



Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Summer Newsletter: July 2019

Potomac Valley Chapter Calendar

- **July 27, 2019** – PVC Workshop, Potomac Community Center
- **September 15, 2019** – PVC Picnic, Seneca Creek State Park
- **September 27-29, 2019** – ARS Fall Conference, Parksville, BC, Canada
- **November 2, 2019** – PVC Fall Banquet, Normandie Farm, Potomac, MD
- **April 29 – May 3, 2020** – ARS 75th Anniversary Conv., Portland, OR

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Next Meeting: Propagation Workshop “Rooting Rhododendron Cuttings”

by Don Hyatt & Norm Beaudry

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Potomac Community Center

Please note that this meeting is on Saturday rather than our typical Sunday meeting time. The Potomac Community Center was not available on Sunday. We will be in the larger room where we held our January meeting rather than the back room where we held last year’s workshop. Warning: We will need to be very careful about cleanliness since the floor is carpeted and some activities can get messy.

It has been a number of years since we have given instruction on rooting rhododendron cuttings. Commercial propagators are becoming scarce so we need ways to propagate the plants we want in our gardens. A page about how to root cuttings is provided in this newsletter. Don Hyatt has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on rooting cuttings. He will have some CDs containing that PowerPoint and one on Planting Seeds that you may take with you. If you prefer, bring a memory stick with you and he will copy those files to your media.

After the talk, Don and Norm Beaudry will set up stations where people can try rooting some cuttings to take home. We will provide all necessary supplies as well as some easy to root varieties. Join us for this workshop and learn how to propagate your plants. It is nice to be able to share your favorite plants with friends or get cuttings from others who have plants you have admired that are not for sale.

Refreshment Duty: We ask members whose last names are in the last third of the alphabet (**Q – Z**) to bring a snack for the refreshment table.



Rooting Rhododendron Cuttings!

Directions: Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD

From **I-270 North**, stay in the **Local lanes**

Take exit **#4B/ MONTROSE RD WEST**

Continue west on Montrose Rd. for **1.7 miles**

Turn **LEFT** on **FALLS RD (MD-189)**

Continue **1.4 miles** to the Center (on the left)

11315 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

Fall Picnic & Plants for Members Sale

Date: September 15, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: Seneca Creek State Park

Mark your calendars! We will be holding our fall picnic at Seneca Creek State Park off of Clopper Road in Gaithersburg on September 15. Details will be in your next newsletter, but we want you to know that we will also have a “Plants for Members” sale of rhododendrons the chapter has propagated. We have some very desirable rhododendron varieties for our region that are often hard to find. September is a great time to plant rhododendrons since they will have time to establish before winter.

Rooting Rhododendron Cuttings *by Don Hyatt*

Late summer and fall are usually good times to root cuttings, but it is often possible to root cuttings almost any time of year.

Selection: *Choose smaller cuttings without flower buds*

I prefer cuttings made from the smaller shoots on my plants rather than big strong growths. I look for branches on the back side of the plant or in shaded spots and try to get stems that do not have flower buds. For one reason, smaller cuttings seem to root more easily for me since they don't need quite so many roots to support a new plant. Also, I hate to cut off any branches that might bloom the following spring. If any cuttings do have flower buds, I remove them since the energy wasted on flowering can go toward root formation.

Preparation: *Make short cuttings - trim larger leaves*

Rhododendrons are shallow rooted plants and therefore cuttings do not need to be very long. I make short cuttings about 1.5 to 2 inches in length. I also trim the ends of large leaves to make them more manageable. Long shoots can sometimes be cut into several sections to get additional cuttings. If a variety is scarce I might try a few leaf-bud cuttings too. A leaf-bud cutting is single leaf with some woody stem and a growth bud. Leaf-bud cuttings will often root just like normal ones but it is important to keep that bud above the soil line. If that bud rots, new growth will never emerge.

Sterilization: *Soak cuttings for 5 minutes in a Clorox solution*

After trimming leaves and stems, I usually sterilize my cuttings in order to lessen insect and disease problems. I mix 1/4 cup of Clorox with about 5 cups of water to make a sterilizing solution. I submerge the cuttings in that solution for 5 minutes which usually kills most bugs and mold spores. Then I rinse the cuttings well and shake off excess water. Cuttings will remain enclosed inside plastic bags for months, so sterilization minimizes potential problems.

Wounding: *Remove a thin piece of bark from both sides*

As the cutting begins its healing process, new roots will develop from callus tissue that forms at the cambium layer of the cut stem. In order to have a larger area for callus development, I cut away a thin sliver of bark from both sides of the bottom part of the cutting. I use a sharp knife so as not damage to the remaining bark. Azalea cuttings do not need to be wounded in this way.

Hormones: *Dip cuttings for 5 seconds in Dip 'N Grow*

To encourage root formation, most rhododendrons need a little help. I use the liquid rooting concentrate called Dip 'N Grow. For hard to root rhododendron cuttings I dilute in the ratio 1 part hormone to 5 parts water. Azaleas root well with a 1 to 10 dilution. I dip cutting ends in the solution, let them stay for 5 seconds, and then remove.

Potting Up: *Insert cuttings, enclose in a clear plastic bag*

I insert the cuttings in pots containing a porous medium of equal parts peatmoss and perlite with a bit of coarse sand. The medium should be damp but not too wet since excess moisture can encourage rot. I enclose each pot in a clear plastic bag and place these mini-greenhouses under my fluorescent lights that stay on for 18 hours per day or on a north windowsill that gets bright light but no direct sun. Cuttings should require no water or care for months. I keep them under the lights until new growth emerges the next spring and then transplant. Some varieties root in 2 to 3 months but stubborn types might take a year. I often wait until the next spring to repot.



Reflections on Harry Weiskittel and the Marshy Point Azaleas

by Don Hyatt

I was saddened to learn that Harry Weiskittel had passed away. I knew that he had been suffering with Alzheimer's disease for a number of years. He died on May 5, 2019, at the age of 77.

What seemed ironic is that in the week prior to his death, I had been thinking about Harry almost every day. I had been working with Carolyn Beck to gather data on his Marshy Point azaleas so we could officially register them. As I took photos of his azaleas and struggled with an RHS Color Chart trying to match flower colors against color chips, my mind would wander back to Harry and a tapestry of events, conversations, and good times in the ARS.

For many years, Harry ran one of the largest azalea wholesale nurseries in the region but that was not his original career. He had enlisted in the Army after college and served as a counterintelligence officer based in Berlin from 1966 to 1969. When he returned from that tour of duty, he earned a law degree. Eventually, what started as a hobby raising azalea seedlings on his ping pong table evolved into a major wholesale nursery operation.



Waterfront Vista at Marshy Point

Harry often said how fortunate he was to have the land where the nursery resided. He was officially Harry C. Weiskittel III. I don't recall if it was his father or his grandfather who bought the property. Marshy Point is north of Baltimore on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay at Middle River. They originally used it for hunting but it is a very scenic location. Harry transformed part of that area into his nursery where he had acres of hoop houses, automatic watering systems, and then a large and beautiful display garden covering many acres.

As the nursery business grew, his son Austin joined the firm as its Vice President. They not only sold standard azaleas, rhododendrons, and other



Harry Weiskittel and his hybrid 'Annapolis'

plants, but the main attraction was always the new azalea cultivars that Harry had developed. Those beauties were not available anywhere else.

Carolyn Beck looked through as many catalogs as she could find and made a list of 78 cultivars that Harry sold but we have not been able to track them all down. Some seedlings look very similar to others and it is important to evaluate growth habit, vigor, and foliage form in addition to the flowers. We will not register them all. Our goal is to determine the best, get them registered, and preserve his legacy.

On an extra color page with the digital version of this issue, you will see some of the cultivars we hope to register. The ARS Registrar will have to approve final names but will try to keep names of people as is but will likely precede others by 'Marshy Point' to make sure they are unique. For brevity, I will use "MP" instead of spelling out "Marshy Point".



'Marshy Point Daisy'

Photo: C. Beck

Every year I add new favorites like a soft salmon with its green blotch, 'MP Daisy'. Recently I have admired the heavily ruffled blossoms of his 'Marshy Point Love Lace', a pale lavender pink single. The



'Marshy Point Love Lace'



'Marshy Point White Goddess'

edges of the petals are so ruffled and ornate they almost look Victorian. I always look for landscape companions and I thought how nice that azalea looks with some of his ruffled whites like 'MP White Goddess' or 'MP Lady Baltimore'. The latter has a delicate lavender blush and chartreuse flare.

Some of Harry's other single azaleas have huge blossoms like the deep rose 'MP Bopalula', the white 'MP Breathless', and lavender 'MP Berlin'.

Harry selected a number of double whites like 'MP Annapolis' and 'MP Show Girl'. The latter is a pale lavender blush but it is so ruffled and frilled, the blossoms look like carnations.

He selected a number of bicolor singles, some



'Marshy Point Show Girl'

with white background bordered in pink like 'MP Hanky Panky', 'Ruth Foard', and 'Shannon O'Baker'. He selected several white singles with red borders of varying thickness going from 'MP Lollie' which has a very narrow border to the striking 'MP Pam's Passion' and an even wider red border on 'MP Red Tape'.

Harry produced several doubles with a white to pale lavender background and purple border. Trying to decide which is best is not easy. I think 'MP Fancy Pants' is the probably the best. It has a darker border but the pale lavender edge of 'Mary Ellen Thomsen' is lovely. They look nice with other doubles like lavender "'Carol Kittel', blush 'MP Kisses', and pink 'MP Shelly'.

Other stunning bicolors include the sanded coral and orange-red blossoms of 'MP Kakie' or 'MP Superstar' which is similar to 'Ben Morrision' in coloration but it has a very wide white margin. He developed some excellent reds including 'MP End Zone', 'MP Touchdown', and 'MP Red Zinger'. He found some fall bloomers, too, like 'MP Humdinger' and 'MP Autumn Glory'.

Harry did have a tendency to rename plants from time to time. A dwarf witches' broom mutation that he found on the variegated azalea 'Silver Sword' he first introduced as 'Penknife'. Later he called it 'Stiletto' which seemed more marketable.

For years I knew a soft pink hose-in-hose azalea in my garden as 'Betty Christopher' but he changed the name to 'Laurie Russell'. Regardless, it is a favorite plant in my garden, The pale pink semi-double blossoms blend beautifully with my yellow deciduous azaleas and beds of the blue wildflower, *Phlox divaricata*. It is very hardy, too.

I did speculate about the name change. Harry told me the person known as Betty Christopher was his mother-in-law and I gather he liked the plant better than the person. He decided to use someone else to honor with that lovely azalea.



'Laurie Russell' in the Hyatt Garden

Harry had a great sense of humor. He infused his slide presentations with his clever wit and was a very popular speaker. He was always willing to share his knowledge with local plant society groups.

Harry was also extremely generous. When we were hosting the 2006 joint convention of the ARS and ASA in Rockville, Harry offered us the use of one of his nursery hoop houses so we could raise our own plants for the convention sale. We held several "potting parties" at the nursery. We grew azaleas from cuttings we rooted, and rhododendron from cuttings we had sent to Van Veen Nursery to root for us. I started seedlings of the 'Red Max', a red form of *R. maximum*, and a red form of *R. vaseyi* seen in the wild that we gave away as banquet favors.

During the two years prior to the convention, I would travel up to Marshy Point frequently to check on our plants. It was a great time to talk "plants" with Harry. When the convention finally arrived, we cleared out the hoop house and moved our plants to the hotel. They were beautiful and the plant sale looked like a flower show.

As part of a convention garden tour, we also visited Harry's display garden at Marshy Point. I worried that we might be imposing since Harry was getting ready for his son Austin's wedding to Sarah which would be the very next day. In honor of the event and Austin's new wife, Harry named a huge double white azalea, 'Sarah's Wedding'.



Huge blossom of 'Sarah's Wedding' Photo: H. Weiskittel

Harry and his wife Carol of 25 years started spending more time in Naples, FL, so we didn't see each other much after the convention. He would often be around to help Austin with shipments in the spring and also to see his azaleas. Our last meeting was in 2010 as we admired some new seedlings that

bloomed that spring. At that time, I think he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease which was not evident to me but it gradually took its toll. Family members have requested that any memorial gifts be made to the Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore:

<https://secure.jhu.edu/form/psych>

(select Memory & Alzheimer's Treatment Center)

We will certainly miss Harry but we can be thankful that he has left us with a wonderful legacy of azalea hybrids. They are lovely!



'Marshy Point Fancy Pants'



'Mary Ellen Thomasen'



'Marshy Point Pink Sparkle'

More Marshy Point Azaleas



'Marshy Point Breathless'



'Marshy Point Berlin'



'Marshy Point Bopalula'



'Marshy Point Lady Baltimore'



'Marshy Point Humdinger'



'Marshy Point Fancy Nancy'



'Ruth Foard'



'Shannon O'Baker'



'Marshy Point Hanky Panky'



'Marshy Point Lolly'



'Marshy Point Pam's Passion'



'Marshy Point Red Ringer'



'Marshy Point Shelley'



'Marshy Point Super Star'



'Marshy Point Touchdown'

The Philadelphia Story

A Report on the 2019 ARS Convention

By Don Hyatt

Did you get to the 2019 ARS Convention in Philadelphia? Our friends in District 8 hosted a marvelous meeting with excellent garden tours, banquets, speakers, and a superb plant sale. As co-chair of the ARS/ASA Williamsburg convention in 2016, I recognized the hard work and organization that went into to that event. Thanks to all involved!

Spring was early this year and there were heavy rains in the weeks prior to the meeting. Some of the azaleas and rhododendrons past peak but there was still much to see. The weather during the meeting was great and I took over 2000 pictures. The digital newsletter has extra pages with a few of them.

On Wednesday, May 15, Tour 1, a pre-tour, went to Chanticleer and Winterthur. Chanticleer covers about 48 acres and is noted for the use of garden whimsy. A stone ruin they built is a primary feature in the garden while paths wander through open areas and flower beds past several ponds.

Winterthur, on the other hand, is huge. The property covers 1000 acres or 1.53 square miles but the actual display garden around the home is only about 60 acres. There are many attractions including the Azalea Woods which we hoped to see but it was through. However, their peonies were gorgeous.



Tyler Arboretum: Unnamed Hybrid 'SW 58 300A'

Thursday was the opening of the convention and Tour 2 went to the Tyler Arboretum and the Wister Rhododendron Garden. Dr. John Wister was one of the original members of a 1945 Dexter Study Group that helped identify and preserve the best of the Dexter Rhododendrons developed by Charles Dexter on Cape Cod. Wister brought many of the best with him from Swarthmore when he became Director at Tyler. Many of the Dexters were waning but some of his unnamed hybrids were spectacular.



Jenkins Arboretum: Wine and Dine Garden Party

We then headed for the Jenkins Arboretum for a “Wine and Dine Garden Party.” The evening social was a huge success. They had set up several stations throughout the garden, each one with a different food theme where they served heavy hors d’oeuvres and wine. At the top of the hill adjacent to the administration building, we started with crackers, cheese, veggies, dip, and, of course, wine.

At a stone house where the director lives, they served small hamburgers or sliders, other sides, and wine or other beverages. At the bottom of the hill near the lake, they had a station featuring grilled salmon, Thai noodles, and more. Most of us could still walk back up the hill and by the time we got to the top, that area was now a dessert station where we made our own ice cream sundaes. I wondered how they might deal with all those people and heavy rains like we saw the week before. Fortunately, the weather was perfect and so was the garden party.

Friday was a very busy day. On Tour 3 we visited three gardens. The first stop for our bus was Wayne Guymon’s private garden known as Wyn Eden. The home sits on a knoll overlooking ponds and a lake. The hillside has a ground cover using 15,000 hosta plants. Varieties are planted in sweeping bands and the subtle change in leaf colors was amazing. The edges of the pond featured rhododendrons, azaleas, more hostas, primroses, ferns, and other plants. I didn’t see a chewed leaf on any of the hostas so all I



Wyn Eden: Hillside of Hostas

could think of is that the deer, voles, and slugs in his area must have gotten tired of hosta.

Our next stop was Mt. Cuba Center, a small garden of only 7 acres, but one of my favorites. It features early spring wildflowers, trillium species, native azaleas including their signature plant, *R. vaseyi*, and other flowers. I have been there before in mid to late April which is its peak season. We did miss that but it was lovely. Some of the trillium species and later native azaleas were still in bloom.

The final stop was the incomparable Longwood Gardens, one of the premiere botanical gardens in the United States. It measures 1,077 acres or 1.61 square miles we had to decide what to see in the few hours that we would be there. I focused on the conservatory which is always spectacular. After that, I had just enough time to walk past the fountains, some Iron Clad rhododendrons, the



Longwood Gardens Conservatory: Azaleas & Hydrangeas

waterfall, and the tower. Then it was time to leave.

For dinner that night, we went to the American Helicopter Museum for a buffet, an auction, and then the always entertaining Dick Murcott who gave a talk on the History of the Iron Clad Rhododendrons.

Saturday was another very busy day. On Tour 4 we visited four gardens. We first stopped at Stoneleigh, a huge stone Tudor mansion surrounded by a 42-acre natural garden featuring many old trees. This had been a private estate and has only been open to the public for about a year.

Next, we visited the private garden of Perc Moser. For those of us who hybridize azaleas and rhododendrons, Perc's place was a real inspiration. He manages to raise thousands of seedlings in his yard but he cleverly places all of his seeding beds behind larger plants so they are completely screened from view. Around his elegant home is a lovely and

manicured landscape of choice rhododendrons, azaleas, and companion plants.



Morris Arboretum: Peonies and Foxgloves

After that, the buses convened at the Morris Arboretum for lunch and a tour of its 175 acres. The Arboretum has many lovely plantings, spectacular trees, and yes, some native azaleas,.

Our final stop was the small private garden of Anne Farley. Her home had a very pretty setting with a patio and a pool overlooking a steep slope.

Then we headed back to the Desmond hotel to get ready for the ARS Banquet and Awards Program. Our keynote speaker was Jenny Rose Carey who gave a very interesting talk on Philadelphia and its reputation as America's Garden City.

Prior to the banquet, I had been working with Dee Daneri and Ann Mangels to create a PowerPoint program for the awards program. The first award was the ARS Gold Medal for Steve Henning, the co-chair of the convention. Next, the ARS gave Barbara Bullock the Award of Merit. The final honor was the Pioneer Achievement Award for Charles Owen Dexter. I gave a short presentation about Dexter and then Ann presented two framed certificates, one for the Heritage Plantation and the other for the Tyler Arboretum. Congratulations all!



**Steve Henning
ARS Gold Medal**



**Barbara Bullock
ARS Award of Merit**

Convention Tours 1 & 2



Chanticleer: Ruins



Chanticleer: Ponds



Winterthur: Manor House from the Azalea Woods



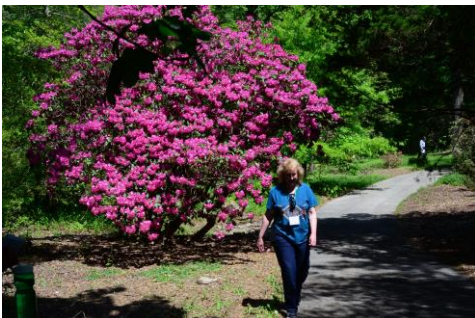
Winterthur: Peonies



Winterthur: Reflecting Pool



Tyler: Large Unnamed Rhododendrons



Tyler: Robin Cross on the Trail



Jenkins: Garden Party



Jenkins: Garden Walkway

Convention Tour 3



Wyn Eden: Reflections



Wyn Eden: Sam & Ginger Burd, Bud Gressman



Mt. Cuba: Ponds



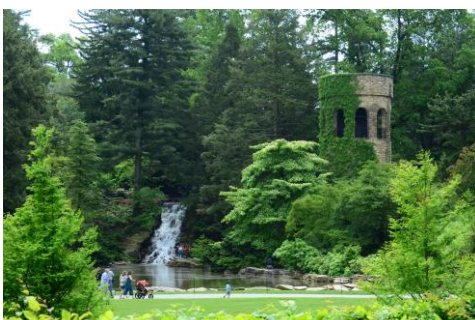
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Longwood: Iron Clad Rhododendrons



Longwood: Hanging Baskets & Hydrangea



Longwood: Waterfall and Tower



Longwood: Fountains



Mt. Cuba: Fragrant *R. atlanticum*

Convention Tour 4



Stoneleigh: Manor House



Stoneleigh: Stone Arch



Moser: Home and Manicured Garden



Morris: Attendees Head for Lunch



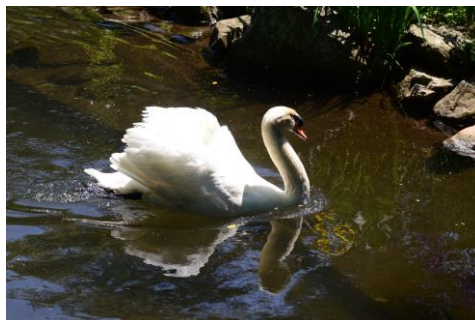
Morris: *R. calendulaceum* 'Smoky Mountain'



Farley: Doug Burke talks with Monty Cross seated by the Pool



Morris: Fringe Tree



Morris: Swan



Moser: Clematis

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the incredible plant sale. Convention co-chair, Karel Bernady, was also plant sale chairman so for years his committee supervised the rooting of cuttings, grafting, and then checking on plants as they grew at Kristoph's Nursery. They really were beautiful plants and such bargains! Most of them ranged from \$5 to \$12.

Another part of the plant sale success is due to Paul and Carolyn Beck. Paul is a computer wizard and used the program and database he developed for the Azalea Society to run their convention plant sale.

Using Paul's database, people could view images and read descriptions of the plants in the sale prior to and during the event. At the meeting, Paul set up a local network of computers in the sale room. When people were ready to checkout, cashiers would scan a barcode on the attendee's name tag which identified the purchaser. Then they would scan bar codes on the plant labels and then they would print an invoice listing what each person purchased. They handled payment by check, cash, or credit card. Checkout was so fast! I didn't get any pictures of the plant sale in action because every time I went down there, I bought more plants instead.

Yes, the convention was a great success and we now can look forward to the 75th Anniversary Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 2020.

Looking ahead, our Potomac Valley Chapter expects to host a District 9 meeting in Annapolis in early May of 2023. We will need your help as we start propagating plants for that event.

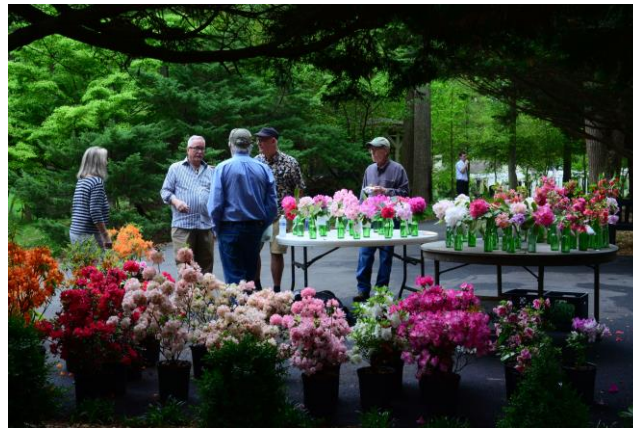
Spartan Mosquito Eradicator

I hate mosquitoes but last year, I was thrilled with the apparent effectiveness of the Spartan Mosquito Eradicators. They seemed to eliminate all of the mosquitoes in my yard from late summer for the rest of the year. This year, I think they have cut down on the population but there are still some around.

The eradicator is essentially a tube that holds water and a mixture containing yeast, sugar, and other ingredients. The yeast emits carbon dioxide which attracts the mosquitoes, and after the insects feed, they no longer reproduce so the population dies off. Two eradicators come in a package which costs about \$20 to \$25 and manages an acre. They can be ordered online or found at Southern States outlets.

Mountain Hikes

This year's mountain hikes were great but we had to adjust some activities. I'll have more later.



Flower Show and Plant Sale

The image above was taken at our chapter flower show and plant sale held at Richard Bradshaw's Hidden View Farm on May 4, 2019. Members brought rhododendron trusses and azalea sprays but we never got around to judging anything. Richard was holding a luncheon for horticulturists from the Annapolis area and we sold most of our plants to them or to ourselves. Great afternoon!

Sad News

The Rhododendron world has lost several leaders recently. They will certainly be missed.

Paul Anderson – Paul was the ARS Director at Large. We saw his garden at the Eureka Convention.

Dr. George Argent – Dr. Argent from the UK was the world authority on Vireya Rhododendrons and other tropical plants from New Guinea.

Jeanne Beutler – Jean was one of the members of the Sandwich Club on Cape Cod. She had been at an assisted living facility in Florida following a stroke.

Rhododendron Alert!

The U.S. Forest service has proposed burning large tracts of land including 40,000 acres in the Nantahala National Forest. They will follow up by spraying herbicides in order to eradicate what they consider "invasive plants" that compete with trees. On their list of alien plants are our cherished native azaleas and rhododendrons. This biologically diverse and very scenic area is just south of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We need people willing to write letters to express concerns.

There is not room in the newsletter to put all the details. Check out our chapter website which has more information and contact points:

www.arspvc.org/alert.html

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Membership Application *American Rhododendron Society*

Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society

The Potomac Valley Chapter ARS is one of three American Rhododendron Society chapters located in District 9 which represents the Middle Atlantic region of the United States. Some of our chapter activities include:

- Regular Meetings with Speakers
- Annual Chapter Banquet
- Garden Tours
- Field Trips to Nurseries or to Wild Stands of Native Azaleas and Rhododendrons
- Local and National Seed Exchanges
- Plants for Members Program
- Flower Show
- Informative Chapter Newsletters
- Annual Photography Contest
- Access to Chapter Library Books

Our regular chapter meetings are usually held four times a year at the Potomac Community Center in Potomac, MD, on Sunday afternoons. However, we do hold occasional meetings at other locations in nearby Maryland, Virginia, or Washington, DC.

We encourage you to check out our chapter website which includes at many years of previous newsletters that contain interesting articles, more color pictures, and examples of past activities:

www.arspvc.org

The cost of ARS membership is \$40 per year and includes membership in a chapter of your choice (such as our Potomac Valley Chapter), and a year's subscription of the outstanding ARS quarterly Journal filled with information and many color pictures. You will also be invited to attend national conventions and/or regional conferences.

If you are already a member of another ARS Chapter you may join the Potomac Valley Chapter as an Associate Member for only \$10 per year but you will need to identify your home chapter. As a member of our local chapter you will receive our newsletter with its interesting articles and notices of upcoming chapter meeting and events.

For more information about the American Rhododendron Society, check out their website:

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Sponsoring.....	150.00
Life, single	1,000.00
Life, family.....	1,500.00
Associate Membership*.....	10.00

**Associate Members must identify home chapter*

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