

>>> **Tuesday, November 11, 7 PM** <<<

***** **First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue** *****

Room UC-105 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA

FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.

Join us for dinner—5:15PM—Red Robin at Bellevue Square (RSVP to Don)

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM—BONSAI AND SUCCULENTS—NICK HEITING

This month our program will be given by **Nick Heiting**, past president of the Cascade Cactus and Succulent Society.

He will be talking about turning some of these plants into Living Plant Art.

Our president, **Dianna**, has heard him speak and he gives a very interesting presentation. This should be a great program, so please come and enjoy a different type of nature's beauty.

We'll have some new rhododendrons and companion plants for the door prize and raffle. I'll even try and remember the tickets this month. Thanks to Dianna for having left-overs from the Fall Conference last month.
Editor

CRUISING THE CANALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE VISITING THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Thanks to **Laura Kentala** for last months program. It looked like a lot of fun cruising through the narrow canal in England with the self-service locks and the beautiful countryside.

Although she didn't get to spend a lot of time at the Chelsea Garden Show in London, she gave us a great sampling of the displays and the work that goes into them.

We'll look forward to Laura and Capt.

Dave, next trip and hearing about that.
Editor

REMINDER OF NEW MEETING ROOM AT THE CHURCH—UPPER CAMPUS 105

Please remember that we are meeting in different room this year due to conflicts with church schedules.

There are 2 ways to get to UC-105.

1. From the Lower Level. (where we have been parking and having our meetings): Walk into the front of the church and towards our old room. On your right, take the elevator on to the third floor. Follow the exit signs to the 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. Enter the building and turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor and room UC-105 will be to your right.

Last month, parking was very limited in the upper parking lot, so if you need to drop someone off with limited mobility, this would be the best place and then drive back around the block to the lower parking lot. We are looking at returning to a room in the main building for next year.
Editor

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\$40.00 Annual Membership fee or \$10.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi all...I'm a little distracted, I've been working on my ARK...hey, has anybody noticed we've had a heck of a lot of rain lately....to the point where it swamped the roof on my duck pen...hideous...anyway, thank goodness for smart Lowe's guys who could tell me what to buy for a new roof and who know what 8 penny nails are...whew. Don has started referring to my countless calamities as "The Perils of Pauline"... mmmm not too far from the truth.

Anyway, we had a fun meeting in October (in our new meeting space at the church) with Laura Kentala showing us awesome photos of the canals of England and highlights of the Chelsea Flower Show. I am SO going to that flower show next year—well unless it conflicts with the ARS 70th Annual Convention May 6-10, 2015 at Sidney-By-The-Sea, British Columbia, Canada...you know, that jolly town just to the north of us! BUT honestly, the real highlight for me last month was when our own, Carol Jacobson, bequeathed the "Rhodies Rock" etched stone rock that SHE won at the Western Regional ARS convention to ME! What an wonderful gift...thank you SO much Carol...and yes, it is proudly displayed in my home, where it will sit for the next 50 years (it's way too heavy to move more than once).

So, I've got about 30 rhododendrons out in my driveway that I promise myself I'll get in the ground in the next 30 days before the frost sets in...does anybody else out there have rhodys in pots?...oh come on, admit it, you know you do! Why is it SO easy to buy them, but SO hard to plant them...I ask you!

SO, I'm excited for our November 11th meeting; the speaker will be a guy I met while hosting the Floriculture exhibit @ the Evergreen State Fair in August... he's really fun, smart, and his lederhosen are the big draw (where can you see Lederhosen besides Leavenworth and Germany, I ask you!).

SO, please promise me you'll come to our November meeting AND bring someone.

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

Dianna Davis, President

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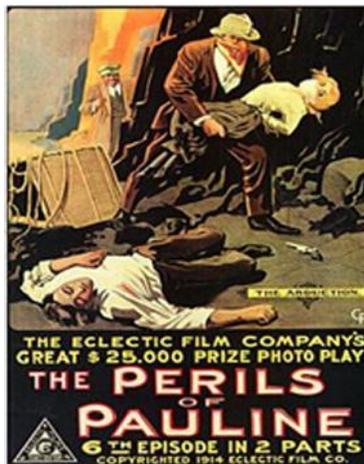
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THE PERILS OF DIANNA

Many of you know that Dianna is an animal person. She has horses, alpacas, dozens of chickens and ducks, among other critters. This has not been a great fall for her.

A couple of months ago, a couple of stray dogs got

into her yard and attacked the alpacas, and killed a number of chickens. Luckily, the dogs owners have stepped up to pay for the vet bills and such. This was the reason she missed our September picnic. Last week she missed our Fall Conference Committee's last meeting because the wind storm had destroyed her duck pen and she was rebuilding that.



I'm sure many of you my age and older remember movies matinee serials. One of those was "The Perils of Pauline". I told Dianna that was what it all sounded like and she found this old advertisement. I just had to share it.

Not everything has turned out bad, though. I reported last month

that Carol Jacobson had won the "Rhodies Rock" stone at the Fall Conference.

Well, at October's meeting Carol presented the stone to Dianna for all she had done for

our chapter and for the work she put in on the conference. Carol, that was a great surprise.

Editor

TREAT TIME

Thanks to Elaine Sherbrooke and Carolyn for the treats last month.

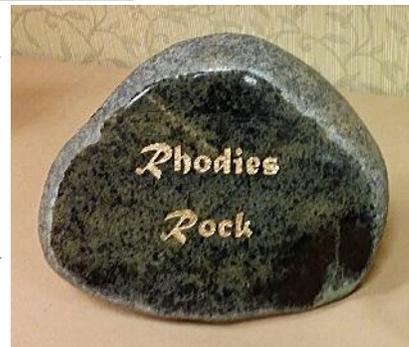
This month we'll be treated by Jody Safstrom and Carol Jacobson. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for future months.

Carolyn Smart

FOLLOW-UP TO THE ARS WESTERN FALL CONFERENCE

Not wanting to "re-invent the wheel" and do a lot of typing, I'm including Seattle's president's, **Diane Thompson**, write-up as she covered everything well.

"The ARS Fall conference was well attended on Sept. 26-28. It's always fun to see 'old' and new friends at these gatherings. I made a new friend this time. Dianna Davis, President of Cascade chapter was in



charge of the Silent Auction, Door Prizes and Raffle. She is full of energy and had everything under control. Cascade is lucky to have her at the helm. **Carol Torset** managed the Registration so well that everyone knew where and when they were supposed to be. **Katherine Thompson** decorated the Sat. night banquet tables with lovely painted twigs, flowers and battery tea lights. It had never looked better. **Bill Heller** set up the Photo Show and ran around all day Sat. solving problems for the speakers with the audio-video equipment, and Fri. and Sat. nights for the presentations.

On Friday night, **Richard Fairfield**, our Dist. 2 rep presented a special award to **Fern Butler** from Rhody Ridge for her tireless work in her garden. Then **Lois Blackmore** from Victoria gave a program honoring **Jim Barlup** for his years of hybridizing our beautiful rhododendrons.

Saturday night the featured speaker was **Steve Hootman** and his trip to Tasmania and Australia. Steve never fails to interest the audience with his knowledge of rhododendrons and the area he is visiting. He is one great speaker.

Sat. during the day were numerous educational seminars including **Ben Hall**, **Don Hyatt**, **Bob Zimmerman** and **Dennis Bottemiller** among others. I learned a lot about Maples from **Sharon Ronsee** from Woods Creek Nursery in Monroe. There was a great Plant Sale all week-end and I saw loads of rhodies being taken to cars and rooms. Thanks to **Jerry Rock** and others for planning that. Sunday was the breakfast with Exec. Director, **Laura Grant** explaining once again the workings of ARS. ARS has a new President, **Bob MacIntyre** and a new Western VP, **Ken Web** from Victoria. Another wonderful conference ended, not in the red! **Laura Kentala** and I were co-chairs for this event and we both went home tired but pleased with how it went."

Thank you Diane for letting me use this. As treasurer of the conference, we played with all of the numbers and figured we would have to have an attendance of about 125 to "break even". Well, believe it or not, we had exactly 125 even after a couple cancellations! So the 5 chapters of District 2 all got their "seed money" back and the District treasury will get—wait for it—about \$300. Close, but with everyone pulling together, we did it. Thanks to all involved.

Don Smart, Editor

TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR RENEWALS

Thanks to those of you have sent me their renewal for 2015. But we still need the rest of you to send in those renewals. These have to be into the ARS Office by December 1st in order for you get your Winter

Journal. So far, 28 of our 45 members have renewed. **Please, please, please** renew for 2015!

Oh, and thank you to those who have included a donation to the ARS to help the budget.

Don Smart, Treasurer

70TH JUBILEE INTERNATIONAL RHODODENDRON CONFERENCE

Dunedin, NZ is putting on a blooming good show of rhododendrons, one of the world's foremost authorities on the flower says. **Steve Hootman** is executive director and curator of the Rhododendron Species in Washington State. Mr. Hootman



arrived in Dunedin for the Conference, and said he had already been to the city's botanic garden to see its world-renowned rhododendrons. "It's stunning," he said. "I'm very impressed. It's a great collection. It's striking what you can do outside here. "You have a lot of the tender ones, things that we couldn't grow outside in the Northwest [of America] because they would be killed by the cold, but at the same time you have high alpine plants that are also doing well." Mr Hootman is considered one of the world authorities on the genus Rhododendron, and said Dunedin's "special climate" was one of the best in the world for growing rhododendrons. He was particularly impressed with the *R. maddenii* and the big-leaf rhododendrons on display, and said the specimens grown here were the best he had seen in a long time. "Also your own home-grown hybrids are fantastic. A lot of them are in full bloom right now, and some of those are among the best I've ever seen." He was looking forward to visiting some of Dunedin's private suburban and rural rhododendron gardens. Mr. Hootman is one of several guest speakers at the conference and will speak about rare and new taxa of rhododendrons and other plants. "It's like finding lost treasure. There could be loads of species out there in Asia still to be discovered." He is an active collector, authority and promoter of Rhododendrons and related Ericacea species., More than 230 rhododendron lovers from around the world rolled into Dunedin for the conference than 230 rhododendron lovers from around the world rolled into Dunedin for the conference, which began yesterday and ends on Friday. *Article from the Otago Daily Times, NZ—11/02/2014 Editor*

We will be joining Seattle for our Holiday Party on December 14th. Car pooling is available!

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Board Meetings

The November Board meeting will be held at 6 PM at David Sherbrooke's house. 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
2014	November	11	Cascade Meeting—Bonsai and Succulents
2014	December	14	Joint Holiday/Christmas Dinner Party—Cascade & Seattle - Details next month
2015	January	11	Cascade Chapter meeting at 2PM —Program TBA
2015	February	8	Cascade Chapter meeting at 2PM —Program TBA