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VERY SAD NEWS

I am sorry to have to tell you this, but one of our faithful members has passed away. Peggy Crane lost her battle with various ailments on December 22, 2008.

I had a call from Doug a couple days after Christmas and we had a nice talk. He and the family are doing fine, but our thoughts should be with Doug and the family in this difficult time. Peggy had been in and out of the hospital since June, and had spent the times in between in a convalescent center on Mercer Island.

One of the couples we could always depend on when something needed doing were the Cranes. Even with all of the problems Peggy had over the years with her eyes, she would still be there with her

big floppy blue hat to shield her eyes from the light. Because of their faithful service to the Cascade Chapter, we awarded them the Bronze Medal in 2001.



Doug and Peggy Receive Bronze Medal

She will be missed by all of us.

Don Smart, President



Peggy and Doug—Summer 2007

JANUARY—ELSIE WATON'S GARDEN AND HYBRIDS—JACK MORGAN

We are in for a treat this month. Although Elsie Watson, who turned 95 in November, is not living at her house in Juanita, her garden is still being maintained. Karen Swenson and Jack Morgan have continued to keep the garden in beautiful shape and Jack has *Elsie*

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*Watson's 95th Birthday Party
Photo by Jeanine Smith*

continued with Elsie's propagation projects. As fans of Elsie's hybrids and garden and fellow rhodoholics we own these 2 a debt of gratitude.

This month Jack Morgan will share his slide collection of Elsie's treasures with us. I'm sure you will enjoy this program.

Editor

DECEMBER PROGRAM—THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII

Last month we journeyed around the Big Island of Hawaii with Don and Carolyn Smart. We could sure some of that warmth now, couldn't we?

Editor

TREAT TIME!

Many thanks to Charlene and Randy Jones for the very special Christmas goodies at the last meeting. Dave and Elaine Sherbrooke have volunteered for January treats. Any volunteers for February?

Coleen George—The Sunshine Lady

PLANTS FOR DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE FOR JANUARY

I found a very interesting nursery in Olympia that sells only rhodies and Japanese maples. They have 11 acres with numerous hoop houses packed full of species and hybrid rhodies that they collected from numerous local hybridizers and ARS convention plant sales. They have over 200 species and about 1000 different hybrids.

Paul Rogers and Connie Klein own Rogers Rhodies and both are active members of the Olympia chapter. Connie is a past president of the chapter. They were very generous to the Cascade Chapter and I wish to

thank them very much.

Here is this month's selection from Rogers Rhodies: **Moonwax**—This is a Lloyd Newcomb hybrid so you know it has to be good. It is multicolored with yellow and peach coloring. It has large flowers and is FRAGRANT!!! This sounds like a "must have" rhodie.

R. edgeworthii—This is heavily indumented on the bottom of the leaves and it is also FRAGRANT!!

Crossroads—Hjalmar Larson hybrid-beautiful red blooms—Dr. Becker (our September speaker) won the Peoples Choice Award at the University Place Rhody show with this!!!! We hope the winner of this enters it in a future Cascade Chapter show.

Bergie Larson—This hybrid was named for Hjalmar Larson's wife. Mr. Larson created a lot of hybrids and he resided near the Narrows Bridge. You know this is a beautiful plant to be named for his wife. This grows about 3' tall and has yellow-orange flowers. This is a late blooming plant! See page 192 of Greer's guide-book for other Larson hybrids.

Thor—Here is a real oldie but goodie. This grows about 3' and has orange-red flowers. It is also has thick indumentum on the bottom of the leaves.

Double Date #69—(Double Date X Open Pollinated) This is a pink flowering plant that has double flowers and is FRAGRANT!!! What a combination.

Smokey #9—(Burgundy X Moser's Maroon) This is another Halfdan Lem hybrid! This is best described as a deep purple. A lady once told me "if it is a Lem's hybrid, it's a great plant."

I will bring some other unique rhodies from Rogers Rhodies at the next meeting as well. Remember, one of the big benefits of belonging to the Cascade Chapter and especially attending the meetings is the opportunity to add some special plants to your collection.

David Doherty, Cascade Board Member

CAN I SEND YOU OUR E-NEWSLETTER?

Many of you now receive this newsletter by email as an Adobe PDF file. The advantage in receiving your newsletter this way is that all photographs are in color—like all of the neat photos in this issue!. The advantage to the Chapter is no copying and mailing. If you would to change, please send me an email:

donolyn@comcast.net.

Editor

FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE LITTLE GARDEN

Bob was scheduled to have some heart surgery to repair a valve in his heart. I have not talked to him, yet, but hopefully his stories of The Little Garden will

return next month.

Editor

ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM SADS?

The symptoms for the disorder, Seasonal Azalea Deprivation Disorder (SADS), are often encountered during the winter months.

You know that you are suffering when you find yourself keeping a pet root weevil in a jar on top of the computer.

Here is my little one. She(?) was attracted to my



electronic bug light in the back yard in late September and spent the night in a barrel of water located below the light. The barrel functioned to collect the bugs that didn't get fried by the electronic grid. I put her in a clear 35mm film jar but she just wouldn't die. Finally I added a piece of *R. ponticum* leaf and she ATE IT.

The film can leaves something to be desired for photographic clarity. Not only are the reflections from the flash distracting but it leaves a diffuse haze over everything. Still, you can see the biting mouth parts that are used to create all of those leaf notches.

Now she is in her new home made from four micro-



scope slides glued together with clear end caps. You can tell she's much happier. She's snoozing in the bottom of her cage, much like a faithful dog.



It is remarkable how long a root weevil can go without eating (at least a month), and also how much one can eat in the course of a single night.

The result of all that feasting is shown in the last picture: Scat, droppings, leaf recycling, evil weevil doo-doo, the evidence of a meal greatly enjoyed.



Finally, if you really get depressed with the winter blues, you can get your pliers and CRUSH the little blighter.

Luurt Nieuwenhuis, Portland Chapter—Reprinted with Permission

ARS 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The convention is getting nearer—only 116 more days. You will soon be seeing sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities—welcoming, registration, gift shop, truss show, plant sales, and more. The registration forms will be available in the Winter Journal, too.
Don Smart, Convention Chairman

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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 Jan 13 Cascade Chapter meeting—Elsie Watson's Garden and Hybrids—Jack Morgan
2009 Feb 10 Cascade Chapter meeting—TBA
2009 Apr 29—May 3 ARS 2009 Spring Convention—Holiday Inn Downtown—Everett, WA