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MARCH—A PASSION FOR RHODODENDRONS—THE MOVIE

You will enjoy this program. We will be previewing a DVD titled A Passion for Rhododendrons produced by Mendocino Coast Films and the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. We will be selling this DVD at the Everett Convention, so you will have the first preview.

This was filmed at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens and at “Outstanding Gardens on the Mendocino Coast”.

It is a delightfully intimate film which highlights the magnificence of rhododendrons on California’s Mendocino Coast. This DVD beautifully illustrates the broad diversity of rhododendrons as both hybrids and species. You will meet renowned gardeners who have devoted their lives to cultivating and hybridizing these remarkable plants and will learn secrets from these experts for producing award winning blooms.”

Come join us for this beautiful film.

Editor

FEBRUARY PROGRAM—A TRIP TO BOTANIKA

What a great program that Dennis Bottemiller from the RSBG shared with us.

In July 2008 he was invited to go to the Bremen Rhododendron park in Bremen,

Germany to look at their conservatory they call Botanika.

Dennis spent 3 days in and around the \$30 million facility and we saw it all and it was beautiful. Thanks for a great program.

Editor

TREAT TIME!

Many thanks to Coleen and Bob George for the delicious deserts last month.

Mary Loop has generously offered to bring treats in March. If you have not helped out in this way this season, would you consider volunteering for April or May?

Coleen George—The Sunshine Lady

PLANTS FOR DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE FOR MARCH

With Spring just around the corner and the prime season for rhododendrons just ahead, now might be a good time to start planning what crosses you are going to make this year. After seeing Elsie Watson's beautiful yard and her stunning crosses at the January meeting I was inspired to try my hand at hybridizing again this year as I'm sure you are as well. Some of this month's plants might make some good parent plants in future years to make a few crosses with?

For the month of March we are able to

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offer even more beautiful hybrids from Rogers Rhodys in Olympia. You might want to make a day trip this spring and check out all the hundreds of rhododendrons and Japanese maples they have.

Here is this month's selection:

R. 'BLUE BOY'---Elsie Watson hybrid. We saw this in January's slide show. Vibrant violet blue flowers with dark purplish black blotch. Prolific bloomer about 5' tall. Real nice!!!

R. 'HEATHERSIDE BEAUTY'---This grows about 5' and has compact white trusses. This is considered an early bloomer so it will be well appreciated in the yard.

R. 'DOUBLE WINNER'---Another Larson hybrid. Grows about 5'. This is considered "a long blooming variety." This would be fun to try some crosses with in the future. Foliage has a little indumentum also.

R. 'SIR CHARLES LEMON'---This is a real attractive looking plant you will enjoy the entire year. Blooms white flowers late March to early April. The leaves have very heavy brown indumentum.

R. 'HILLS BRIGHT RED'---Grows to 3'. This plant has very attractive foliage and red blooms. Kilimanjaro is one of the parent plants This is nice!

R. 'BLACK SPORT'---Grows about 5'. The color is very unique and it is described as purple-red with a black/red blotch. Paul Rogers says this is one of his fastest selling plants when people see it in bloom.

R. 'MARTIAN KING'---Grows about 3'. Deep dark black-red flowers. This is a very highly rated plant for both the plant and the bloom. You will want this one!!!!

JOE DAVIS 96---This is an unnamed hybrid of Joe Davis and was obtained by Rogers Rhodys in 1996 hence the label. See Davis hybrids page 169 Greer's Guidebook. This is a Multicolor.

David Doherty, Cascade Board Member

UPDATE—SAVE THE RHODODENDRONS AT KENMORE

Working parties are continuing on Saturdays at the Kenmore Rhododendron Garden.

Many of you have visited the Kenmore Rhododendron Park in the past. It was a King County Park. For several years now it is a Kenmore City Park and is going to be "renovated/redesigned".

I have been involved in keeping track of the plans of the new park and have also been involved along with a group of seniors who use the park building as their senior center working to save as many of the collection as possible.

Well, it's time to get to work. The city of Kenmore has set aside an area of the park where many of the rhododendrons need to be moved out of the way of development. Many of these great old rhodies will be moved back into the park when the new design is complete. But many may be given away to the volunteers who help in this effort. There are some very rare hybrids—many one of a kind.

Weather permitting, each Saturday, at least through mid March, will be volunteer days. The weather will dictate the course of action. Transplanting will commence around 9 AM, bring shovels, wheelbarrows, mattocks, tarps, pruning saws, and hand pruners or loppers. Snow cancels any work.

This would be a great way to a) get some exercise, b) help save some great rhododendrons, and c) maybe get your hands on something you would not find anywhere else. Experienced gardeners may be asked to be team leaders as many volunteers are not experienced transplanters. Assistance will also be needed to continue taking inventory and keeping track of the paper work.

Rumor has it that the seniors will also be providing coffee and goodies.

The bid advertisement for the project is going out on Feb. 2 and 9 with the bid opening set for Feb. 17. Assuming we receive good bids within our budget, City Council is scheduled to award the bid on Feb. 23. Once the bid is awarded, we have about 10 days to get the contract signed with all the related attachments i.e. performance bond, insurance certificates, etc. I'm hoping to issue a notice to proceed to the contractor around March 9 and have the construction started no later than March 16. The contract allows 90 calendar days to complete the work so the goal is to have the project completed no later than June 15 barring any delays for weather or other issues.

So we can start moving the plants as soon as possible. The second load of mulch has been delivered to the site for the temporary plant holding area. We will order more as we need it.

Warren Timmons III, Cascade Past President

Editor's note: The plant list is posted at <http://arascascade.org/Newsletters/Kenmore-Plant-List-December-2008.pdf>

ARS 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION—60 DAYS!

The convention is getting closer. Registrations are coming in regularly now. Some of the tours are already close to filling up. So you might want to get your registration sent in or register on-line at www.ars-2009-convention.org and click on registration at the top.

Thank you for those who have signed up for volunteer positions. Remember, though, that all volunteers have to be registered for the convention, too. If you still want to volunteer please contact the committee chairs directly:

Plant Sale: Dave Hammond—360-435-9206

Registration: Don King—425-837-8760

Sales Room: Laura Kentala—425-822-6269

Don Smart, Convention Chairman

OH THE WICKED WEB WE WEAVE

This month's input is from David Doherty.

You may already have seen this web site, but if you haven't check out <http://www.rhododendron.fr/hybridesgb.htm> (*Editors note: This is Tijs Huisman's web site. He was a speaker at the Tulsa ARS Convention last year and will be attending the Everett meeting.*) It lists some famous hybridizers on the left and if you click on a name you will see the hybridizer's name and some of his hybrids as well.

If you click the hybridizer's name you will see his picture and if you click the names below you will see pictures of his amazing hybrids. I notice after you view one hybridizer and his hybrids you have to click hybridizers at the top to get to the list gain. You can see a picture of Jens Birck from Denmark and the pictures of a few of his beautiful hybrids. He is a speaker at the upcoming ARS Convention in Everett. You will also find pictures of Jim Barlup, Frank Fujioka, Bill Stipe, Dr. Brockenbrough and others. Their hybrids are outstanding!!!

Another interesting web site regarding hybridizing is <http://www.rhodoland.nl/hybridizing.en.htm>. (*Editor's note: This is Marc Columbel's web site. We have seen his garden in programs given by Jim Barlup and Frank Fujioka.*)

I hope these web sites inspire you to try some more of your own crosses this spring. We are looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting!!!

David Doherty, Cascade Board Member

ELAINE'S LEMON BARS

As a result of an overwhelming number of requests (OK, four) at our January meeting, here is Elaine's lemon bar recipe:

- 2 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of powdered sugar
- 1 cup of butter
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- 4 eggs
- 2 cups of sugar
- 1/3 cup of lemon juice

1/4 cup of flour

1/2 tsp of baking powder

Combine the flour and the powdered sugar. Cut in the butter until the mixture clings together. Press mixture into a 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Beat together eggs, sugar, and lemon juice. Sift together flour and baking powder and stir into egg mixture. Pour this over the baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cool.

David Sherbrooke, Cascade Board Member

NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

The Flower and Garden Show is certainly not the beginning of Spring but from here, you can see the beginning of Spring.

As we do about every other year, Elaine and I went to the Northwest Flower and Garden Show at the Convention Center in downtown Seattle. This may very well be the last year for the Show. The current owner has said he wants to sell and that if there is no buyer, 2009 will be its last year.

For me, the Flower and Garden Show has been part artistic model gardens, part inspiration, and part county fair. There is such a wide variety of things "you just have to have" for your garden. (Not unlike kitchen stores for cooks and golf specialty shops for golfers!) Exhibits range from landscape architect gardens, to plants, to "garden art." (It seems to me that the Rhododendron Society used to have a booth here as well but no more.) Small rakes, garden hoes, and pussy willows seemed to be the big sellers. There are not a lot of rhodies and those that were there (President Roosevelt, in particular) had clearly been "forced." My favorite garden, reflecting my prejudices, was the exhibit by New Leaf Creations and its owner, Steve Haizlip. Using native plants, natural rockwork, and a "realistic" stream and pond, this was the most "Pacific Northwest" of all the gardens. No Italian courtyard here. No urns, slabs of marble, or pavers.

For Elaine and I, the Flower and Garden Show has always signaled the end of the harshest of winter weather - especially this winter. It is inspiring to know that warmer weather is just around the corner. You know that being outside will soon be comfortable, that you won't be scraping ice, and that you will be able to see your rhodies bloom (and hopefully see rhodies bloom that have yet to bloom!)

David Sherbrooke, Cascade Board Member

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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	Mar 10	Cascade meeting—A Passion for Rhododendrons
2009	Mar 14-15	Meerkerk Spring Opening Plant Sale
2009	Apr 4-5	Rhododendron Species Foundation Spring Plant Sale
2009	Apr 14	Cascade meeting—TBA
2009	Apr 29—May 3	ARS 2009 Spring Convention—Holiday Inn Downtown—Everett, WA
2009	May 9	WA Native Plant Society Spring Plant Sale—Bellevue Botanical Garden
2009	May 12	Cascade meeting—TBA
2009	Jun 10 (Wednesday)	Cascade Annual Meeting and Potluck—Bellevue Botanical Garden