them again for their extreme generosity to the Cascade Chapter.

Here is this month's selection:

R. SATSUP SUNRISE---This is salmon-pink in color with a brownish-orange blotch. This grows to a medium height and is fairly compact. It blooms late May to early June! The color is unique.

R. CHERRY FLOAT---(NAOMI HYBRID) Described as growing to a medium height and having purplish-red flowers with a purplish-pink center. This is a Lofthouse hybrid.

C.P.RAPHAEL X FAWN---This is a wildcard. It is thought to be a multicolor.

R. BLACK MAGIC---The flowers are very dark

red and attractive. This is a Greer hybrid and has Leo as a parent. Considered low to medium height.

**R. MADAME COCHET**---This is considered a late flowering plant with large trusses! The flowers are medium purple which has a white center with a golden yellow blotch. This is hardy to -10 degrees.

**R. RED GOBLIN**---This has rosy-red flowers and is a low growing plant. It is not a dwarf though.

**R. YAK CHRUB**---This is the correct spelling. This has pink flowers and is a very well-rounded plant. Estimated to grow about 4-5' in 10 years.

We hope to see you at the April meeting! Bring your friends.

*David Doherty, Cascade Board Member*

**UPDATE—SAVE THE RHODODENDRONS AT KENMORE**

*David Sherbrooke hard at work? Big plant, too!*



Work has continued at the park and the last word I think I heard that well over 300 plants had been saved and moved to a holding area. Volunteers have done a lot of work and have been rewarded with some great rhododendrons for their gardens.

These are some pictures of work in progress.  
*Editor and Warren Timmons III, Cascade Past President*



*David Hughes—Little sports car—big rhododendron*



*The holding area is solid rhodies!*

**OH THE WICKED WEB WE WEAVE**

Do you ever enjoy just looking at rhododendron pictures? If you do, you might like to check out the website <http://www.downsrhododendrons.com/plantindex.html>.

Another interesting website is Jens Birck's website. He will be a speaker at the convention in Everett.

His website is <http://picasaweb.google.dk/birck.denmark>. Once you are there you click which album you would like to see. After it loads you click "Diasshow" in the upper left hand corner and the slide program will progress for you. His program on grafting is very interesting, in fact they all are. (*Editor's note: Jens will be speaking on Friday evening at the convention, and will be doing a program on grafting on Saturday morning.*)

*David Doherty, Cascade Board Member*

**ARS 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION—28 DAYS!**

Hope to see you all there. It's going to be great!

American Rhododendron Society  
 Cascade Chapter  
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 1618 290th Ave NE  
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# FIRST CLASS

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Happy Easter**

\*\*\*\*\* ***DOLLAR TABLE*** \*\*\*\*\*

**Support your chapter--buy a plant or  
 bring a plant or do both!**

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***BOARD MEETINGS:***

Board Meetings are usually held on the **Monday following our Chapter Meeting** at Bob and Coleen George's house. Any member is welcome at the Board Meeting. If you have an idea or agenda item that you believe the Board should consider, please call Don Smart 425-333-6178 . Or just come and see what goes on behind the scenes.

### CASCADE CHAPTER 2007-2008 CALENDAR

**YEAR MONTH - DAY EVENT**

2009	Apr 4-5	Rhododendron Species Foundation Spring Plant Sale
2009	Apr 14	Cascade meeting—Arunachal Pradesh
2009	Apr 29—May 3	ARS 2009 Spring Convention—Holiday Inn Downtown—Everett, WA
2009	May 9	WA Native Plant Society Spring Plant Sale—Bellevue Botanical Garden
2009	May 12	Cascade meeting—TBA
2009	Jun 10 (Wednesday)	Cascade Annual Meeting and Potluck—Bellevue Botanical Garden