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R & A News: January-February 2022

In this issue, we have an article about the native azaleas and rhododendrons in North America as well as a few video links of plants in the wild. We have a secondary focus on winter weather concerns with thoughts on climate change and how to deal with snow damage.

Be sure to check out the announcement of a new Hybridizer's Test and Display Garden planned at the Tyler Arboretum in Pennsylvania. The *In Memoriam* page has some remembrances of a few ARS leaders we have lost recently.

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

Photo Credits: *Rhododendron yakushimanum* 'K. Wada' by Don Hyatt

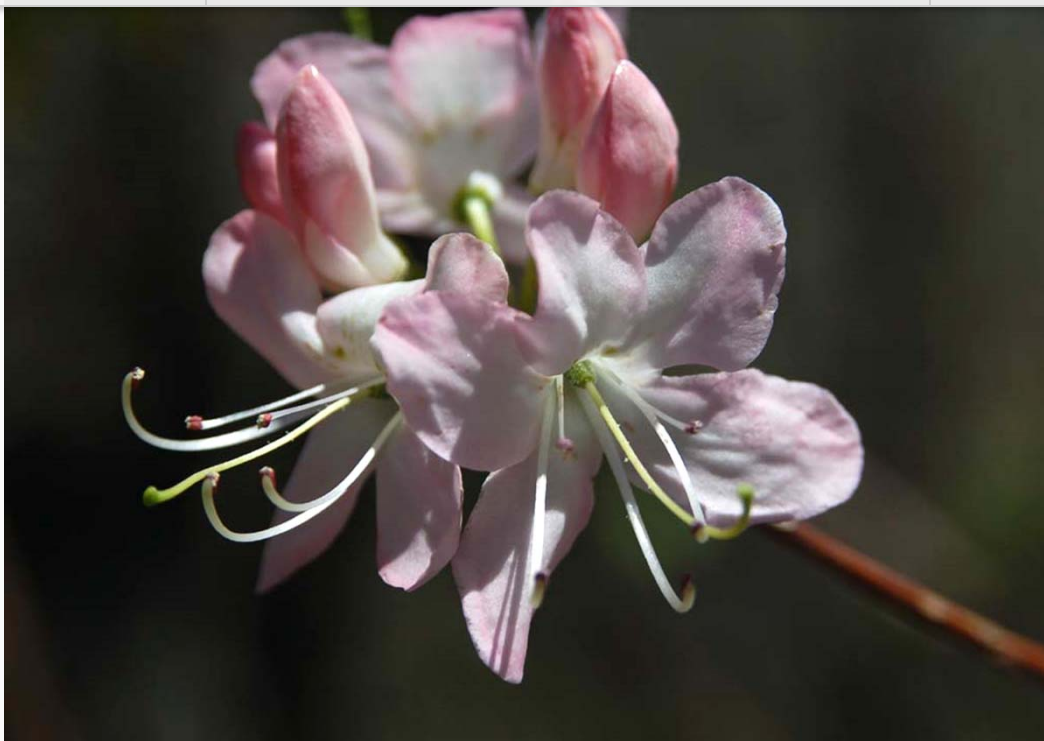
**Native Rhododendrons & Azaleas
of North America
by Steve Henning**

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Steve Henning reviews the rhododendron and azalea species that are native to North America.

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Native Rhododendrons & Azaleas



R. maximum in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

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R. catawbiense at GrandView State Park in West Virginia



The Native Azaleas on Gregory Bald

Winter Weather!

Climate Change



Linda Derkach discusses some of the recent severe weather in British Columbia and makes suggestions as to what individuals can do to confront climate change. This is a link to the Mount Arrowsmith Newsletter.

Photo Credits: Coastal Storm Damage by Linda Derkach

Climate Change

This is a link to additional photos from the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation on their Flickr account showing some of the devastation to their infrastructure caused by the severe winter storms. The image is one of many in multiple albums and shows Highway 1 at the Tank Hill Underpass. Both the road and the train trestle were wiped out by the floods on November 14.

Storm Damage in BC

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by Don Hyatt



Don Hyatt has expanded a discussion he wrote for the Potomac Valley Chapter newsletter on how he has dealt with problems of heavy snows and other winter problems in a region that is not used to rough winters.

Photo Credits: Rhododendron 'Cadis' under Heacy Snow by Don Hyatt

Snow Damage

Rooting Dormant Cuttings
by Don Hyatt

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Don Hyatt discusses how he salvages broken branches and attempts to root cuttings that are in the dormant state.

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[Dormant Cuttings](#)

Garden Videos

Rhododendrons at the Tyler Arboretum

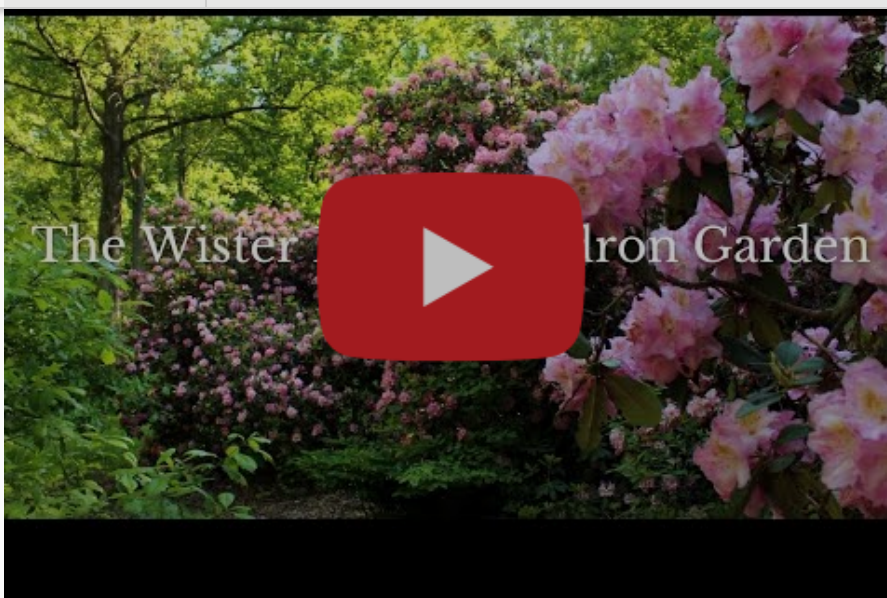


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The Wister Rhododendron Garden at Tyler Arboretum

A New Hybridizer's Test and Display Garden at Tyler Arboretum



Members of ARS District 8 in Pennsylvania are working with the Tyler Arboretum to establish a rhododendron test and display

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in the Mid-Atlantic region. They are seeking donations to ensure that the venture is properly funded.

Photo Credits: Anderson Hybrid 'My Jane' by Karel Bernady

Hybridizer's Test Garden

The Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden



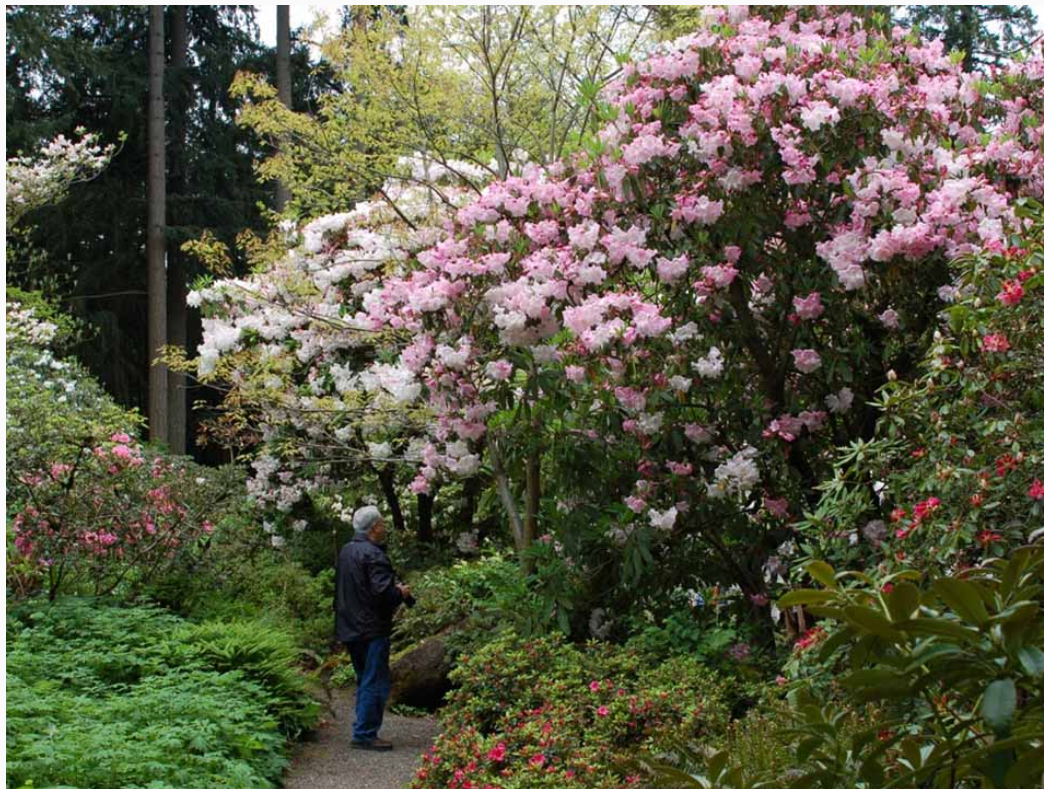
Overview of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden



Discover Washington - Interview with Steve Hootman

The 2022 ARS Convention

May 4-8, 2022



We repeat this section as a reminder that registration for the ARS is ongoing. Check out the ARS convention website for details.

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[Convention Website](#)

Video Clips from Gardens on the Convention Tours



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Crystal Springs, Hendricks Rhododendron Park,
and the Cecil and Molly Smith Garden



The late Dick Cavender discusses Crystal Springs

Remembering Good Friends

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The ARS has lost some dear friends in recent months. This is a page that links to publications that pay tribute to some wonderful people who are no longer with us including past ARS President Ann Mangels, Dick "Red" Cavender, and memorial plans for Harold Greer.

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[In Memoriam Links](#)

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information. There are details about the organization, its 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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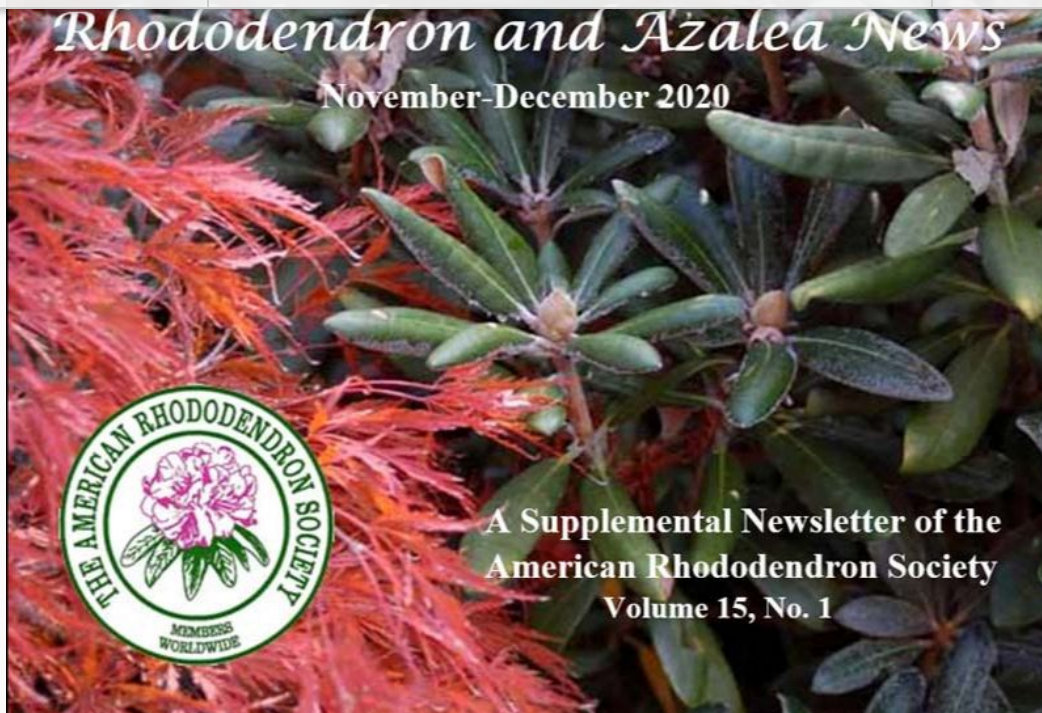


Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden

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.

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