

**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

This is the e-mail version of the Tappan Zee April News letter. I did not receive any photos this month so I am including two that I took in Vancouver. We know that it is difficult to capture the color blue on film and we have been told that this is not the case with a digital image. Below are two digital images, a dark blue variety of *R. augustinii*, and the hybrid, Blaney's Blue. The color looked true to me in the post-shot viewfinder, but I'm not a good judge on color. What do you think?



*If you would like to put your photo here, please contact Gus Cerini*

United Methodist Church  
130 Berthoud Street  
Park Ridge, New Jersey

2:00 p.m. Saturday  
April 22, 2006  
12:00 noon for lunch

**SPEAKER** - This month's program will be in two parts. First, Allan Anderson will give a brief presentation on how to pollinate a cross. Allan has been a member of the ARS for well over 35 years, having served as a District Director as well as President of both New Jersey and Tappan Zee Chapters. He is an internationally recognized hybridizer, and has spoken on the subject of rhododendron hybridizing on many occasions. For the last 20 years, he and his wife Shirley have concentrated on developing a hearty yellow, and registered 7 hybrids, one of which is yellow.

The rest of the program is an Early Flower Show, with ribbons awarded for first, second, and third places. The judging will be a popular vote by the members present. Vases, water, and tables will be available.

Each member will be given five pennies and one slug. They will put them in the slot of a paper cup, one for each best truss and/or spray in the class, and the sixth coin will be used to vote for the very best in the show. The classes are as follows:

Class 1 Elipodotes --native and hybrid large leaf rhododendrons

Class 2 Azaleas --deciduous native and hybrid

Class 3 Lepidotes --native and hybrid small leaf rhododendrons

Class 4 Azaleas --evergreen native and hybrid

Members will recognize there is need for early set up. Those who are willing to come to the church before the noon luncheon to help set up should call Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475.

FEBRUARY MEETING - Through the use of slides copied from the Princeton Chapter, as well as his own slides, Al Fitzburgh presented a very interesting case for what attributes may or may not confer a species look to a rhododendron. There may not have been a general consensus, but the talk generated many comments.

DON HYATT PRINTS - The Chapter has sold 3 sets of the limited edition matched watercolors by the artist Don Hyatt. One set remains, consisting of two prints, a native azalea, *R. prunifolium*, and an azalea hybrid, Redwing. The set costs \$25.00; and if not sold at the April meeting, it will be offered to the public at the Plant Sale.

RHODODENDRON SPECIES FOUNDATION - We have received copies of the First Annual Yearbook of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. These are available to anyone wishing to join the Species Foundation. The cost of an individual membership is \$35. While we cannot participate in the many Foundation activities unless one is visiting Seattle, membership supports the Foundation and allows you priority status on ordering plants, pollen or seed. See Gus for membership applications,

LONGWOOD GARDEN BUS TRIP After a considerable amount of inquiry, it was determined that a combined T-Z/Princeton trip to Longwood originating in Montvale, would unnecessarily add to the cost borne by the Princeton members. The cost of chartering a bus for T-Z members from Montvale to Longwood was prohibitive as was renting a vehicle to transport T-Z members to Hightstown, the Princeton departure point. At the meeting we will determine if any members are willing to form car pools to join the Princeton group.

REFRESHMENTS - Again, we do request that if you intend to bring refreshments to the meeting, you first call Marvin and Leah Klibonoff at 845-354-3421.

PRE-MEETING LUNCH - Please join us for a 12:00 noon lunch at Davey's Locker on Kinderkamack Road just below the Railroad Station in Montvale. At our pre-meeting lunches and dinners, the total bill is divided equally among the group. However, alcoholic drinks are not allowed onto the totaled bill. Please pay for these separately.

**OUR PLANT SALE IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL –MAY 6 AT 9:00 TO 12:00**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Princeton:

April 29      Annual Plant Sale, 8:30 AM, MCCC, Display Garden area, West Windsor, NJ

New York:

Apr 28-30      Plant Sale at Old Westbury Gardens

May 21 Flower Show/Plant Sale, Burns Hort. Center, Planting Fields, 8 AM to 4 PM,  
Sunday

June 2 Chapter Dinner

July 8 Propagation Workshop, The Annex, Planting Fields, 10 AM, Saturday

July 23 Summer Social, 5-8 PM, Hay Barn Courtyard, Planting Fields, Sunday

Sep 14 Member Meeting, Burns Hort. Center, Planting Fields, 8 PM, Thursday

Oct 19 Member Meeting, Burns Hort. Center, Planting Fields, 8 PM, Thursday

Nov 16 Member Meeting, Burns Hort. Center, Planting Fields, 8 PM, Thursday

Chapter contacts:

Princeton: Peg Van Patton, PO Box 339 Skillman, NJ 08558

New York: Marianne Feller, 88 Old Field Road, Old Field, NY 11733-1646

Tappan Zee 2006 Calendar of Activities:

May 6 Plant sale Montvale, NJ 9:00AM-12:00PM

May 20 Garden meeting Caldwell, NJ Time TBD

**You will be notified of the next meeting which will take place in September  
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**