

**>>> Sunday, February 8th, 2 PM <<<**  
**\*\*\*\*\* First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue \*\*\*\*\***  
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**FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.**

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**FEBRUARY PROGRAM—SUSIE EGAN—THE DIVERSITY AND VARIETIES OF TRILLIUMS**

Note that this month, we are still meeting at the church at **2 PM**. Next month we will return to Tuesday evening, March 10th at 7 PM with an optional dinner before the meeting.



*Trillium ovatum*  
 Photo: [www.nwplants.com](http://www.nwplants.com)

This month we will welcome Susie Egan to our meeting. Susie was a speaker at our Fall 2014 Conference, so some of you have heard her, but due to the time restraints you may not have been able to ask all the questions you had. For those of you who were not there, you are in for a treat. We are all familiar

with our native Trillium ovatum, there are so many more that you could grow in your garden. Susie is the expert.

For the past twenty years Susie has been developing her two-acre Cottage Lake Gardens into a private botanical garden with an extensive collection of rare and unusual plants. Her focus in recent years has been on the study and propagation of trilliums, an endangered wildflower. Her garden includes all 48 species of the world's trilliums growing in one location. Susie is in the process of establishing a National Trillium Collection at Cottage Lake Gardens.

Come and enjoy this great plant and speaker.

**HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING ROOM (AGAIN)**

At our last meeting there were a number of people who still had trouble finding our meeting room at the church. So, I am going to reprint the directions.

There are 2 ways to get to UC-105.  
**1. From the Lower Level.** Park in front of the church as you have in the past.

Enter the front of the building and go past the Sanctuary to the elevator on the

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right. Take the elevator to the third floor. Exit the elevator on the third floor, take a hard right and follow the exit signs to the (uncovered!) courtyard / pre-school play area. Follow ramp and at the end of the ramp, turn left following the walkway, then enter the building. UC-105 is immediately to your left.

**2. From the Upper Lever:** There is a parking lot off of 100th Avenue that has 16 spaces plus one handicapped parking spot. You cannot drive from the lower parking lot to the upper parking lot without taking 17th Street immediately south of the Church, going west two blocks to 100th and turning right so that you are on the north side of the Church building.

From the upper lot, enter the building (you are on the third floor) and go to your left. Just opposite of the door to the Eastside Academy, you will find an elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor. Upon exiting the elevator, turn right and room UC-105 is straight ahead.

As for the Sunday afternoon meeting, this upper parking lot was nearly empty during our January meeting.

*Editor*

### **JANUARY PROGRAM—THANKS TO DENNIS BOTTEMILLER**

Last month Dennis took us on a whirlwind tour of northern Germany and Denmark visiting 28 nurseries and gardens. He had great pictures rhododendrons and nursery operations. We even got treated to several pictures of good German bier—auf Deutsche.

We always enjoy having Dennis with us and offer our thanks, again.

*Editor*

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

My first announcement, once again, is "GO HAWKS"

As I'm writing this, it is exactly 1 week before Superbowl XLIX and I'm so excited...how 'bout them Hawks, eh?!



OK, back to the subject at hand...once again Dennis Bottemiller (Nursery Manager & Head



*Our President—A True Fan*

Propagator for the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden-RSBG) dazzled us all with his slide show in January with a tour of Northern Germany and Denmark...truly beautiful and the German beers didn't look too bad either---that guy just tickles me!

We also want to remind folks to hold May 6-10 for the 70th ARS Annual convention in Sidney, BC, Canada; it looks like it is going to be truly awesome!

We took a show of hands with most folks saying they'd be willing to do some combined meetings with our other chapters, so I'm reaching out to the Presidents of Seattle and Pilchuck to find out what they have on tap. ALSO, the "RHODE SHOW" last year was super fun and we'd love to do it again, so we're planning that as well.

I'm sure Don will touch on this topic, but Bellevue Botanical Garden has gotten to be quite the destination since their fancy remodel, so we didn't get our usual weekend in May, and the other dates didn't seem to work. So, Your Board decided to "pass" on both the flower sale and flower show in 2015.

Membership Appeal: So at our last Board meeting, Don reported that only 36 folks had renewed, leaving another 14 not planning to renew or just not having renewed. OK people...yes, I am fully aware that some of our members die, but not 14 of them...so please, please renew your membership if you haven't already. If renewing your member-

ship is truly a financial burden, I would ask that you email me and we'll figure something out. Our next meeting will be February 8th @ 2pm with the Board meeting @ 1pm (everybody's welcome to come to that as well...we'd love to have you!). Don was securing our speaker, so I'll let him talk about that!

So, I'll close for now, gotta' go paint my hair and face green & blue!

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

*Dianna Davis, President*

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### TREAT TIME

Thanks to Elaine Sherbrooke and Jody Safstrom for our goodies last month.

This month we'll be treated by Carol Jacobson and Bev Sears. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for future months.

*Carolyn Smart*

### GREER GARDENS NURSERY CLOSING

Carolyn and I were down in Oregon the last week and a half. On the way through Eugene we stopped at Greer Gardens, as I had to talk to Harold about some ARS stuff.

I asked about the nursery closing and got the latest update. (You have probably seen the ad on the back of the last ARS Journal.) Harold and Nancy will close the nursery on July 1st. You can still order plants from them on their web site and they have arranged with another local nursery to do the shipping. So, while you still have a chance to, go to their website at <http://www.greergardens.com/> and order something special.

He showed the me plans that have been drawn up by the developer. It will be a retirement complex, with apartments for independent living, a community center, and a memory care unit. Harold and Nancy will also get a new house on one side of the property. Anyone want to move to Eugene?

*Don Smart, Editor*

### ANOTHER OREGON NURSERY OPPORTUNITY

We also stopped at Thompson's Rhododendron Nursery in Waldport on the coast. They had one plant that I've wanted for a number of years since before it was registered—"Avery" (Mauna Loa x Unique Marmalade)—named for the Thompsons first granddaughter. It is beautiful orange.

Anyway, every year Thompsons have a 3 day sale and I've heard the road gets lined with vehicles waiting for them to open. I've been to it a couple of times, but it is always on the weekend after Mother's Day—when we are usually having our show and sale. Well, we are not having a show and sale this year, so you can take a drive to the Oregon coast and get some great bargains from \$5 and up (but not very far up).

### 2015 ARS SPRING CONVENTION—MAY 6-10TH—SIDNEY, BC

As you have seen by now, the convention schedules and registration forms are in the winter Journal. This is all (and more) on their website at <http://2015rhodo.ca/> along with a link to on-line registration via credit card.

If you haven't been to a Convention, or haven't been for a while, this should be a must on your calendar.

*Editor*

**BOARD MEETING**— 1 PM Sunday, February 8th before the 2 PM meeting. Please be there.



The Seahawks lost.

### Please Renew!

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**Board Meetings**

**The February Board meeting will be held at 1 PM at the church just prior to our regular 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**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
2015	February	8	Cascade Chapter meeting at <b>2PM</b> —All about trilliums—Susie Egan
2015	March	10	Cascade Chapter meeting at <b>7PM</b> —Program TBA
2015	April	14	Cascade Chapter meeting at <b>7PM</b> —Program TBA
2015	May	6-10	ARS Convention—Sidney, BC, Canada
2015	May	15-17	Thompson Nursery Sale—Waldport, Oregon