



room UC-105 is straight ahead.

Advantage of this route is that if you use the elevator, the walking distance to the room is actually shorter than to our old room. For those who are carrying plants, coffee pot, and/or treats, this is by far the best route.

Disadvantage of this route is that the parking lot is smaller, but may not be used as much during the evening.

Thanks to **David Sherbrooke** for checking all of this out for us.

*Editor*

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

OH MY GOSH....I just about had the funnest (sic) weekend of my life...we had the ARS Western Regional conference in Everett Sept 26-28. What made a rhododendron conference super fun you ask?!....well, I got to "work it"...and honestly being in charge of the silent auction, raffles, and door prizes wasn't as hard as I thought it would be...AND...it gave me the opportunity to hob-nob with super kewl rhododendron people...yes, who doesn't know Harold Greer or Jim Barlup or Frank Fujioka...but hey, I actually got to TALK TO THESE PEOPLE, SHAKE THEIR HAND, AND TELL THEM I ADORED THEM....AND, Judy Barlup even invited me to her home in Bellevue, so eat your heart out everybody...ok, yes, I know most of you know these folks, but even though I have been collecting rhododendrons for over 40 years, I have never met, in person, any of the well-known hybridizers, well except for Dr. Ned Brockenbrough who I worked with at Northwest Hospital (he was a general surgeon you know)...anyway, my autograph dog is grinning from ear to ear! Now, had I just met Halfdan Lem before he died in 1969, I could have known nirvana...ok, enough already....

So, I'm sure Don will have a great write up on the conference, but we did get lots of positive comments and I think as a district we did pretty well on the plants and raffle stuff. Thanks to all of you from Cascade who came for all or part of it...I really did miss so many of you though...it made me sad...do you really want me to be sad?...ok never mind....The networking with the other chapters was truly priceless; now that I've actually MET some of the folks from the Seattle, Pilchuck, Whidbey, & Komo Kulshun Chapters, I'm more comfortable trying to figure out how we can do some things together...you know, like an economy of scale...anyway-they are really nice folks...well most of them.

SO, it is now officially fall and as we enter our 2014-

2015 season, please please try to drag somebody new to a meeting...I promise I'll make it worth their while...I don't know, maybe I'll give them a Starbucks card or a rhododendron or something...

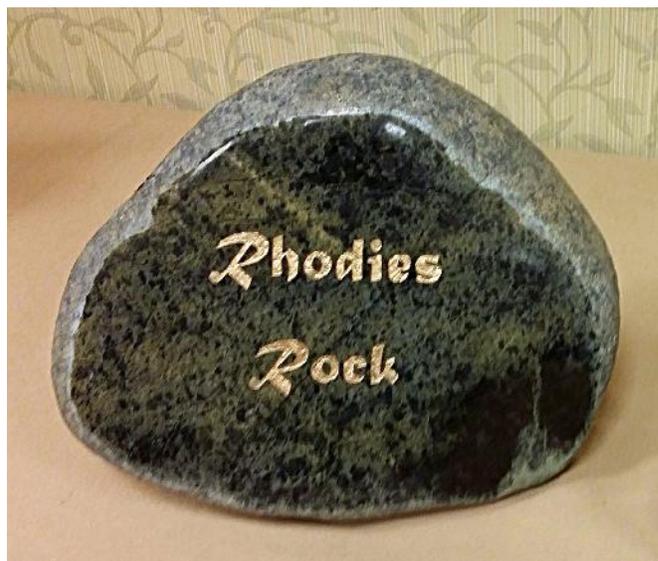
...OH...and if anybody wants to know, my chickens all won blue ribbons at the Evergreen State Fair, well except for one that was disqualified...he had green legs and they were supposed to be yellow...who knew?!

All my best to you AND Rhodies Rock!

*Dianna Davis, President*

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Polished and Engraved Rock—Photo: Don Smart

### DIANNA IS IMORTALIZED IN STONE

**Doug Keough**, president of the Pilchuck Chapter and our District 2 Alternate Director read our Cascade newsletter. He was inspired by Dianna's monthly sign-off "Rhodies Rock". For his chapter's donation to the Fall Conference, he made 2 of these engraved and polished granite stones. One had Rhodies Rock and the other said "Rhodies Rule". This first stone went for \$175 in the silent auction. The other was in the raffle and there were well over 100 raffle tickets in it's jar. The winner was our own **Carol Jacobson!**

Our thanks to Doug and Dianna!

*Editor*

### TREAT TIME

Your Board members will bring treats for the October meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer for future months treats.

*Carolyn Smart*

**PLANT LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME**

Many of you have been to our spring shows and have seen the beautiful R. sino-grande plant that Doug Crane has brought in. It is 3-4 tall now, with 18 inch leaves. R. sino-grande is said to be hardy to 10°, but I have lost a couple at temperatures warmer than that. So, it is a plant that needs to be brought in when we have some of our cold snaps (like last December). It is getting to be too big for Doug to move it in the winter and he's like to find it a good home and with someone who will take care of it properly.

Doug has also suggested that whoever takes it, makes a donation to the ARS General Fund (not our Chapter treasury).. He does not care how much, but he wants to help our Society as the ARS has been running a deficit budget for the past several years—mainly due to decreasing membership and increasing expenses.

You would need to pick up the plant at Doug's in Enatai in Bellevue. He can be reached at 425-455-2896. You could funnel the donation through me or send it direct to the ARS.

*Don Smart, Treasurer*

**DAVID SHERBROOKE IS HONORED**

If you missed our June potluck and annual meeting at Kenmore Park, you missed our honoring David Sherbrooke with a Bronze Medal. This was the wording on his certificate:

“The Cascade Chapter is proud to award David Sherbrooke the highest honor that any Chapter can bestow upon a chapter member, the Bronze Medal. This medal is awarded to David to show the Chapter's great respect and its gratitude for his service to both the Cascade Chapter and the rhododendron community.

Over the past few years David has had a lot to do with the success of the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. He has served on the Board as a Director for several terms and is currently in his second term as Secretary. More importantly he is a consistent volunteer at many of the Chapter's activities including helping to organize tours and especially during our annual plant sales events.

As a volunteer for the plant sales over the years he has helped with selecting, hauling and storing plants at his house. He is always available to help set up and take down the various equipment – tents, tables, racks, etc. He has never shirked from his self-imposed duties to aid our Chapter in its success.

As a board member he is forward looking, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic. He and Elaine have also opened their home for our Board meeting for the past couple of years.



*David Receiving his Medal—Photo: Don Smart*

Clearly we must recognize his contribution to our chapter and present him with this Bronze Medal as a token of our appreciation on this 10th day of June, 2014.“ It was signed by our president, Dianna Davis, and Vice President, Paul Safstrom.

Congratulations David!

*Editor*

**SEPTEMBER PICNIC—GOOD FOOD AND FOLKS**

Those of you who missed our September picnic missed both a great sunny day in the Hughes' garden, but also a great selection of food.



*A Great Afternoon—Photo: Bob George*

Hope to see you this month—no excuses!

*Editor*

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**Board Meetings**

**The October Board meeting will be held at 6 PM - October 13th 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**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
2014	September	26—28	ARS 2014 Western Regional Conference—Everett—Sponsored by our District <b>A write up of the conference will be in the next newsletter. Many changes to report.</b>
2014	October	14	Cascade Meeting—Laura Kentala—England Canals and Chelsea Flower Show
2014	November	11	Cascade Meeting—Bonsai and Succulents
2014	December	9	Cascade Christmas Dinner Party—Watch for more details