

## Tuesday—October 9th—7:00 PM

\*\*\* New Location \*\*\*

**EASTGATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

**15005 SE 38TH ST**

**BELLEVUE, WA**

**FREE DOOR PRIZE and raffle of Rhododendrons.**

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### **OCTOBER MEETING AND PROGRAM**

First of all please see that this is a new meeting location for us. We will be meeting at the Eastside Bible Fellowship Church. We needed to move because of remodeling at the our old location. Thanks go to **Bonnie Campbell** for helping us find a new location.

The church is located just a block south of I-90 at 150th Ave SE and SE 38th St. Directions are as follows:

#### **From Westbound I-90**

**Take exit #11 "161ST AVE. S.E./156TH AVE. S.E./150TH AVE. S.E."** and follow signs to 150TH AVE SE. You will go under 148th Ave SE, and right onto the ramp that will then go south over I-90 onto 150th.

#### **From Eastbound I-90:**

Take exit #11A "**150TH AVE SE/156TH AVE SE**" onto 150TH AVE SE

#### **Coming south on 148th Ave:**

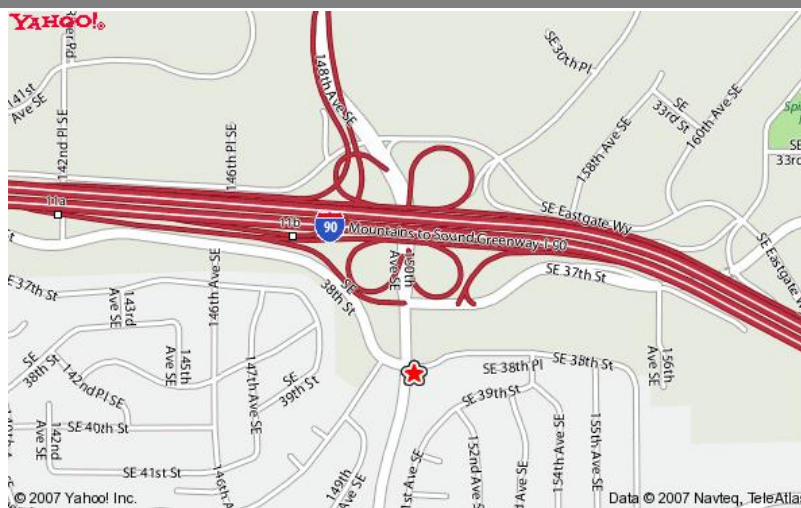
Continue southbound on 148th across I-90. The street becomes 150th Ave SE

#### **Then for all:**

At the 1st light, turn LEFT on SE 38TH ST and turn right into the church parking lot.

I probably shouldn't put this in the newsletter since it is for people who do not read the newsletter, but **David Sherbrook** will be at our old location to direct people that show up there.

OK, on to the program. The ARS is developing a new digital program library for the chapters to use. The first program in this series is "Garden Walks 2006" cinematic slideshow of gardens that were featured on the during the 2006 ARS Convention in Washington, DC. The DVD is a musical tour of the following gardens:



To become a member of the Cascade Chapter of the ARS, send dues to:  
Bob George, 3030 E Beaver LK DR SE; SAMMAMISH, WA 98075 - 425-391-2366  
\$35.00 Annual Membership fee or \$8.00 for Associate Membership if already a member of another ARS Chapter.

Marshy Point Nursery, Dr. Jerry and Joan Hudgen's 'Fern Dell', U.S. National Arboretum azalea garden, National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, and gardens of Ed and Mary Reiley's, Norman and Jean Beaudry's, the McCrillis Gardens, and Mike and Deb White's.

I showed you a few pictures from some of these gardens last year after I returned, but nothing like what you will see on this program.

Interesting enough, the 2nd DVD program available from the ARS library is **Frank Fujioka's** pictures from his trip to France, Germany and Denmark last year. We were fortunate to have **Frank** give us this program LIVE last year.

Come and enjoy some beautiful gardens and our great chapter fellowship. We also have some special plants for the door prize and raffle.

*Don Smart, Editor*

### SEPTEMBER BBQ/PICNIC!

A special thanks to David and Kathy Hughes for hosting our September kick off meeting. There were not too many of you there and you missed some great food along with BBQ'd salmon and ribs. The



*Garden Orchid—Photo by Diane Timmons*

weather was cool and rainy, but we were all under cover and had a good social time. The rain stopped and David gave a good tour of the gardens.

*Don Smart, Editor*

### RENEWAL TIME!

It is that time of year—time to renew your membership in the ARS and the Cascade Chapter. So grab your checkbook and write the Chapter your dues for 2008. And even better than sending it in the mail—bring it to meeting. Why put your trust in the postal service when you can pay your dues in person?

Individual \$35.00, Family \$40.00.

The ARS Office is requesting dues payments to be in

hand by November 15th. If you miss this date, you may also miss your ARS Winter Journal. I thank you and the Cascade Chapter thanks you.

*Bob George, Chapter Treasurer*

### WARREN'S WANDERINGS

Thanks go out to David and Kathy Hughes for hosting the September meeting Their hospitality fully compensated for what the weather lacked. A garden tour, good food and drink, friends, free and raffled plants, and David providing shuttle service with his tractor and trailer; Wow!



*Passion Flower—Photo by Diane Timmons*

The weather feels like Fall, but it is wonderful to have many flower's still blooming: hydrangeas, garden orchids, heathers, succulents, passion flowers, asters, hardy fuchsias, lavenders, bughane, and more.

Rhodies? Pachysanthum "Britt Smith" and Golfer are two of my favorite foliage plants.

I hope to see you at the October chapter meeting.

**Please make note of the new location;** if you forget and go to the previous site David Sherbrook will be there to greet and redirect you.

Happy garden wanderings.

*Warren F. Timmons III, President*

*(Editor's note: Diane Timmons also took a number of photos during the garden tour and I have included several of them.)*

### TREATS TO EAT!

Hostess for our October meeting will be BONNIE CAMPBELL. Thanks Bonnie.

Several members have agreed to bring treats in upcoming months. We still need volunteers for January, March, April, and May. If you think you could bring 3 or 4 dozen cookies or other treats for any of those meetings, please notify Coleen George at 425-391-2366. Your efforts are guaranteed to be much appreciated and

enjoyed by all.

*Coleen George, Sunshine Lady*

### FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE LITTLE GARDEN

Fall entered and fell! The weather turned cold, and there was talk of snow in the passes. Luckily it then warmed a bit, and the days highs were only a little bit low. *R. lepidotum*, didn't seem to mind, and decided to bloom. It has a couple of rich purple blooms, about an inch wide. This is either very early or late for an April bloomer.

I have news! At the Species Foundation sale, the little garden acquired, a couple of dwarf *Rhody*'s. The first is *R. pemakoense*, which is four inches tall, and according to Greer, will reach the great height of twelve inches in ten years. It is a very well shaped plant, and a fresh green. The other is *R. dendrocharis*, and is not found in Greer's book. I did find it in Peter Cox's "The Smaller *Rhododendron*". It was listed as a member of the *Moupinense* group. Having been found in 1886, and not in cultivation. The plant is three inches tall, and the leaves are ½ an inch long, and ovate. The bloom may be, from white to dark pink, and large for the plant. We'll see.

Enough of the new plants. The garden is still covered with bloom, from bright yellow, to orange, pink, red, and purple - in spite of the weather, or maybe because of it. I have seen such a colored start to October, we have yet to see the fall leaves. So everyone enjoy the autumn, because winter has yet to come.

*Bob McKinney, The Little Gardener*

### PLANT SALES!

There are still 2 more fall plant sales! **ARS Western Meerkerk Garden—Whidbey Island**

Autumn *Rhododendron* Sale as part of Whidbey Island Farm Tour & Harvest Celebration—October 6th & 7th, 9am - 4pm.

**Washington Native Plant Society**

Saturday, October 20 - 10am-4pm at Building 30, Sandpoint/Magnuson Park, Seattle.

*Editor*

### DON'S DOODLES

Mornings in the low 40's, red vine maples, snow on the some of the peaks. Yep, summer's over. Time to take cuttings, harvest seed, and transplant some of those crowded rhodies. Best of all, I don't have to haul hoses all over the property and water.

Fall is also the time for ARS Regional Conferences. Last weekend was the Western Regional in Newport, Oregon. Like we need an excuse to go to the Oregon Coast, but it gives us even more reason. The District 4 folks—the Oregon Chapters did a remarkable job putting on this conference. It's even more remarkable when

you realize that the there was not conference scheduled



*Hydrangea—Photo by Dine Timmons*

for the west coast this spring.

There several of us there from Cascade; Bob and Dee Smith, David Doherty, me. A few more if you count associate members, but I won't. The hotel has hosted the conference 4 times over the years and it is a nice location. The plant sale was held right in the lobby—so close to the front door where you could just pop out to the car with your finds. The food at both Friday and Saturday dinners was very good along with breakfasts that were available. There were over 20 different speakers and all of the topics were of interest to rhodoholics.

The lure of these conferences is not just the speakers and the food, but getting together with people you don't get to see very often and meeting new friends. These are social occasions much as our chapter meetings are on a smaller scale. You need to tell your friends that are not members or are, but don't attend meeting to come just for the fun. I was surprised at the number of hands at Saturday's banquet that indicated that this was the first conference they had attended. So think about involved in the Chapter and the ARS functions. If you need a ride, call one of the board members and we'll see who we can hook you up with.

Planning continues on the District 2 sponsored 2009 ARS Convention in Everett. If you want to get involved in the planning, let me know—I ended as the chairman.

Next spring's ARS convention is in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Don't laugh—there are going to be a number of gardens on tours that will be in full bloom—azaleas, magnolias, and yes, rhododendrons. Then take a little side trip to Branson after the conference. Next fall there is a Western Regional in Hilo, Hawaii. That'd be a nice vacation trip. Keep these in mind for your travel calendar.

Well, hope to see you at the meeting.

*Don Smart, Past President among other things.*

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## FIRST CLASS

### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Renewal Time—Please get your renewals to Bob George!**

\*\*\*\*\* ***DOLLAR TABLE*** \*\*\*\*\*

**Support your chapter--buy a plant or bring a plant or do both!**

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#### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Board Meetings are 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 Warren Timmons III 425-825-0469 . Or just come and see what goes on behind the scenes.

### **CASCADE CHAPTER 2007-2008 CALENDAR**

#### **YEAR MONTH - DAY EVENT**

2007	October 6-7	Meerkerk Gardens—9 am - 4 pm.
2007	October 9	Cascade Chapter Meeting— <b>Eastgate Bible Fellowship in Eastgate, Bellevue</b> Gardens of Washington, DC area.
2007	October 20	Northwest Native Plant Society Seed, Bulb, and Plant Sale, Magnuson Park
2007	November 13	Cascade Chapter Meeting
2007	December 11	Cascade Chapter Meeting

#### **E-MAILED NEWSLETTERS**

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