

>>> Tuesday, March 10th at 7PM <<<
******* First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue *******
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FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.

Join us for dinner at the Bellevue Square Red Robin at 5:15

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**MARCH PROGRAM— HISTORY AND
ART OF JAPANESE GARDENING—
RICHARD FAIRFIELD**

This month Richard Fairfield, our District 2 Director, will be speaking to us about the Japanese garden.

tain principles at work across them all. There is just something about the Japanese Garden that captivates the American gardener. We all find them very beautiful and especially unique, but few know about the actual art form itself, and fewer still really understand it.



Pictures by
Richard Fairfield



Richard and Jennifer (his wife) were fortunate to be able to get a glimpse into the subject on a cruise around Japan featuring a tour of the Temples and Gardens of Japan. During their 16 days in the islands, they were exposed to the culture as well as the horticulture in this ancient land and how they are in fact woven together. While every garden is different, there are cer-



This presentation, educational in nature, provides an introduction to the art form from its origin to one of the most recent, highlighted with

photographic examples encountered on their trip. And he tells me there will be a short quiz at the end of the presentation!

Please join us for this great program. Enjoy refreshments, some special plants for the door prize and raffle, and getting

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together with friends.

Also, for more fun, come meet us for dinner at the Bellevue Square Red Robin at 5:15.

Editor

LAST MONTH—SUSIE EGAN—THE DIVERSITY AND VARIETIES OF TRILLIUMS

Those of you who missed last month's meeting missed a real treat.

For the past twenty years Susie Egan has been developing her two-acre Cottage Lake Gardens into a collection of all 48 species of the world's trilliums. Susie is a world renowned expert on these plants and recently returned from presenting a program to the Scottish Rock Garden.

Her program and pictures were great along with all of our questions she answered.

Thank you Susie for your presentation.

Editor



R. sutchuenense—Photo: Bob George

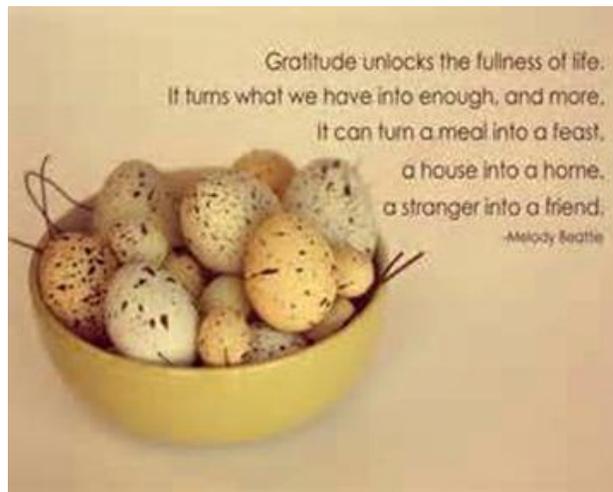
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My first announcement is thanks to my illustrious Board for holding down the fort at our February meeting when I had a conflict and wasn't able to make the meeting! I had heard the speaker at the Fall convention, so I hope you're now in love with rhododendrons AND trillium (or is it trilliums or trillii)?!

Don't forget 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're looking into doing more "combined" meetings with Seattle AND doing some combined "RHODE SHOWS" so be watching as we iron out those details.

Our next meeting will be March 10th @ 7pm with guest speaker Richard Fairfield (District Director). ...And this is totally spontaneous, but I need to say



it...PLEASE stay in the present and be grateful for everyday and for everything you have. The reason why I'm saying this is because the daughter of a very dear doctor friend of mine was in a very serious car accident 3 days ago and may not survive, she is 22 years old. This is the worst nightmare for parents and I cannot begin to imagine the amount of pain that family is going through. When you feel like you're having a bad day, think about what a truly bad day might be. Be grateful and live each day to the fullest.

Blessings to you all.

Dianna Davis, President

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TREAT TIME

Thanks to Carol Jacobson and Bev Sears for our goodies last month.

This month we'll be treated by the George's and Carolyn Smart. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for future months. And thank you very much to Elaine Sherbrooke for taking over the coffee and set-up duties for a while. It is much appreciated.

Carolyn Smart

NURSERY OPPORTUNITIES

As I reported last month, Greer Gardens in Eugene, owned by Harold and Nancy, will be closing this summer. 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.

Also, don't forget to consider a trip to Waldport, OR the weekend after Mother's Day and the Sidney Convention, to take in the Thompson Rhododendron Nursery's annual spring sale. You won't be disappointed!

Don Smart, Editor

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

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 or printable form to send with a check. (The update is that you can pay by US check.)

If you want to avoid the credit card fees that they have added in on their on-line registration form, they have given us a process—an easy one—to just write a check in US funds. From the registrar: "If you are mailing in your registration, use the current exchange rate available at <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter>. This will tell you how much to pay in US dollars. Write a cheque for that amount from your US bank account (it will be in US dollars). Send your registration form and your cheque to the address at the bottom of the printed registration form."

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

Editor

PILCHUCK CHAPTER MEETING—GOOD PROGRAM COMING UP

On **March 5th**, the Pilchuck Chapter's program is Rhododendron Propagation by Ken Webb. Ken is new ARS Western VP and lives in Victoria, BC. He does a lot of propagation for himself and his chapter and is great speaker. Here's the info from their newsletter:

"Our March speaker is Ken Webb. Ken is a member of the Victoria chapter of the ARS, a Bronze Medal recipient, and the current District 1 director. Years ago, Ken established a propagation group for those in his chapter. He has since shared his

knowledge not only with his chapter group, but with others who are interested in rhododendron propagation in all forms: from seed, from cuttings and by grafting. Ken is a knowledgeable and popular speaker on the topic. Dinner with Ken and Madeleine Webb at 5PM will be at Scuttlebutt Brewing Co. on the Everett waterfront: 1205 Craftsman Way, Everett, WA. Ph:425-257-9316.

If you plan to join the group for dinner, please contact Rose so that she can make the reservation. She can be reached at 425-232-7921 or at rosemarienicoletti@msn.com. Hope to see you there."

The chapter meeting is at Red Barn at Jennings Park, 6915 Armar Rd., Marysville at 7PM.

Carolyn and I have become good friends with Ken and Madeleine and plan on going. Come join us.

Don Smart, Editor

WHAT'S BLOOMING IN YOUR GARDEN?

It's that time of year to start taking pictures to share at our May meeting. Bob George sent a beautiful R. sutchuenense on page 2. Below are a couple from our yard. One is Yak x Arboreum, another is an 8' Viburnum—Spring Bouquet, and the other is a bud on a R. barbatum that in 13 or more years has never bloomed. Send me some of your pictures.

Don Smart, Editor



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***Don't forget to RENEW so you
won't miss your Spring Journal.
Thanks for those of you have!!!***

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

The March Board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at David and Elaine Sherbrooke's home. 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
2015	March	5	Pilchuck Meeting at 7PM —See article on page 3/
2015	March	10	Cascade Chapter meeting at 7PM —Garden of Japan—Richard Fairfield
2015	April	14	Cascade Chapter meeting at 7PM —Program TBA
2015	April	25	Road Trip to Richard Fairfield's and Doug and Donna Keogh's Gardens—Time TBA
2015	May	6-10	ARS Convention—Sidney, BC, Canada
2015	May	15-17	Thompson Nursery Sale—Waldport, Oregon