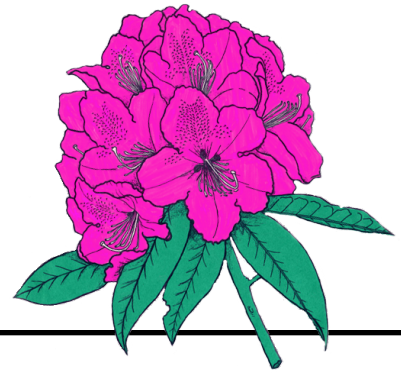


# Noyo News

## Noyo Chapter

American Rhododendron Society  
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## **'Downunder'**

**Tuesday, March 14, 7:30  
Presbyterian Church, FB**

Besides Bea and Stel Aker, Paul Anderson, our District Director, attended the annual rhododendron conferences in New Zealand and Australia last spring. Actually it was fall for us but spring down there.

Paul will share with us some of his images from a variety of gardens and parks he visited. Paul's presentation will be of interest to us as the conditions down there are probably more akin to our gardening situations than those of the Pacific Northwest.

Many of you'll remember Paul's pictures from Sikkim a couple of years ago. Like that program this is bound to be of interest and will prompt you to make sure your passport is updated.

## ***"...it tolls for thee"***

The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of presenting a slate of candidates to the membership at the March meeting. Besides the slate they present for nomination any member may nominate candi-

dates for the election that is held at the April general meeting.

The Committee has met some frustration in finding candidates for a couple of offices for next year. They have not been able to get someone to run for either president or vice-president. It's hard to imagine our Chapter operating without a president and vice-president.

Knowledge of rhododendrons is not needed in order to function in either of the above positions. Our Chapter has a routine that is easy to follow. There is no need to be reluctant about taking on one of these offices because one does not know plants, or people.

Being president involves a little bit of organizing and seeing that a few positions are filled. The format of the general meetings is pretty automatic. We already have a commitment for next year's Show Chairman. This writer will continue to write the newsletter if the new president so desires. The vice-president's responsibility is to organize the programs. Our Sept, Dec and May meetings are mainly social gathering which means that the vice-president only has to get 5 or 6 programs. We have lists of numerous ARS 'experts' so it's essentially just a job of making some phone calls.

There are several former leaders who have been and will be very willing to help any new officers. You will not be the captain of a rudderless ship!

It's time to consider helping our Chapter continue being viable. We are held in high esteem by other ARS chapters because we've managed to maintain a high level of organization. This has led to successful Shows, good programs, long standing friendships and great gardens.

Several people have served and done their share. It's now time for others to step up! Give some serious thought as to why you are a member of the Noyo Chapter and what you can do to keep Noyo Chapter what it is. Give anyone on the Nominating Committee a call to let them know of your willingness to get involved. Members of the Nominating Committee include Chuck Preisig (964-5016), Phillip Johnson (964-1426), Henri Bensussen (964-8844), Bob Boddy (964-5397), and Rose Proffit (961-1861).

## ***Noyo Roster***

An updated roster will be distributed with the April newsletter. ARS has not yet updated our roster. Eamilers can download one at [www.arsoffice.org/](http://www.arsoffice.org/). Get the password from any officer.

## **Plant Raffle**

This month's plant raffle will be made up of plants brought in by members. Most of us have some duplicates, some we're tired of, colors that no longer fascinate us, or ones we just no longer want. Find some plant or plants in your garden, dig them up and wrap up the root ball so they can easily be transported. Or get some of your potted plants with which you'd be willing to part.

The idea here is not to dump your dogs on others, but to share some plants that would appeal to others. Don't forget some of the newer members may not have a bunch of large, older plants and this is a way for them to acquire some that will be blooming sooner and more than the one gallon ones. Share your bounty.

## **Noyo Chapter ARS Minutes**

February 14, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President, Lucy Johnson, at 7:40 pm.

Lucy welcomed everyone and wished a happy Valentines Day. It's Virginia and Morris Charters 58th wedding anniversary today. Happy birthday wishes went out to Joan, Phillip, Ken & Rosalie. Merry Goodwin is doing well after her hip surgery. Eleanor Philip is also doing better.

Dick apologized for the misprints in the newsletter, the disk was misread by the printer.

## **Old Business**

Bea Aker moved to accept the January minutes; seconded; motion passed.

Chuck reported that nothing spectacular took place with finances. We did get 9 memberships paid after Lucy sent final notices out and we're in sound financial condition.

## **New Business**

Ken reported that we had another successful Show meeting. He hopes to have more people involved and was happy to get a show chair, Dennis Mc Kiver. He still needs volunteers for Host/Hostesses and cashiers. A sign up sheet will be passed around. Gallon wine jugs are still needed for trusses and any old trophies can be donated. They can be brought to the next meeting.

The nominating committee, Henrietta, Rose Profit, Chuck, Bob Boddy and Philip Johnson were selected. Bea moved to accept them; seconded; motion passed. Chuck will set a date for them to meet and find candidates to be nominated by the membership at the March meeting.

Lucy contacted June Walsh for an update on the convention. The first working meeting will be on March 11, 2006 at the Embassy suites in San Francisco. Anyone can go and sign up on their own behalf and Dick Jones will go and act as a liaison for the chapter. Henrietta moved to accept; seconded; motion passed.

Virginia shared a book on deer which sounds like a must read for everyone.

Eleanor sent a numerous magazines, pamphlets & newsletters for anyone to take.

Karen introduced tonight's speaker, Robert Jamgochian, from Mendocino Maples.

Lucy thanked Charlyne, John, Terry, Jim Gimlet and Bob Caylor for tonight's treats.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosalie Stanley, Secretary

## **Annual Show**

As usual there will be a **Show Committee meeting** at 6:30 on Tuesday, March 14, before the monthly general meeting. Everyone is encouraged to come and share their ideas.

It's **return-the-trophy** time. If you won a trophy last year now's the time to return them for this year's show. Bring them to the March meeting.

The **Show Rules** are being updated. If you know of some plants that are not listed in our classification lists tell either Ken Jones (964-0495) or Dick Jones (964-4353, or [dic@mcn.org](mailto:dic@mcn.org)). The committee will decide which ones should be included in the Rules.

## **Maples (cont.)**

Last month's speaker, **Robert Jamgochian** who owns Mendocino Maples, has invited us to an open house at 10 AM on Sunday, April 16. He will be offering a 10% discount to our members at that time. Directions to Mendocino Maples will be in the April newsletter.

## ***New Rhododendron***

*from Charleen Tyson, re MSN*

“Other discoveries included what may be the largest rhododendron flower on record - almost six inches across - along with more than 20 new frogs and four new butterflies,” Wayne Takeuchi / Conservation International said. This new species of rhododendron was discovered on an island of New Guinea.



## ***Crooked Ladies ?***

*by Bruce Palmer*

*from the Eureka Ch. newsletter*

The word of the month is “campylogynum” as in *Rhododendron campylogynum*. The word derives from the Greek *campylo-* for bent and *gyn-* for female. It does not refer, however, to an elderly woman with osteoporosis. The *gyn* part is related to the botanical term *gynoecium*, meaning the tissues surrounding the eggs of a plant, not just a flowering plant. *Androecium* refers to the equivalent male parts. Linnaeus and other botanists of the time seem to have been obsessed with sex; they classified all plants on the basis of their reproductive parts to the exclusion of nearly all other distinguishing features. In any case, *campylogynum* refers to the fact that the flower, where it leaves the stalk and forms the ovary and surrounding tissues, is bent nearly at a right angle. *R. campylogynum* is a rhodie with really beautiful, small, almost translucent, bell-shaped flowers, only three or so in a loose truss. The flowers range in color from a creamy white through various shades of red to almost maroon. If you don't have one in your garden, it doesn't take much room and would be a great addition.



***Rhododendron campylogynum***

