

>>> Wednesday, June 10th at 6PM <<<

******* Bellevue Botanical Garden, Classroom C *******

12001 Main St, Bellevue, WA

FREE DOOR PRIZES and raffle of Rhododendrons.

You will be bringing the dinner this month—not Red Robin

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JUNE ANNUAL POTLUCK AND BUSINESS MEETING

Please note the change in the date (a Wednesday), the time (an hour earlier), and the location of June’s meeting. We are finally back to the Bellevue Botanical Garden after all of their construction and upgrades.



BBG Main Entrance from the Parking Lot

The parking lot is much bigger and mostly level and the view above is the entrance to the garden. We will be meeting in Classroom C which will be the right as you enter the garden. You’ll go past the

Gift Shop, office and some other classrooms, but you’ll find us.

Here is the list of what to bring based on your last name. It’s been pointed out to me that we have a lot of S’s, so Have split them up this time.

A-G—Side dish (salad, vegetables, etc.)

J-Sh—Main dish

Si-W—Dessert

Also, please bring your table service and favorite non-alcoholic beverage. Coffee and tea will be provided.

We’ll have some special plants for multiple door prizes and also a couple of raffle plants.

Come enjoy the comradery of your fellow chapter members and rhodoholics. This is the last meeting until our fall kick-off picnic/BBQ to be held at the Sherbrooke’s garden in September.

Editor

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Hi all...today is May 16 and I know I have to get my report in extra early because our Newsletter Editor(s) are leaving for Hawaii....so ALOHA Don & Carolyn...Have a wonderful time in Hawaii and don’t forget that sun screen.

I had a blast at our May meeting of “Show & Tell” where folks brought truss-

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es, photos, & CD images for us to enjoy. Special thanks to Don who talked about the 70th ARS Convention in Sidney, BC...he promises mores photos in the coming months.

Warren brought several beautiful rhodies from Kenmore Park, so make a date to visit...OH, and Warren also said his yard is being over-run with rhododendrons and just may have a few to offer up! Thanks also to the Georges for their many trusses, to Millie, to Carol, and to the Sears for bring pictures on their iPad.

We'll meet in June at the newly renovated Bellevue Botanical Garden (BBG) for our end of the year meeting....can't wait to see the new digs!

A special welcome to our newest Cascade Chapter Member, Gail Round, who's been on a rhody buying spree of late. She's a Bellevue local, so lucky for her, she doesn't have far to travel for our meetings....way to go GAIL!

As you recall, we decided to NOT have a truss show & sale in 2015 because the new BBG facility is so popular, we could not get a weekend in rhodie season, but we are on their calendar for new year already for May 14-15th. We'll need some new volunteers to pull this off as it's mainly been your Board pulling most of the duty and none of us are getting any younger! It's too bad we missed this year. Because I've been bringing trusses to work every week and I'm getting lots of requests like "I can't wait for your sale this year"....arg.

We very much look forward to seeing everybody at the June meeting and please feel free to bring any trusses for us to drool over or have competitions of who can **NAME THAT TRUSS!** AND...bring a friend, one is all we ask!

My best to you AND Rhodys Rock!

Dianna Davis, President

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TREAT TIME

Thanks to **Dianna Davis** and **Elaine Sherbrooke** for the delicious fruit and cookies last month. It was much appreciated.

See above for who's bringing what for dinner and treats for June.

Thanks to all of you for your sharing goodies with us this past year.

Help wanted: We'd like someone to take over the

job of treat coordinator and to bring all of the coffee supplies and pot for next year.

Editor

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

June is our annual business meeting. One of the items we always do is elect officers for the following year. But, since we changed the bylaws last year to make terms 2 years, we can put off the begging and pleading for volunteers until next year.

The Board is proposing another change to the bylaws this year, and since it has to be announced twice this is the second.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNING BODY

*The Governing Body of the Chapter shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president, and ~~three~~ (Proposed change: a minimum of **two**) directors. (Proposed addition: **Officers and directors must be current members (full or associate) of the chapter.**)*

Editor

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The full annual report will be in the next newsletter. The short version is:

Checking Account: \$ 1819.61

Money Market Account: \$14,660.78

Highlights: Received repayment of \$500 loaned to the 2014 Fall Conference; received \$410 from membership dues. Paid Kathy Van Veen \$250 for 100 rooted cuttings being grown for future chapter uses; paid Church \$440 for meeting room rental; paid ARS \$930 for their portion of membership dues; paid BBG \$200 for June meeting rental (includes a refundable \$50 deposit). Since we did not have a plant sale this year, the only income has been from plant raffles at the meeting, which has average less than \$20 per meeting.

The money we loaned the Fall Conference was taken from Savings, but returned to checking.

Membership: We lost 8 members this year and our current count is 2 life members, 31 full members, and 8 associate members.

Don Smart, Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sorticulture is coming up on June 12-14 in Everett and we do not have the volunteer staffing we

need for our booth. We want to make this a District 2 sponsored booth. The function of the booth is to answer questions about rhododendrons, the ARS, and, to encourage those who are interested to look into joining a chapter in their area.

Needed are volunteers for Saturday, 6/13 and Sunday, 6/14 shifts. Please contact Richard Fairfield by email at wineryduck@yahoo.com for more specific information.

Sorticulture is a fun, annual Garden and Arts event in Everett's Legion Park. For more information: <https://www.everettwa.gov/823/Sorticulture-Garden-Arts-Festival>

Richard Fairfield - District 2 Director



R. sutchuenense Geraldii—Clyde Haines

SAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS

I received a letter from our friend and long time member **Clyde Haines**. Sadly, his wife **Betty** passed away last November after declining health for a number of years. Many of you may not have met them, but Clyde ,and his brother Art (who passed away quite a few years ago), used to be



Loderi King George—Clyde Haines

Very active in our chapter.

The good news is that Clyde is still raising rhododendrons—and some very big ones. He sent me a picture of an *R. sutchuenense Geraldii* that he bought about 50 years ago for \$0.50 and is now 25' tall. He also sent a picture of a *Loderi King George*. Also about 50 years old and very tall.

Don Smart, Editor

FREE RHODIES AND AZALEAS

Warren Timmons has lost the greenbelt area across the street from his house and would like to give away some nice ... and some larger ... plants.

Per Warren: Free Rhodies & Azaleas-3 to 15+ gallon. Call for appointment 206-256-7784

Donations & pot returns are always appreciated.
Editor

Happy Summer—See You in September

Please don't forget about the ARS Store when ordering just about anything on-line.

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*Have a great summer season!
Keep watering!*

Chapter Meeting Attendance?

There is an alarming trend in our chapter meetings. The attendance many times has been only the Board members and their spouses ... and Millie, bless her heart.

Why?

Even our attempt at afternoon meetings during the winter has not really improved attendance.

Your Board really needs your input. **Please!**

Board Meetings

There will be no June Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be sometime in August to start planning for next year's activities, starting with our BBQ/Picnic in September.

CASCADE CHAPTER 2014—2015 CALENDAR

YEAR	MONTH	DAY	EVENT
2015	June	10	Annual meeting and Potluck—6 PM—Bellevue Botanical Garden—Classroom 3
2015	June	6-7	Purple Passion Sale—Meerkerk Gardens—9-4—20% of potted plants—Wear something purple and get a FREE PLANT!
2015	June	12-14	Volunteers needed for Sorticulture—Everett's Legion Park (See page 3.)