

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

Below is the electronic version of the October 2005 Newsletter. You receive this notice as a member of the Tappan Zee e-mail community.

I have not received any photos from members this month, so I am including two photos I took on our way to Victoria. The first is *R. degronianum ssp yakushimanum*, a beautiful shrub at the entrance to the Species Foundation:



and the next is a rhododendron that I saw in a strip mall in Port Townsend, next to a bus stop, in full sun, which left me wondering if any one tends it or is it the Olympic Peninsula weather alone that is responsible for its beautiful bloom.

Please e-mail, post, or hand your slide or print to Gus Cerini and it will appear above.

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

**8:00 p.m. Wednesday
October 19, 2005
6:00 p.m. for dinner**

SPEAKER – Jerry van de Sande is a retired schoolteacher, an amateur magician, and the chief propagator for RareFind Nursery (Hank Schannen's place). Jerry has been a member of the Princeton Chapter for over twenty-seven years having served as vice-president, president and very recently having been awarded their Bronze Medal.

During the summers that Jerry taught he held various jobs wherein he learned the basics of propagation. He is an expert in rooting of deciduous azaleas, and will speak to us about the plant propagation techniques that he uses for rhododendrons and azaleas with perhaps a little magic along the way.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - At the last meeting, Werner Brack gave a program featuring digital photographs. One noteworthy observation he made was a problem that has plagued those of us who photograph flowers with film. It is very difficult to capture the color, blue, no matter what type of Fuji, Kodak or other film you use. Under ideal conditions of light you get an acceptable photo, but it is not a true blue. As Werner's photos attest, use of a digital camera obviates this problem and "what you see is what you get".

Werner mentioned that he downloaded many of his photos from the web site of the Danish Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. The February 2005 e-mail version of the Newsletter provided a number of links to rhododendron photographs. One of those was <http://www.rhododendron.dk/alfabet.htm>, the Danish Chapter web site. If this e-mail does not show the site as a hyperlink, just cut and paste in the address to visit the site.

DUES – There are still a number of members who have not paid dues for the coming year. If you have not paid, a reminder is being mailed to you. Failure to pay dues before the ARS sends its mailing lists to the printer could result in your missing issues of the Journal. Please bring your payment to the meeting or mail it to Irene Card. If you are an Associate Member your dues are \$8.00. A small portion of the dues is for our local chapter so please be sure to make your check payable to **TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER, ARS.**

RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA NEWS – How many of you visit the “Rhododendron and Azalea News” site? This informative compilation of articles on plant tips, gardens, people in the news and ideas for chapters, edited by Marty Anderson, can be accessed as a link from the ARS home page or by going to <http://www.rhododendron.org/news/newsindex.htm>. The home page also contains links to past issues. If you haven’t been checking it, give it a visit.

REFRESHMENTS – We welcome refreshments donated by members. We do request that you call Marvin and Leah Klibonoff at 845-354-3421 so that goodies are coordinated among members.

Also, will the person who brought in the delicious cookie bars in September, please reveal your identity, and bring in the recipe. A number of people have asked for it.

PRE-MEETING SUPPER – Join us for a Dutch Treat dinner at Davey’s Locker (6:00pm), 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 8:00 p.m. at the church if you cannot join us for dinner at Davey’s Locker.

**The next meeting will take place on October 19
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**