

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

Below is the electronic version of the December 2005 Newsletter. You receive this notice as a member of the Tappan Zee e-mail community. If you have a photo you would like presented in the next Newsletter, please post, e-mail, or hand it to Gus Cerini.

I have received the following photo from our Associate Member, Bruce Feller:



It is a cross of unknown parentage by Jack Cowles, a New England gardener, which was grown by Bruce from a seedling. The plant does well in Long Island and Bruce has distributed cuttings. The truss above won First Prize in the Yellow Unnamed Hybrid Class at the New York Chapter Early Truss Show.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE

**United Methodist Church
130 Berthoud Street
Park Ridge, New Jersey**

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
December 3, 2005
12:00 noon for lunch**

SPEAKER – Dr. Karel Bernady is a chemist retired from a career spent in a number of pharmaceutical facilities which at various times during his tenure came under the American Cyanamid, Lederle, and Wyeth logos. Karel is currently a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, having served recently as Chapter President, and holds Associate Memberships with Princeton and Tappan Zee Chapters. His presentation will focus on Southern Azaleas. Karel is an expert in this field, having traveled extensively, and never without his tripod and camera.

OCTOBER MEETING - At the last meeting, Jerry van de Sande gave an instructive presentation on the propagation of rhododendrons focusing on where and how to take the cuttings, their preparation, and their

planting in flats. Jerry received many questions and indications were that his methods would be put to use. Jerry recommended "Plant Propagation Practices" by James E. Wells for further reading.

The October Newsletter neglected to mention that, at the September meeting, the Chapter awarded Arnold Card a Bronze Medal in recognition of his service as Chapter President for the last two years.

The membership agreed to move the scheduled December 7 Wednesday evening meeting to the preceding Saturday afternoon, December 3, to accommodate members in the event of poor weather.

DUES – A number of members have not paid dues for the coming year. If dues are not paid before December you will not receive all 4 issues of the Journal. Please mail your payment to Irene Card, 4 Maple Lake Rd, Kinnelon, NJ 07405-2322. If you are an Associate Member your dues are \$8.00. Please make your check payable to **TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER, ARS.**

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – This conference was noteworthy for the expertise of the speakers who were present. A small but very informative number of presentations were given in a relaxed comfortable environment. The topics addressed many aspects of the "species" theme from the climate in Nova Scotia to the wild azaleas on the East Coast.

On this note, members who are planning to attend the Joint 2006 ARS and ASA Convention on May 12-15, 2006 in Rockville, MD, will have the opportunity to sign up for a post convention overnight tour into the mountains of Virginia, which will be Tour D, "Monticello and the Blue Ridge". This trip will be led by Don Hyatt of the Potomac Valley Chapter. It will require hiking in some areas and may not be suitable for anyone who has difficulty in walking. Space is going to be limited, so be sure to register early if you are interested in signing up.

Tappan Zee Chapter fared very well in the Foliage Contest. Here is a list of winners:

Class 1 Evergreen and Deciduous Azaleas Species and Hybrids: Mothers Day- Al Fitzburgh
Class 2 Rhododendron Species and Hybrids Lepidote: Floda- The Fellers
Class 3 Rhododendron Hybrids Elepidote Glabrous: Janet Blair x Rockhill Ivory Ruffles- The Andersons
Class 4 Rhododendron Species Elepidote Glabrous: *R. brachycarpum*- The Andersons
Class 5 Rhododendron Hybrids Elepidote Indumented: Crimson Pippin- The Fellers
Class 6 Rhododendron Species, Elepidote Indumented: *R. yakushmanum* Frosted Jade- Bud Gehnrich
Class 7 Potted Plants, Rhododendron and Azalea Species and Hybrids: *R. impeditum*- Al Fitzburgh
Class 8 "That Species Look": Janet Blair x (Crest x *R. maccabeanum*)- The Andersons
Best In Show: Crimson Pippin- The Fellers

REFRESHMENTS – The mystery baker of the Hungarian apricot cookies was Marianne Feller. If anyone desires her recipe please contact Gus Cerini. Again, we do request that if you intend to bring refreshments you first call Marvin and Leah Klibonoff at 845-354-3421.

PRE-MEETING SUPPER – Join us for a Dutch Treat dinner at Davey's Locker (12:00 noon), just south of Grand Ave. and Kinderkamack Road to meet our speaker and discuss varied topics. "Dutch Treat" does not include alcoholic beverages. Please pick these up at the bar or be sure to pay the waitress separately for them. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. at the church if you cannot join us for dinner at Davey's Locker.

**The next meeting will take place on Saturday, February 25
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**