



# Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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## Potomac Valley Chapter Calendar – 2022

- January 30, 2022: 2 PM Zoom Meeting: Ralf Bauer on *R. austrinum*
- March 4 – 5, 2022: Possible North Carolina Nursery Trip
- March 26 or 27: Proposed Chapter Meeting
- April 13 or 14: Possible Pennsylvania Nursery Trip
- April (dates TBD) Flower Show, Plant Sale, & Garden Tours
- May 4 – 8, 2022: ARS Convention, Portland, OR / Vancouver, WA

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## Next Meeting: January 30, 2022 “*Rhododendron austrinum* in the Wild” Zoom Presentation at 2:00 PM By Dr. Ralf Bauer

Due to the Covid-19 Omicron variant that was rampant, your chapter officers decided to cancel our regular January meeting. We were planning to have a speaker and our chapter photo contest but we will try to reschedule that in March if possible.

In lieu of a face-to-face meeting, we arranged for Dr. Ralf Bauer to give us and other groups a Zoom presentation about his travels with native azalea authority Ron Miller in the panhandle of Florida. They have been studying rare forms of *R. austrinum* in the wild. Most assume that this species has only yellow to orange flowers but they say it can be pink, white, or multicolored due to the expression of independent color genes. It is extremely variable.

Ralf lives in Offenburg, Germany, but he has made many trips to study our native azaleas and rhododendrons in the Eastern United States. He has traveled extensively with Ron along remote rivers in Florida to photograph this lovely and fragrant species. Much of this region is a wilderness area and only accessible by boat. There are more details and images on the next page. Please join us!



*Rhododendron austrinum* Photo: Ralf Bauer

## Other Activities This Spring

At this time, we have some tentative activities planned for the coming year but it will depend upon the pandemic. We must be practical and safe.

In early March, we expect to have a field trip to the Winter Open House events hosted by several nurseries located in North Carolina. It is an overnight event where we buy plants, spend a night in a motel, buy more plants, and then head home.

We will try to schedule a meeting with a speaker near the end of March. We were planning to try a venue other than the Potomac Community center and were considering a nearby Church which had good facilities and was less expensive.

In early April, we will probably have a single day field trip to visit three Amish Nurseries in Pennsylvania. In late April, we hope to repeat the Flower Show and Plant Sale we held at Richard Bradshaw’s Hidden View Farm in 2019 (left). We will also try to arrange some garden tours.

At this point, plans for the ARS Convention in Oregon are still on for May 4 to 8. Check it out!

<https://ars2022.org/>



Chapter Flower Show and Plant Sale in 2019

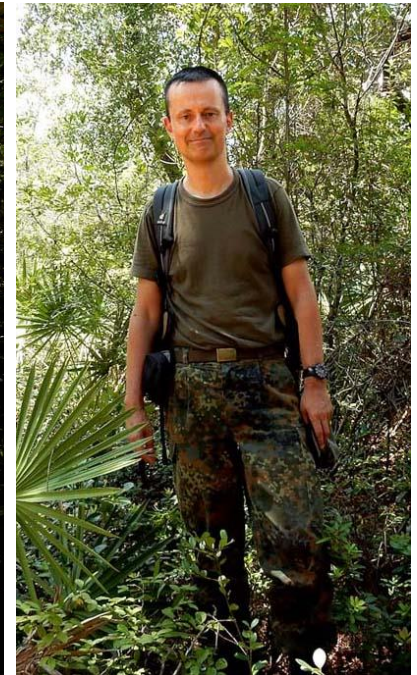
# *Rhododendron austrinum* in the Wild

by Dr. Ralf Bauer (all photos by the author)

Zoom Presentation: January 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM



Yellow *R. austrinum* in the Wild along a Florida River



Dr. Ralf Bauer

Our Potomac Valley Chapter ARS will be hosting a joint Zoom Lecture with several other groups on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Our speaker will be Dr. Ralf Bauer (above) who lives in Germany. He is becoming an authority on the native azaleas and rhododendrons of the Eastern U.S. and will discuss his trips along scenic rivers in the Panhandle of Florida with native azalea expert Ron Miller (below). They are studying wild populations of the Florida azalea, *R. austrinum*, including pink and white tetraploid azaleas and colorful variants as well. Few people are aware of the diversity of this species since much of its habitat is only accessible by boat. Ralf is an excellent photographer as evidenced by these photos taken from his PowerPoint presentation. Expect to see more gorgeous flowers and stunning scenery, but images of companion plants and wildlife, too.

## How to Connect

ARS Treasurer, Dave Banks, will handle the technical side of the Zoom connection. A few days prior to the event, we will provide a link and instructions on how to join the meeting. Keep in touch!

If you are fully vaccinated and have a small group of friends who are also virus free, you may want to gather with them prior to the lecture. Bring some snacks and maybe a bottle of wine. You can socialize while watching Ralf's talk on a large screen computer and it might seem like a real meeting!

## Save the Date:

***January 30 at 2:00 PM!***



Ron Miller & Pink Tetraploid Azalea



Orange *R. austrinum*



Scenic Vista in the Wild



*R. austrinum* Color Variations

## Sad News

We have lost some incredible leaders and icons in the ARS recently. The next few pages are some remembrances by your editor of four recent losses to the rhododendron world. We all extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

### Ann Mangels

We were so saddened to hear that Ann Mangels had passed away on December 31, 2021. Ann and her devoted husband Bill were such dedicated leaders in the American Rhododendron Society and in our District 9. Both of them had been leaders in their Mason-Dixon Chapter ARS; they served as District Directors. Bill was the Treasurer of the ARS for many years. Ann was East Coast Vice President and then President of the ARS.

Ann was also very active in her retirement community and the Church of the Good Shepherd. I watched the touching, live-streamed tribute to Ann's life from her church on January 15, 2022.

Ann was born in Baltimore in 1941, grew up in the Hamilton area, and graduated from the Centenary College for Women. Prior to her marriage to Bill, she worked as a legal secretary. As her sons matured, she pursued a successful secondary career as a realtor. Ann is survived by her husband Bill, two married sons, John and James, their wives Maureen and Andrea, and her sister, Mary Jane Hall. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Ann's passing came as such a shock since she was always so vibrant and active. She and Bill were anxious to travel more now that they had sold their home and were living in a retirement community. Ann had one knee replaced and that operation went well. She returned to the hospital after Christmas to have the other knee replaced. The operation was successful, but then Ann experienced several cardiac arrests while in the hospital. Sadly, the doctors were unable to resuscitate her after the third episode.



Ann Mangels and Steve Hootman present the Gold Medal to Hartwig Schepker (center) in Germany in 2018.



Ann Mangels, Past ARS President

We send our condolences to Bill, the entire Mangels family, and Ann's many other friends at this difficult time. She will certainly be missed.

I am glad that the ARS had a chance to let Ann know how much she has meant our members before she passed. As ARS President, she presented many awards to other members in our society. In the lower left image, Ann was presenting the Gold Medal to Dr. Hartwig Schepker at the 2018 Joint meeting of the ARS and the German Rhododendron Society (DRG) in Bremen. She helped plan that superb meeting!

The ARS gave Ann her Gold Medal in June of 2021 during the virtual convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We finally had a chance to thank her for so many years of service. Bill Mangels had received a Gold Medal in 2016. They made an awesome team!

Below is the citation from Ann's award but it only touches on all the things she did for our organization.

#### **Ann Mangels: 2021 ARS Gold Medal**

*Your tireless, thorough and calm leadership during difficult times, has put the American Rhododendron Society on a strong, fiscal basis. As Eastern Regional Vice President, you took the helm as acting President when the President's health was failing. You then served your normal two-year term as ARS President. In this capacity, you quietly and quickly formed a Committee to reorganize and modernize the Society By-Laws and the Policies of the Board. During your term, you found Chapters to host future national and regional meetings. You also helped coordinate the fantastic 2018 International Convention in Bremen with the German Rhododendron Society, including arranging tours in several other countries. All these efforts increased the international visibility of the American Rhododendron Society. For your significant contributions and your outstanding service, the American Rhododendron Society is pleased to present the Gold Medal to Ann Mangels.*

## Dr. John M. Keshishian

On November 5, 2021, our chapter's senior member, Dr. John Keshishian, passed away at the age of 98. I had written a piece about him and his favorite rhododendron, 'Taurus', in an April 25, 2020 newsletter supplement. It included some of his life history and former garden.

<http://www.arspvc.org/articles/ARS-PVC-ThisWeek06-2020.pdf>

John and his wife Nancy Lee sold their home in McLean and moved to a high rise but were not happy. During the pandemic, they moved to rural Maryland at another place they owned. This fall, John told me they purchased a home in McLean and would be moving back in November. I was waiting to hear from him after they got settled but that never happened. Sadly, he had passed away.



'Taurus'

To say John was a Renaissance man is such an understatement. For much of my teaching career, I worked with some of most gifted students in Northern Virginia. John reminded me of them, but just slightly older. Many of my brightest students were self-actualized and had no need to impress others, brag about their talents, or seek praise. They were more interested in those around them and the excitement of life itself. That was John!

I knew John for over 40 years and every now and then I would learn little snippets about his past in our conversations. I knew he was a doctor, but eventually learned he was a professor of surgery at George Washington University Medical School. He became an Officer and President of the Washington Hospital Center which was his occupation for two decades. He was on call for both Presidents Nixon and Reagan, and was one of the physicians who attended Ronald Reagan after the 1980 assassination attempt.



John Keshishian in his former garden

John served as a consultant to NASA, the FAA, the State Department, Veteran's affairs and the Voice of America. He was a founding member of CARE/Medico. He was a published photographer whose work appeared in National Geographic. Prior to medical school, John served as a naval officer in the Pacific during WWII and also became a pilot. John always had so many interesting stories; I said he should write down his memoirs. He told me that a book he wrote, *Dr. John on Assignment*, was basically a fictionalized autobiography of his life.

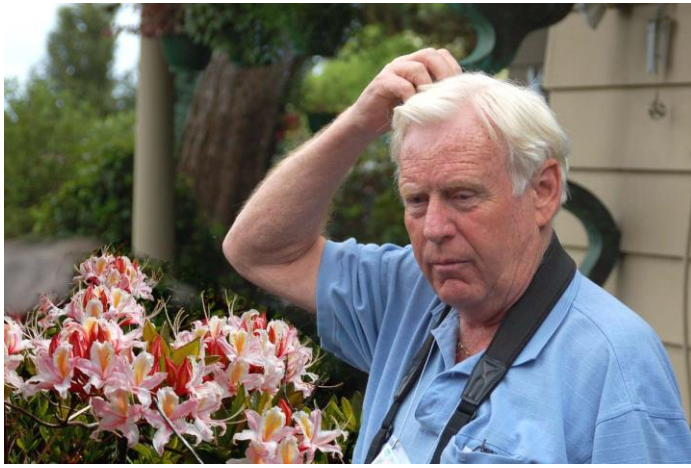
John is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee, his daughters Caren, Peggy, and Alicia, his stepsons Rob, Randy, and Brad, and his grandchildren. John's son, William, had passed away in 2010 from thyroid cancer at the age of 56. John will be missed but he has left us a remarkable legacy. He was a model of what a full and meaning life can be.

### Need Help on Zoom?

Zoom is a software package that allows people to communicate over the Internet in real time. For full interaction, your computer needs a microphone and video camera. If your computer does not have those items, you can still watch Zoom but cannot respond.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom presentation by Ralf Bauer from Germany. A few days before the meeting, we will send you an email with a link. Just click on that link and it will launch the software. When ready, Ralf will take control so we can hear him and see his screen. We viewers should put our sessions on mute so we don't interfere with Ralf. That control is found at the bottom left of the screen. There are other Zoom controls so for more on the basics, you can watch tutorials like this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1CwZFiAyY>



Dick Cavender with *R. occidentale*

## Richard “Dick” Cavender

Dick Cavender, another icon from the West Coast, passed away on January 17 at his home in Sherwood, Oregon. He was also known as “Red” before his hair turned white. Dick was a leader in the Portland Chapter and a noted authority on the West Coast native azalea, *R. occidentale*. He was awarded the ARS Silver Medal in 2003 for his outstanding regional contributions. He is survived by his wife Karen. We all will miss him.

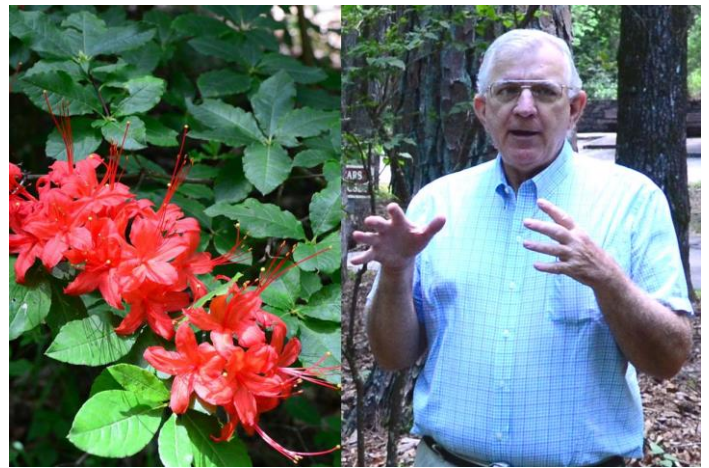
Dick had a small nursery established in 1976 he called “Red’s Rhodies.” It was adjacent to his home which is not far from Portland. He not only sold azaleas and rhododendrons but also orchids, specifically the lovely Pleione orchid. It is a terrestrial orchid with relatively large and showy flowers in shades of lavender, pink, purple, or white, a great companion plant for dwarf rhododendrons in mild gardens.



He and Karen were volunteers and major supporters of the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden near Portland. We visited that spectacular place during the 2011 ARS Convention in Oregon as well as the Cavender’s lovely garden that year.

Dick seemed to know where every plant of *R. occidentale* was growing on the West Coast. When Karel Bernady, Bill Bedwell, and I thought we would try to see *R. occidentale* in the wild after the 2011 Convention, he gave us directions to the best spots on the coast to see that species. We would never have found them otherwise. The next page has a few images from that trip.

When he and Karen came to Asheville for the 2012 ARS Convention, we tried to return the favor. Bill and I took them to see selected forms of *R. vaseyi* that were blooming in the mountains.



Ernest Koone with *R. prunifolium*

## Ernest Koone

Ernest Franklin Koone III of Pine Mountain, Georgia was another expert on native azaleas. He passed away on January 6 after a brief illness at the age of 70. He is survived by a brother, Charles Koone, and three sisters, Edith Edmonds, Barbara Cunningham, and Cordelia Alderman.

Ernest ran Lazy K Wholesale Nursery, one of the largest suppliers of *R. prunifolium* and other deciduous native azaleas in the country. The nursery is adjacent to Callaway Gardens and was started in 1958 by his late father, Ernest Koone, Jr. In addition to native azaleas, they grew other native plants, too. Below is a link to the nursery:

[www.lazyknursery.com/wholesale\\_nursery.html](http://www.lazyknursery.com/wholesale_nursery.html)

Ernest gave many of us a private tour of the native azaleas at Callaway Gardens after a trip to Providence Canyon in 2016. I suspect he knew that place better than any current staff member and maybe as well as Fred Galle when he was there. Ernest took us to some wooded spots and pointed out a few lovely natural hybrids of *R. prunifolium* and the late blooming *R. arborescens* var. *georgiana* as shown in the image below.



*R. prunifolium*

Natural Hybrid

*R. arborescens*

**Gone Too Soon...** It is sad for the future of the ARS when we lose people of such stature. We lost Harold Greer and several hybridizers this year, and Kathy Van Veen recently, too. They had so much more to give. We must now embrace their legacies and carry on.

## The Cavender Garden

These are a few images your editor took in 2011 when he visited Dick's garden. Below is a spectacular *Dianthus simulans*. To the right are 'Horizon Monarch' and under it 'Naselle'. The rounded dwarf to the far right is *R. pseudochrysanthum*.



## *Rhododendron occidentale*

These are some images of *R. occidentale* your editor photographed in the wild along the coast of Northern California in 2011. We were thankful that Dick Cavender had given our group directions so we could locate the best populations in the wild.



## 2022 Rhododendrons of the Year

These are the Rhododendrons of the Year in 2022 for our Mid-Atlantic region. Due to the pandemic, most of our chapters have not had face to face meetings for quite some time which is where we have discussed favorite cultivars in the past. We did conduct a good survey in 2019 so our committee used runner up choices to make selections for this year. Please review your garden this spring and select your favorite plants so we make another tally. The ARS has posted the ROY award winners for all the regions here:

<https://www.rhododendron.org/royawardsintro22.htm>

### Elipodote Rhododendron:

#### 'Dexter's Honeydew'

Flowers are pale pink fading to greenish white at center with a light-yellow throat. The openly funnel-shaped blossoms are wavy-edged, 3½" - 5¼" across, and fragrant. Ball-shaped trusses hold 5-7 flowers. Blooms Midseason. Leaves narrowly oblong, 3" to 4¾" long with wavy margins. Spreading plant habit, grows wider than tall. Typical height: about 4 ft. in 10 years. Plant and bud are hardy to -5°F (-21°C). A Dexter hybrid.

### Lepodote Rhododendron:

#### 'Oritani'

Flowers lavender pink, funnel-shaped, 2" across. Truss holds 2-5 flowers. Blooms early midseason. Leaves 3" long, moderately glossy. Dense growth habit. Grows to an approximate height of 4 ft. in 10 years. Cold hardy to -25°F (-32°C). Hybridized by Theum.

### Evergreen Azalea:

#### 'Quakeress'

Flowers white with flakes of moderate purple, very unevenly expressed in different flowers, wavy-edged, 2"- 2¾" across. Truss holds 2 to 7 flowers. Blooms early midseason. Upright to somewhat spreading plant habit. Grows to a typical height of about 6 ft. in 10 years. Plant and bud cold hardy to at least 0°F (-18°C). Hybridized by Morrison.

### Deciduous Azalea:

#### 'Aromi Sunstruck'

Flowers vivid yellow with vivid orange yellow blotch, tubular funnel-shaped, wavy-edged lobes, 1¾" across. Held in lax truss with 14 flowers. Blooms midseason. Leaves dull green above, with discrete hairs below. Grows to an approximate height of 6 ft. in 10 years. Plant and bud cold hardy to at least 10°F (-12°C). Hybridized by Aromi. (Photo by Carolyn Beck)



'Dexter's Honeydew' Photo: D Hyatt



'Oritani' Photo: D. Hyatt



'Quakeress' Photo: D. Hyatt



'Aromi Sunstruck' Photo: C Beck

## Snow Damage: *What Can We Do?*

by Don Hyatt

The heavy wet snow that paralyzed the Washington, D.C., area on January 3<sup>rd</sup> not only caused massive power outages and horrendous traffic jams on many roads but it also was hard on our gardens. I watched in disbelief when many trees, rhododendrons, and azaleas bent over so far that they almost touched the ground. Then I got 5 more inches a few days later followed by rain and freezing by the next weekend.

We normally don't get that much snow in our region but having lived in the same house now for over 70 years, I can compare to some past winters.

The worst by far was the winter of 2009-2010, an event we referred to as Snowmageddon. (pictured below) After a record-breaking 24 inches of snow in December, then came the deep freeze of February. I recorded a total accumulation of 54 inches of snow in four storms that arrived over a period of 10 days. It was apocalyptic!



The third storm caused the most damage to my plants since it was 26 inches of heavy wet snow. Some of my rhododendrons were completely flattened. I assumed they would be broken and crushed. Beside my greenhouse was my favorite *R. makinoi* (below) and it completely disappeared.



When the snow began to melt, I began to see the branch structure (above), and then a while later, the plant popped out of the undamaged! (below)



There were some casualties. The azaleas at the street edge of my yard were covered with snow but when road crews plowed my street, they decided to dump the snow on my azaleas. (see below)





## February 2010 Snow Damage

There was significant branch breakage on those azaleas at the street edge as pictured on the prior page. I did root quite a few dormant cuttings and cut back the branches that could not be salvaged. In three years, the damage was barely noticeable.



It is possible to try to graft together branches that are cracked so they can heal but the above breaks were too severe and desiccated. You must act quickly to seal wounds before they dry out.

My preference is floral tape which is made of a crepe paper type substance embedded with a wax sealant. The wax acts as a moisture barrier as well as an adhesive when it is stretched which makes it very easy to apply. That works great on smaller branches but may not support a heavy weight, especially if there is additional snow.

Larger branches are harder and may need a couple of things to repair the plant. Pull the parts together above the break and seal the area to stop it from dehydrating. I have used black electrical tape at times. It may be necessary to fashion splints to support the break until it heals. Duct tape helps.

It will take a couple of years for the plant to heal well enough to support the branch structure. Be careful to watch that whatever is used to bind the plant together does not girdle the stem. Floral tape and duct tape usually decompose in time and I have found that a light layer of electrical tape will expand and eventually deteriorate from UV light. Wires can girdle a branch, though.

## January 2022 Snow Scenes

Carol Segree shared the following two images of trees and rhododendron bent over to the ground in her garden from the heavy wet snow. Most of the plants did straighten up when the snow melted but she did have some broken branches.



The two images below were taken in your editor's yard. On the left is the top of a tall holly tree that was bent in half. The image on the right shows the top of a dogwood that touched the ground but it was unfazed. The white pines in the background did lose a number of branches.



## Rooting Dormant Cuttings

We usually root cuttings in summer or fall, but cuttings can root at almost any time of year. Even desiccated stems can often be salvaged. Just make a fresh cut at the base, stick the end in warm water, and cover the top with a clear plastic bag to increase humidity. The tissue will often plump back up in a day or two and can then be rooted.

For containers, I use anything that will fit inside a clear plastic bag to make a "mini-greenhouse." I fill the containers with my standard mix: 1/2 Peat, 1/4 Sand, 1/4 Perlite. The medium should be moist but not wet. Excess moisture encourages fungus diseases and rotting. It is a major cause for failure.

Since rhododendrons and azaleas are shallow rooted, I make short cuttings, only about 1 to 2 inches long. I also remove any flower buds since attempting to bloom will use up energy that could be put into forming new roots.



To further discourage fungus and insect pests, I usually "sterilize" the cuttings by soaking them for 5 minutes in a solution of one part Clorox and ten parts water, and rinse carefully afterwards.

Next, I dip the end of each cutting in a rooting hormone such as Dip 'N Grow, and insert the bottom inch into the medium. Rhododendron cuttings are wounded. When the container is full, I enclose the pot in a plastic bag to make a mini-greenhouse which keeps the humidity high.



Finally, I place the pots of cuttings under fluorescent lights with "long day" conditions, 16 to 24 hours of light every day. Roots do not need light to form but new growth is encouraged with long days. Placing pots on a north window sill with good light will work too. Try to avoid too much sun since bags can become overheated.



Cuttings should break dormancy in 4 to 8 weeks and at that time they are usually forming new roots. I watch the bags carefully to pick any out dead leaves and remove cuttings that rot. It helps keep fungal diseases at bay. There should be no need to water the pots for many months since the condensation on the bag continues to recycle moisture inside that tiny greenhouse ecosystem.



I keep containers under lights during the rest of the winter and early spring. In late spring, I start opening the bags to allow cuttings to get accustomed to lower humidity for several days. After they have hardened off, I try to repot them into individual pots. By early summer, I have moved the cuttings into 3-inch or 4-inch pots and have given a few doses of week fertilizer. By midsummer, plants get no more fertilizer as I want them to do dormant before frost. Cold frame protection that first winter is helpful, but dormant cuttings are often large enough by fall to make it on their own.

Don't let broken branches go to waste. Even if you don't have any damage, root cuttings anyway! It is a good activity while under quarantine.

## 2022 Seed Exchange – Potomac Valley Chapter ARS

The offerings in this year’s seed exchange are rather slim. We do have some seed left over from prior years and I am testing to see if it is viable. The following seeds are offered to chapter members and associates at \$0.60 per packet including postage. Available seed will be divided among those who request the selection. Thanks to donors: Norm & Jean Beaudry (**BE**), Don Hyatt (**HY**), George McLellan (**ML**) and Carol Segree (**SE**). Please return orders to Don Hyatt with payment to Potomac Valley Chapter ARS by February 15. Seed will be distributed as soon as possible after that time.

**Species, collected in the wild (cw)**

1. *atlanticum*, Prince George Cnty, VA cw, (ML)
2. *calendulaceum*, Hooper Bald, cw 2020, (HY)
3. *viscosum*, Gloucester Cnty, VA cw, (ML)

**Species, open pollinated garden origin (op)**

4. *adenopodum*, pink, op (HY)
5. *metternichii*, pink, op (HY)
6. *viscosum* var. *montanum*, op (ML)

**Rhododendron Hybrids open pollinated (op)**

7. Dexter’s Honeydew, op (BE, HY)
8. Hardy Loderi, op 2021, (SE)
9. *hyperythrum* x *metternichii*, op 2021, (SE)
10. Mt. Siga, op 2021, (SE)
11. *maximum* x Sir Charles Lemon, op (BE)
12. Nestucca x (*maximum* x *calophytum*), op (BE)
13. (Odee Wright x *wardii*), op (BE, SE)
14. *yakushmanum* x *metternichii*, op (HY)

### 2021 Seed Order Form - Potomac Valley Chapter ARS

**Return to: Don Hyatt, Newsletter Editor – [donadhyatt@verizon.net](mailto:donadhyatt@verizon.net) (Please Reply by February 15)**

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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 least 16 years of previous newsletters that contain interesting articles, more color pictures, and examples of past activities:

[www.arspvc.org](http://www.arspvc.org)

As a member of our local chapter you will also become a member at the national level of the American Rhododendron Society. This entitles you to a year's subscription of their outstanding quarterly **Journal** filled with information and many color pictures. You will also be invited to attend national conventions or regional conferences.

The cost of ARS membership is \$40 per year and includes membership in a chapter of your choice, such as our Potomac Valley Chapter. 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.

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

[www.rhododendron.org](http://www.rhododendron.org)

**Membership Application**  
*American Rhododendron Society*

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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*

I would like my "home" chapter to be the Potomac Valley Chapter

To join our chapter, contact our treasurer:

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