

## R & A News: November-December 2020

Welcome to the Rhododendron and Azalea News. The ARS has not published this supplemental newsletter since 2011 but we thought it was time to try again. This time we have added graphics and links to other articles and a few videos. We hope you find it enjoyable.

Best wishes from the R & A News Committee: Don Hyatt (co-chair), Maria Stewart (co-chair), Dave Banks, and Linda Derkach.

Above Photo: *R. yakushimanum* & *Acer palmatum* var. *dissectum*, Feller Garden, NY

## News Items



### 2021 ARS Convention in Nova Scotia *Update!*

The 2021 ARS Convention will be held in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, from June 3-6, 2021. Many people may still face travel restrictions due to the pandemic, so the organizers are planning an option to participate via video conferencing. Virtual registration will open January 15 and for a fee of \$60 US (\$80 Canadian), people will be able to participate remotely and hear the many outstanding speakers. Please consider joining us in June.

[2021 Convention Website](#)



## Jim Barlup

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Jim Barlup on October 25, 2020. He was 87. He is survived by his wife, Judy. Jim was a prolific rhododendron hybridizer who was honored in 2018 with the ARS Pioneer Achievement Award. He was a kind and generous person who will be greatly missed. At least we have a legacy of the lovely rhododendrons he created as a remembrance of this great man. Check out the Rhododendron Portraits section in this newsletter for a link to pictures of Jim Barlup's many hybrids.

Above photo: Jim Barlup in his garden and the greenhouse where he made crosses.

## Appreciating Fall Color

The Autumn months bring a whole new color dynamic to the garden as well as nature. We have put together two photo essays that celebrate the change in the seasons. Enjoy!



## Maples & Companion Plants

Japanese Maples are great companion plants in a rhododendron garden and can brighten up the landscape when their leaves change color in the autumn. Check out this link for images of maples and other

## More Fall Color



### Fall Color in the Wild

This link shows images of some scenic wild places that have outstanding fall displays. This photo essay focuses on two regions, the Southern Appalachians in the Eastern United States and the North Cascades in the Pacific Northwest. Both areas can be breathtaking in autumn when the foliage of deciduous trees and shrubs including native azaleas and vaccinium species turn brilliant colors.

Above photo: Autumn color along the Appalachian Trail at Roan Mountain

## Scenic Pictures in the Wild

### Rhododendron Portraits

In each issue, we will try to include images and a bit of commentary about a few rhododendrons of interest. Some of the plants featured in the portraits may be new introductions but others may be old favorites.

#### 'Orange Prelude'

This stunning Jim Ballup rhododendron hybrid always attracts attention with its bright orange flowers and attractive, textured foliage. Lois and Roy Blackmore of Victoria, BC, Canada, were special friends and she has posted over 200 images of Barlup hybrids.



## More Jim Barlup Hybrids



## Rouge™

This evergreen azalea is an Encore® hybrid that will rebloom in fall in many gardens of the Southeastern U.S. They are patented and trademarked so propagation is restricted. To see more pictures, check out the Azalea Society of America database of over 11,000 photos.



## The ASA Image Database

### 'Blond Bombshell'

This colorful rhododendron is a tropical Vireya hybrid. Vireyas be grown outside in frost-free climates but they can be great house plants or greenhouse specimens elsewhere. Check out the Vireya Net website to learn more about these plants.



## Vireya Net

### 'Everred'

Ken Cox, the third-generation owner of Glendoick Gardens in Scotland, has been breeding many unusual rhododendrons. 'Everred' (or 'Ever Red') has dark burgundy foliage and bright red flowers. Ken and his father Peter are also noted plant explorers and authors. Check out their website to learn more.



## Glendoick Gardens

# Things to Do

## *Video Conferencing*

We realize that face-to-face chapter activities like meetings, garden tours, and plant sales are not possible due to restrictions during the pandemic. Many chapters are holding online meetings using various

presentations and interact with others.

Two popular platforms are Zoom and RingCentral. They are very similar and the links below have videos that show how to join a scheduled meeting. Some chapters have invited guests to join their meetings. Look for invitations so you can enjoy live online meetings. Your chapter leaders may want to offer videoconferencing activities for your group, too.

### How to Join a Zoom Meeting

This YouTube video shows how to join a Zoom meeting



[Introduction to Zoom \(Video - 8 minutes\)](#)

### How to Join RingCentral

This YouTube video shows how to join a RingCentral meeting.



[Introduction to RingCentral \(Video - 4 minutes\)](#)

## ***Propagating Rhododendrons***

### Rooting Cuttings in a Nearing Frame

Fall is a great time to propagate many rhododendrons. They can be rooted under lights in a basement but some members may want to try rooting outdoors using a Nearing Frame. The following video by Mike Kincaid shows how he roots cuttings.



[Rooting Cuttings \(Video - 16 minutes\)](#)

## **Useful Links**



## The American Rhododendron Society

The American Rhododendron Society website has much useful information. There are details about the organization, its activities, membership, articles about many topics including selected pieces from past journals and rhododendron culture, an interactive database with images and more. It has a members-only area where people can see full color digital versions of ARS Journals dating back to 2011.

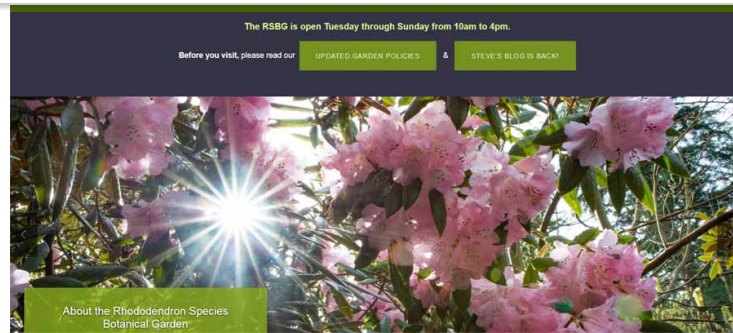
### The ARS



## The ARS Store

The ARS store has access to items people can purchase as well as programs to download. When you purchase items online from certain vendors, the ARS also gets a small commission. This will only happen if you link to them from the ARS Store so think of us and start here when buying online.

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## Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

If you are not a member, you might consider joining the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden. It is a nonprofit organization that maintains a beautiful garden in Federal Way, WA, and houses one of the largest collections of rhododendron species in the world. They also offer rare varieties propagated from their collection that members may purchase by mail order.

The RSBG

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