

>>> **Sunday, December 14th, 2 PM** <<<

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Holiday Dinner Jointly with Our Seattle Partner

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY DINNER—JOINT WITH SEATTLE

Now that your shopping is completed (?) and you only have to do some baking it is a great time to meet with your friends for the annual holiday banquet. This year the Cascade Chapter will be joining together with the Seattle Chapter. The banquet will be at the Center for Urban Horticulture, the main meeting rooms. The date is December 14th and the fun will begin at 2:00pm with wine and hors d'oeuvres, provided by the board of directors.

The ham will be supplied by the Cascade and Seattle chapters. The remaining buffet will be provided by all of you. If your last name is A-J you should bring a salad for 8-10, names K-Q an entrée for 8-10 and names R-Z a dessert. Everyone should bring dishes, silverware, glassware and whatever you want to drink. Napkins will be provided. Because of the great response in the past, we will have a canned food drive. (Diane Thompson says she and Paul ate well for several months.) Bring what you want and we make sure they are delivered to a food bank.

The evening will include a presentation by **Steve Hootman** and a special raffle. Steve, the director of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden will present one of his special talks. This year's show will be about the gardens of New Zealand that he visited while attending the New Zealand 70th Jubilee International Rhododendron Conference. His presentations are always exciting and entertaining. Put the date on your calendar and come join all of us.

David Hughes has offered to give at least 2 people rides, if you need one. If YOU can provide rides for those not wanting to drive, please let me know at 333-6178. And let me know if you need a ride, also. I think the best place to meet for rides would be the lower parking lot near the street at the First Presbyterian Church at about 1PM.

Don Smart and Laura Kentala

NOVEMBER PROGRAM—PLANT ART WITH SUCCULENTS—NICK HEITING

If you missed last month's program given by **Nick Heiting**, past president of the Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society, you missed an amazing display of what can be done with a little imagina-

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Tying the Knot—Photo: Nick Heiting

tion. Nick also had a great sense of humor and we all enjoyed the time he spent showing several dozen of his creations.

It was also interesting to learn that, like orchids, most succulent plants are killed by too much care. They do not have to be house plants, except in the winter, but can be placed outside for spring summer and fall with NO WATERING. Maybe some of you knew that, but I sure didn't. I have put a document about Nick's story and a number of his pictures on our web site at www.arscascade.org. Thanks to Nick for a great evening.

Editor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HO,HO,HO...ok, so I'm a little early. I'm just trying to keep up with Wal-Mart, Costco, Target, and all the rest of them...hey, truth be known, I'd leave my holiday lights up all year if I could get away with it...ok, so let's talk turkey shall we, given today is Thanksgiving and all.

So, we're doing something in December we haven't done in years (I'm told)...that being

we're joining the Seattle Chapter on December 14th @ 2pm for a JOINT Holiday party at their place (AKA the Center for Urban Horticulture, near the UW campus). The infamous Steve Hootman will be doing another fabulous presentation (on gardens of New Zealand), so you won't want to miss it; please RSVP to Don, so they'll know how many tables to set up. Bring a side dish, your own table ware, and a can or two of something for local food drives. Heck, they're even having raffle prizes; it should be a very fun time!...you'll need some downtime with all that holiday shopping you'll have done!

The November meeting was just a hoot with German born, Nick Heiting, who wears Lederhosen and knows a whole lot about cacti and succulents...did you know you could grow a jade plant in an eggshell or even an old sock? Anyway, it was great information and I learned lots of new things. He even brought little succulent samples for us to plant (like I don't already have enough of that to do).

Looking forward to the new year, we're doing what we've done the past couple of years, we're holding our January and February meetings on Sunday afternoons, with the Board meeting just prior to the chapter meeting (ps, you're welcome to join us for the Board meeting too if you'd like!).



So, I'll close for now, since I'll need to exercise the next 6 hours so I can eat my heart out on Thanksgiving! Please promise me you'll come to our December holiday joint meeting with the Seattle Chapter, it won't be the same without you!

All my best to you AND Rhodys Rock! (oh yeah!)

Dianna Davis, President

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TREAT TIME

Since we are going to be getting together for dinner, there will be treats and eats for and from everyone. So please come to our Holiday Party at the Seattle Center for Urban Horticulture and start enjoying the season of sharing.

Carolyn Smart

TIME IS ALMOST OUT FOR RENEWALS

I am missing 17 of you that have not renewed for 2015. I hope it's just that it has slipped your mind. (See the poem below.) We'd sure like to have you continue with us. Thanks to those of you have sent me their renewals. **Please, please, please** renew for 2015!

Oh, and thank you to those who have included a donation to the ARS to help the budget.

Don Smart, Treasurer

MY FORGETTER

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
to you that may seem funny but,
to me, it is no joke

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is generally me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who the heck was that?"
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,

And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Hmm? I can't seem to remember if I told you this before.

Anonymous—From the Siuslaw Chapter with Permission



Between a Rock and Hard Spot—Photo: Nick Heiting

JANUARY—DENNIS BOTTEMILLER

Last spring, Bill Heller put together a "Rhododendron Garden Tour" to northern Europe. Dennis went along on the tour and will show us some great pictures along with his stories. Come and enjoy some spring displays.

Editor

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Board Meetings

**The Next Board meeting will be held
at 1 PM before our January Meeting.** If
you have subjects or suggestions you'd like
discussed, please let one of us know. Or, better
yet, come and join us as Board meetings are open
to all members.

CASCADE CHAPTER 2013—2014 CALENDAR

YEAR	MONTH	DAY	EVENT
2014	December	14	Joint Holiday/Christmas Dinner Party—Cascade & Seattle
2015	January	11	Cascade Chapter meeting - 2PM —Dennis Bottemiller—Gardens of Northern Europe
2015	February	8	Cascade Chapter meeting at 2PM —Program TBA