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"Between storms, I have edited the basic Mailchimp portion to include the passing of Harold and found a photo I took of him at Crystal Springs the last ARS Convention. I'd appreciate comments or suggestions."
— Donald Hyatt

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R & A News: July - August 2021

Before we discuss highlights of this issue, we have some extremely sad news to report, the sudden passing of Harold Greer. A loss of such magnitude is difficult to grasp for many of us. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife Nancy, family members, and friends.

Our summer issue has two general themes. One focuses on tasks that we can be doing at this time of year,

such as propagating azaleas and rhododendrons, caring for small plants, and pruning. The other looks at some late blooming plants you may want to consider in order to extend the flowering season in your garden.

We are very excited about our fall event that has been organized by ARS Chapters and Master Gardeners on Vancouver Island in lieu of a regular fall conference. It is called *Fall into Gardening*. It will be two half-days of talks given by experts from around the world on a variety of topics. This is not just for ARS members but is free for anyone who wishes to participate.

Continuing with our desire to educate, Steve Henning has written an excellent piece on Lepidote Rhododendrons and their unique structures called "scales." Steve has also provided a tribute to the legacy of Pennsylvania hybridizer John Doppel who passed away this spring. As most of us realize, there are limitations as to what the ARS Journal is able to print about the accomplishments of plant breeders. However, the R & A News is more flexible and can serve as a vehicle to share thoughts and images of the lovely plants these people have created.

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

Photo by Don Hyatt: *Rhododendron prunifolium*

Harold Greer ***Gone Too Soon***





It is with great sadness that we report the sudden loss of Harold Greer. We have no details about his death at this time other than he passed away unexpectedly on the morning of August 8, 2021. This has come as a great shock to all of us. We will surely have extended tributes in future publications, but we wanted to use this newsletter to let our members know of this colossal loss to the ARS and the entire horticultural community.

Harold was an icon. Working with rhododendrons

Harold was an icon. Working with rhododendrons and azaleas since early childhood, he had a depth of knowledge that few could match. Most of us looked to him as the ultimate authority. Harold was the consummate nurseryman, a renowned author, a celebrated hybridizer, a phenomenal photographer, an entertaining speaker, and a great friend. He willingly shared his knowledge, photographs, and expertise worldwide. He will be missed more than we can possibly comprehend at this time.

We send our sincere condolences to his wife Nancy, members of his family, and to all who knew and admired him.

Photo by Don Hyatt: Harold Greer

Planning Ahead!

"Fall into Gardening"

Virtual Fall Conference

October 23-24, 2021





"Fall into Gardening" is a virtual conference we have planned for October 23-24, 2021. In this outreach event, there are no real meetings but we have invited eight renowned speakers who will be giving presentations on varied topics that we hope will be of interest to a broad audience. There will be four talks each day. Expect to learn about plant exploration in the wilds of Sichuan, China. Join us as we admire peak floral displays along certain trails in the Southern Appalachians. There will be talks on rhododendron culture related to soils, mulch, and winter hardiness. We will have presentations on heritage plants, rock gardens, and even fragrance, too.

This meeting will be FREE to anyone in the world but people must register through the ARS link below in order to participate. Please share this link with other gardening groups or any friends who seem to enjoy plants.

Photo by Don Hyatt: Flame Azaleas along the Appalachian Trail

Register for "Fall into Gardening"

ARS 2022 Convention
May 4-8, 2022





The 75th Anniversary ARS Convention planned for 2020 in Portland, OR, was canceled due to the pandemic but we are pleased to announce it has been rescheduled for 2022. There will be tours offered before and after the meeting.

Registration will open November 1 but it is not too early to start planning your trip. Check out the convention website for details.

Photo by Don Hyatt: Cecil and Molly Smith Garden in Portland, OR

The 2022 ARS Convention

Education Corner

**More on Lepidote
Rhododendrons
*By Steve Henning***



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Steve Henning has put together a great piece on the small leaf Lepidote Rhododendrons. They differ from the standard large leaf rhododendrons in that they have scales underneath their leaves and on many other surfaces. Those tiny scales are best viewed with a microscope but his examples and discussion will help people understand their significance. Steve has many photos to show the great diversity that can be found in the species of this group, too. Thanks, Steve!

Photos by Don Hyatt: '24 Karat' Flower and Lepidote Foliage with Scales

Lepidote Rhododendrons

Practical Help

How to Root Cuttings!





We offer two items under this topic. The first is a PowerPoint presentation prepared for the ARS by Don Hyatt that shows how to root rhododendron and azalea cuttings. It can be downloaded from the ARS Store but the link below will run directly from the website.

The second resource is a video from the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden where Atsuko Gibson shows how they root cuttings.

Photo by Don Hyatt: Rhododendron Cuttings

Rooting Cuttings - Don Hyatt's PowerPoint

Rooting Cuttings at the RSBG



Rooting Cuttings at the RSBG by Atsuko Gibson

Caring for Small Plants *From the Cowichan Valley Chapter*



This article by Verna Buhler is a reprint from the Cowichan Valley Chapter Newsletter that has some excellent advice about how to take care of small plants.

Photo by Don Hyatt: Rhododendron Cuttings and Seedlings

Caring for the Little Ones

Pruning Rhododendrons

From the Cowichan Valley Chapter



This is another reprint from the Cowichan Valley Chapter Newsletter that has great advice about pruning. The original article was written by Robert L. Furniss but now has additional photographs by Verna Buhler.

Photos by Don Hyatt: Pruning Out Dead Rhododendron Branches

How and When to Prune Rhododendrons

Hybridizing Legacies

Remembering John Doppel





This is a tribute to Pennsylvania hybridizer John Doppel by Steve Henning. John passed away from a Covid-19 infection earlier this year but he has left us a legacy of hardy new rhododendrons that will be appreciated by generations to come. Pictured above is his deep purple called 'Diane's Delight'.

Photo by Don Hyatt: 'Diane's Delight'

John Doppel's Legacy

Late Bloomers

Late Deciduous Azaleas





There are a number of late blooming deciduous azaleas and this article will focus on three species that bloom in the summer months, *R. prunifolium*, *R. arborescens* var. *georgianum*, and *R. viscosum* var. *serrulatum*.

Photo by Don Hyatt: *Rhododendron prunifolium*

Late Blooming Deciduous Azaleas

Late Rhododendrons





This segment discusses two late flowering species, *R. maximum* from the Eastern United States and *R auriculatum* from central China.

Photo by Don Hyatt: *Rhododendron maximum*

Late Blooming Rhododendrons

More on Late Flowering Species



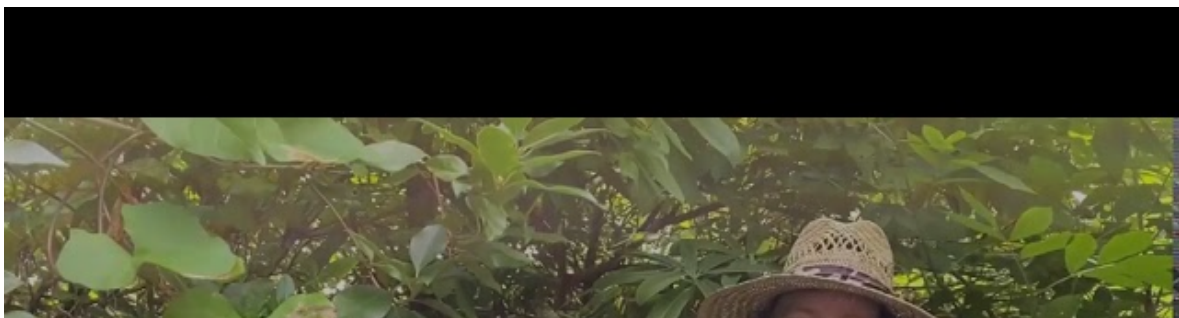


The next two videos are from Steve Hootman at the Rhododendron Species Botanic Garden. He discusses some members of the Glanduliferum Complex in China which includes the species *R. auriculatum* pictured above. These rhododendrons bloom from late spring into summer.

Photo by Carol Segree: *Rhododendron auriculatum*



The Glanduliferum Complex Part 1 (5:21 min)





The Glanduliferum Complex Part 2 (14:29 min)

Support Our Organizations



The American Rhododendron Society

The American Rhododendron Society website has much useful information. There are details about the organization, its activities membership articles on many topics including

activities, membership, articles on 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.

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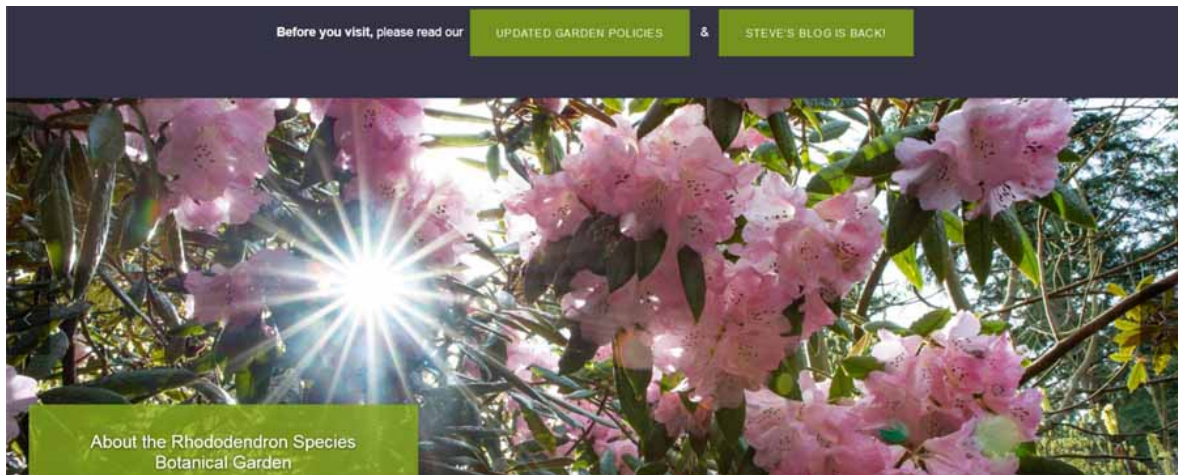
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ARS Store



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The RSBG is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm.



Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden is a wonderful partner to the ARS. 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. Every year they hold symposiums with world class speakers and propagate rare species that they offer for sale. Check out their website for details.

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If you missed any back issues of the R & A News, we have started posting them online.

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