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## **R & A News: September-October 2021**

In this issue, we have a number of key articles. First, Steve Henning has written a more thorough tribute to the late Harold Greer. He has also written a piece on Elepidote Rhododendrons that illustrates features of the large leaf species including indumentum and tomentum. Don Hyatt has put together a humorous photo essay on whimsical garden features he has observed over many years.

We also offer reprints of two articles published in other newsletters that deserved wider circulation. The Niagara Chapter has shared a summary of a talk given by Dr. Juliana Medeiros on the future of rhododendrons facing

rapid climate change. The Cowichan Valley Chapter on Vancouver Island offers reflections by Ami Morris about her favorite companion plant, the Fuchsia.

Best wishes from the R & A News committee: Don Hyatt, Steve Henning, Linda Derkach, and Dave Banks.

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## Harold Greer *by Steve Henning*



In our last issue, we had an announcement about the tragic death of Harold Greer, one of the true icons in the ARS. Steve Henning has now put together a more complete tribute to this extraordinary man. It includes some details about his life growing up in Oregon, the

nursery he established, Greer Gardens, and some of his contributions to the ARS and the genus *Rhododendron*. It includes many images of the 102 hybrids and species he registered such as the one pictured above, 'Extraordinaire'.

Photo Credits: Harold Greer and 'Extraordinaire' by Don Hyatt

Tribute to Harold Greer

# Elepidote Rhododendrons Indumentum and Tomentum

*by Steve Henning*



Steve Henning has put together another very thorough article for the R & A News on the large leaf rhododendrons called Elepidotes. He explains what is meant by the terms

indumentum and tomentum as well as many other features.

Photo Credits: *R. bureavii* by Don Hyatt

## Elepidote Rhododendrons

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# Garden Whimsy

*by Don Hyatt*





This photo essay has a collection of whimsical garden sculptures and other items he has observed over many years. In the photo above, Lainie Derkach mimics the pose of a whimsical sculpture many of us saw in the Park of the Gardens in Germany during the 2018 joint convention of the ARS and DRG.

Photo Credits: Linda Derkach

## Garden Whimsy

# Rhododendron in a Changing World

*A Talk by Dr. Juliana S. Medeiros  
Reviewed by Dixie Szasz-Taylor*





This article written by Dixie Szasz-Taylor is a reprint from the Niagara Chapter ARS. It is a review of a talk given to their group by Dr. Juliana S. Medeiros from the Holden Forest and Gardens. Dr. Medeiros looked back at other changes in climate during the past 65 million years and how rhododendrons were able to adapt. She then speculated about how they will handle the rapid changes we are facing now due to global warming caused by mankind's excessive use of fossil fuels.

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## Future of Rhododendrons

# Companion Plants: *Fuchsias* *by Ali Morris*





**This reprint from the Cowichan Valley Chapter of the ARS is an article written by Ali Morris about one of her favorite companion plants for summer and fall color, *Fuchsias*. Some varieties are hardy enough to be grown outside in many areas.**

Photo Credits: Don Hyatt

## Fuchsias

# Garden Videos

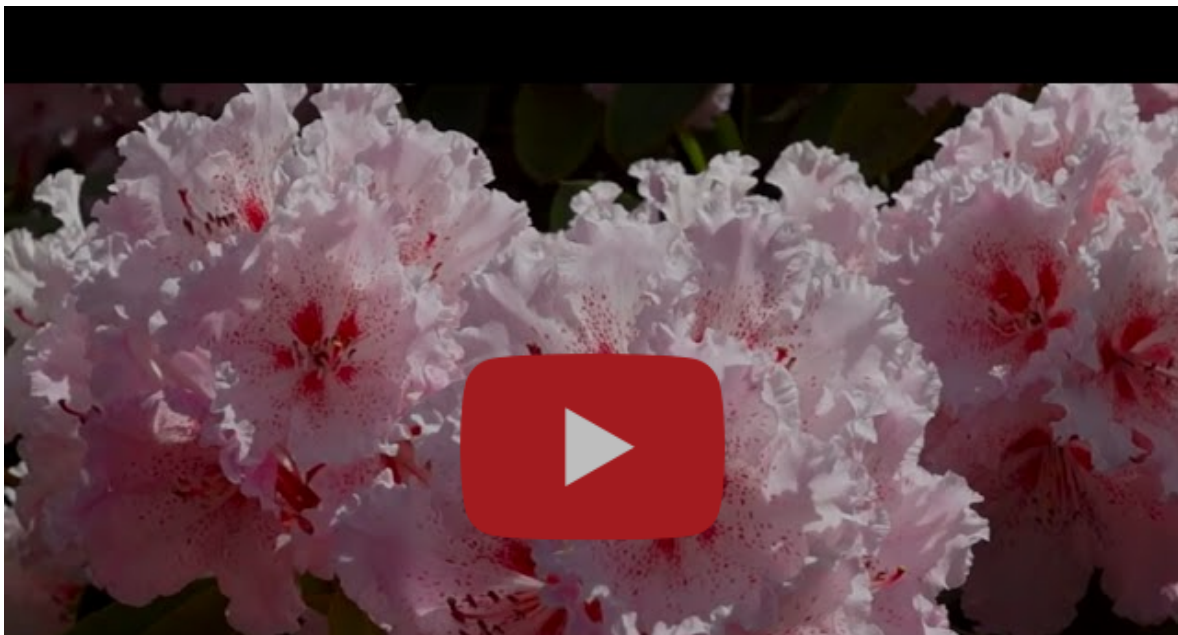


**Below are some links to garden videos we thought you might enjoy.**

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Comox Valley Rhododendron Garden on Vancouver Island (19 min)



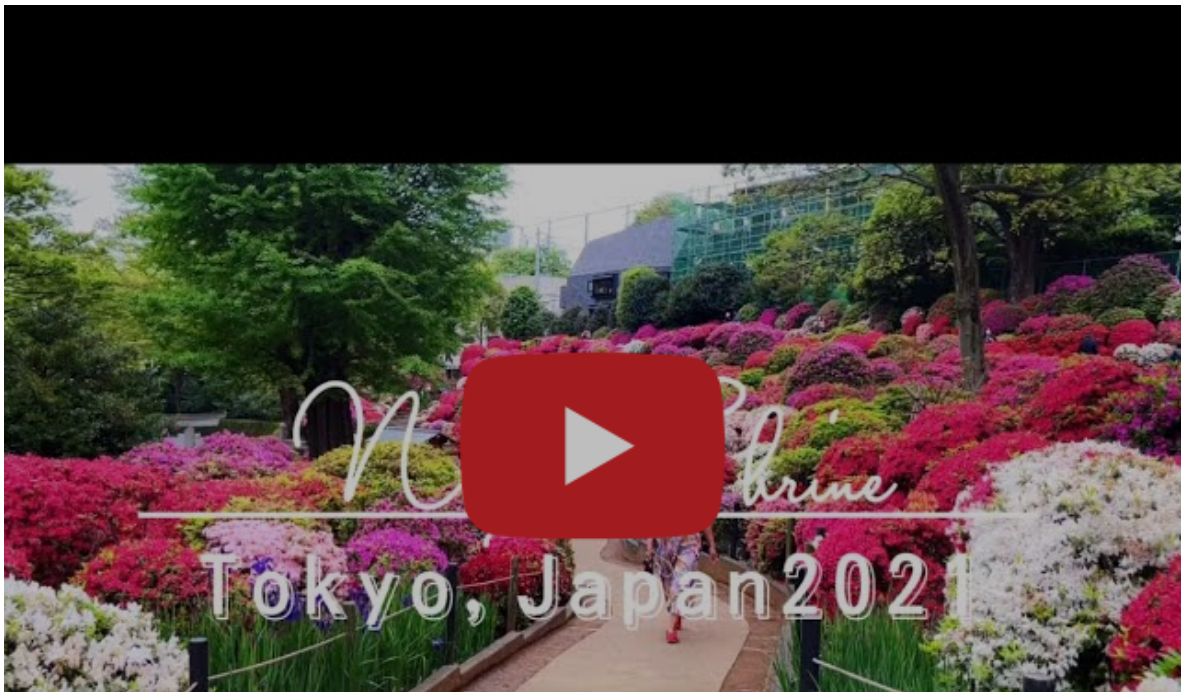


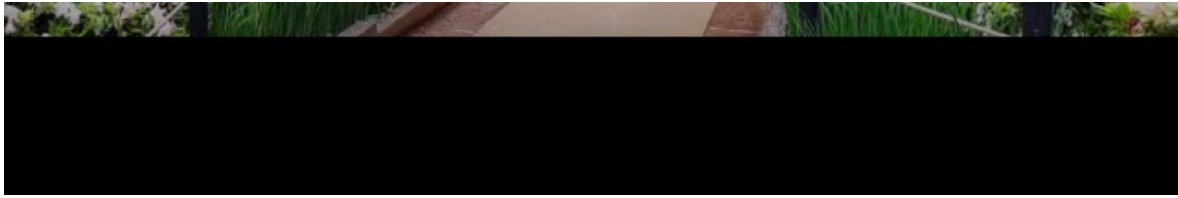


Campbell Rhododendron Gardens – Australia (7.5 min)



Japanese Azalea Garden, Daikozenji, “Tsutsuji Tera” (6 min)





Azalea Festival, Nezu Shrine, Tokyo Japan 2021 (5 min)

# Planning Ahead!

## *ARS Virtual Fall Conference* *October 23-24, 2021*



**Be sure to sign up for the virtual ARS Conference called "Fall into Gardening" on October 23 and 24. This meeting will be FREE to anyone in the world but people must register through the ARS link below. Share this link with**

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other gardening groups or friends.

The program will have eight national and international speakers giving presentations on varied topics including plant exploration in China, blooms along the Appalachian Trail, rhododendron culture related to soils, mulch, and winter hardiness, as well as talks on heritage plants, rock gardens, and even fragrance. Below is a link to conference details and a direct link to registration.

Photo Credits: Roan Mountain by Don Hyatt

Conference Info: "Fall Into Gardening"

Registration

***ARS 2022 Convention***  
***May 4-8, 2022***





The ARS Convention planned for next spring will be in Portland, OR. Registration will open November 1. Check out the convention website for details.

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## The 2022 ARS Convention

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### **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 selected pieces from past journals and rhododendron culture, an

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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## ARS Store



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## **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. They hold many events during the year including special garden programs, virtual symposiums with world class speakers, and plant sales. Check out their website for details.

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### ***Back Issues of the R & A News***





## R & A News: Archived Issues

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

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