

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

Eureka Chapter

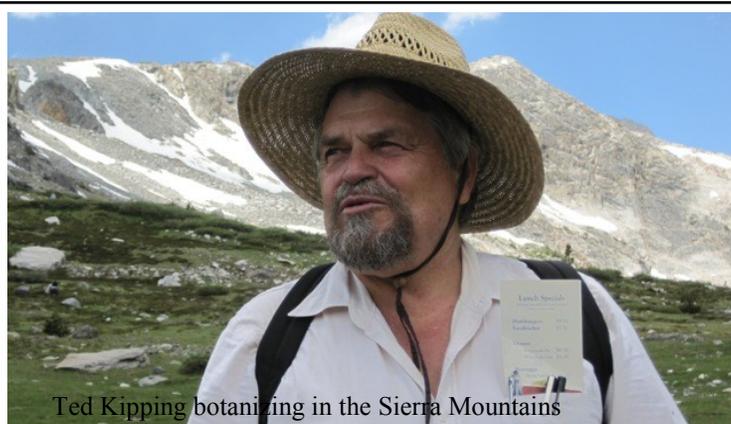
The next meeting
Thursday September 27 , 6:00 p.m.
Woman's Club
1531 J Street
Eureka, California



R. cubittii UCBG . Photo by Mike McCullough

September 2012

Ted Kipping - Wild about Rhododendrons



Ted Kipping botanizing in the Sierra Mountains

The Eureka Chapter American Rhododendron Society starts its 2012-2013 Rhododendron season with **Ted Kipping** who has spoken to our Chapter before to much acclaim.

The **September 27th** meeting will begin at **6:00 PM** with **smoked chicken provided by members Geoff Masaki and June Walsh and potluck sides, veg, salads and desserts provided by you.** Coffee, tea and juice will

be provided; bring wine to share if you like. All tableware will be provided.

This will also be the first meeting at which **dues renewals** may be made. **Bring your membership renewal to the meeting to be entered into an after-program-drawing for some very special Rhododendrons.**

Ted Kipping will begin his program about **7:00 PM**. He was formally educated at Columbia University in New York where he studied Natural History. Later he worked in Strybing Arboretum (now the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum) with Pete Sullivan during the Heyday of early tropical Vireya rhododendron introductions and hybrid experiments. Falling in love with woody plants, he became a Certified Arborist co-founding Tree Shapers, a San Francisco Bay Area concern. Although he dearly loves nearly all plants, the BIG ones, trees, pay the bills. Rhodies have to compete with nearly two thousand other plants in Ted's insane Botanical Ark - a botanical garden in a shoe box.

ALL Rhodies are gorgeous in bloom! But some lose their appeal out of bloom. Falling in love with species Rhododendrons and learning to appreciate their many , sometimes subtle, virtues throughout the year inspired Ted to compile this presentation looking at the many species, large and small, to give ornamental appeal throughout the year. This is the culmination of several years and thousands of miles. May you find as much to inspire you as did the innocent compiler.

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Champagne, Anyone?

The Eureka Chapter Board of Directors made a decision this past year to change out all our green wine bottles with the slightly larger and more robust champagne bottles. These bottles hold and present the trusses better than the wine bottles and are more stable with the larger trusses and sprays. This decision was announced at the Flower Show this year and we asked for members to start saving these larger bottles. To our delight, **Dennis McKiver** was able to find these bottles at a winery and has stored them for us in Ft. Bragg. Prior to the 2013 Rhody Show we will make arrangement to bring these bottles to the show. We are very appreciative of Dennis for his assistance with this task. We believe these new bottles will make the truss presentations more uniform and make it easier for the judges to focus on the trusses without the distraction of different sizes and colors of the wine bottles.



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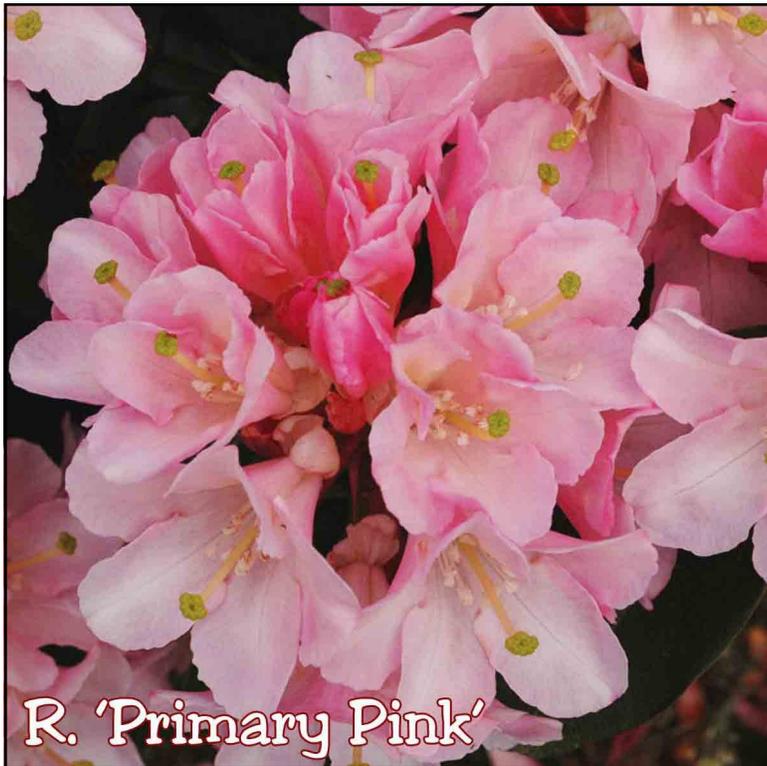
By Mary Marking

THE PRESIDENT'S WORD OF THE MONTH "RECEPTACLE"

Our Chapter's year is beginning again. So is the blooming year for our rhodies. As we watch at this time of year the buds on our *Rhododendron* plants are growing. Some are fatter than others because they are forming a **RECEPTACLE**. The word derives via Middle English and Old French from the Latin *recipere*, to take, to hold, to contain. Receive and recipe have the same origin. In higher plants the term refers to the tissues from which all of the flower parts will develop and which holds those parts after they are formed. The receptacle also holds the fruiting body after the flower has wilted and disappeared. Looking at most of our rhodies right now we can tell, within some limits, how many trusses we will have next spring. The fat buds may form flowers, the thin ones will form leaves. A few of the thin ones fool us and become flower buds after all, as in R. 'Vulcan', but a fair proportion of the fat buds "change their minds" and become leaves instead. The change is caused by altered environmental conditions and/or mutations. The reason the change happens the way it does was discovered by the famous German poet Johann Wolfgang Goethe in the eighteenth century. Flowers develop from leaf buds, so a flower will not always result from what appears to be a flower bud. That concept of flower development is not universally accepted by botanists, but it is the majority opinion.

It isn't entirely safe to assume that a truss will develop from a fat bud, but we can be sure that the Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will be a receptacle for great fun, food, education and fellowship. Be sure to save the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December) from now until May. You won't want to miss September 27. In addition to the great program described on the first page of this newsletter, several of us will be freshly returned from the Western Regional Conference in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island and will be eager to share our experience.

The first meeting of the year is a potluck, so dig through your **recipes**. Bring a salad or dessert to complement June's and Geoff's chicken in your favorite **receptacle**. See you there. *By President Bruce Palmer*



R. 'Primary Pink'

Plant of the Month
Rhododendron 'Primary Pink'

By Don Wallace

This month I am continuing my salute to Frank Fujioka of Whidbey Island, Washington by selecting his 'Primary Pink' rhododendron. Frank is famous for being the creator of such award winning rhododendrons as R. 'Seaview Sunset', R. 'Pomegranate Splash', and R. 'Starbright Champagne', plus last April's and May's Plants of the Month, R. 'Spring Fragrance' and R. 'Pink Pinwheels'.

R. 'Primary Pink' was registered back in 1981, and is still being grown in gardens today, so you know it is good. The parents are ['Yaku

Sunrise' X ('C.I.S' x 'Jingle Bells')] x 'Lem's Cameo'. Soft pink flowers cover this plant all of April and into May, making it a great candidate for the Rhody Show. Excellent foliage makes R. 'Primary Pink' a very attractive rhododendron all year round. It will only grow to 3 ft. tall by 4 ft. wide in 10 years. There is a slight bronze cast to the new leaves that emerge in June. Another feature is the contrast of the bright green pistils within the pink flowers...a real eye catcher. This hybrid seems to be able to grow in some shade, but will also tolerate full sun here in our coastal environment. It also sets lots flower buds every spring, adding to its value.

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day;
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.
 –Emily Brontë (1818–48)



THE EUREKA CHAPTER IS ON FACEBOOK

If you use facebook check out "Eureka Chapter of the ARS". You will find pictures of the 2012 Rhododendron Show from April. The site will also contain information about upcoming meetings and activities.

Hopefully, it will become another form of communication between members and prospective members. So please feel free to post your comments and pictures.

By Mary Marking

It is time to renew your membership

Bring your membership renewal to the meeting September 27th to be entered into a drawing for some very special rhododendrons.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE ON A CALENDAR YEAR

Membership includes chapter membership

Regular.....40.00

Commercial/Corporate.....90.00

Sustaining.....75.00

Sponsoring..... 150.00

Life.....1,000.00

Life Family.....1,500.00

Make Checks out to "Eureka Chapter ARS"

Membership benefits include:

- Quarterly ARS Journal with valuable plant and Society information.
- Annual Conferences offering lectures, tours and networking.
- Visits to gardens and nurseries, both public and private.
- Discounts on reference books.
- An outstanding seed exchange program.
- Participation in local Chapter meetings.
- Plant and cutting auctions and sales.
- Involvement in local and national flower shows.
- Support of test and display gardens.



The Eureka Chapter has renewed its rental agreement with the Eureka Woman's Club located at 1531 J Street in Eureka through 2013. This beautiful historic building has had some recent renovations including kitchen updates and a newly refinished main auditorium floor.

The Eureka Woman's Club was built in 1916. The Craftsman clubhouse features a low-hipped roof and delineation between the shingles from the upper story and shiplap first floor. The vertical, slightly projecting bays and stacked window array balance the house. The two rooms fronting the auditorium and the entry hall between them are nearly untouched since completion 96 years ago. The rooms have a wonderful Craftsman feeling created mostly in redwood. (Photo from EWC web site)



Eureka Chapter members have :

- Renewed a planter at Redwood Acres Fairground
- Participated in volunteer activities at Humboldt Botanical Gardens
- Presented flower shows for the public
- Welcomed world-class speakers
- Had modern-day plant hunters visit
- Taken a group trip to collect rocks for our gardens
- Invited new people to join the Eureka Chapter
- Brought a friend to a meeting and received a FREE plant
- Visited member and non-member gardens
- Enjoyed each other's company through picnics, pot-lucks and pre-meeting meals
- We joined the Chapter and got a Free plant



**Renew your membership today to keep the good times going!
Bring a friend to a meeting and GET A FREE PLANT.**



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Future Programs

September 27, 2012

Ted Kipping, “Species Rhododendrons for the Rest of the Year” Smoked Chicken and Potluck Salads/Desserts

October 25, 2012

Sam Polly, “Edible Plants as Companion Plants for Rhododendrons and Making Better Soil”

November

No meeting, Enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends

December 6, 2012

Bruce Palmer, “What Leaves are all About”
 And Holiday Potluck

January 24, 2013

Paula Trinoskey, “Asian Garden Design”

February 28, 2013

Kathy Van Veen, “History of Van Veen Rhododendron Nursery”

March 28, 2013

Judy and Bob “Building a Stone Bridge and Garden Wanderings”

April 25, 2013

Don Selcer, “Plant Hunting in China”

April 26, 27 & 28

Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale

May 23, 2013

Members’ Mini Show and Pizza

June 2, 2013

Members’ Garden Tour and Potluck picnic

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