

**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

This is the e-mail version of the Tappan Zee November Newsletter. I did not receive any photos this month so I am including two that I took in our garden. We have had a Gigi that has struggled along for years giving us at best one or two trusses. This May it had a healthy bloom for the first time. The Koroma Shikibu at the base of the Gigi has been there 14 years, so you can see that the location has not been ideal. Last winter we cut down a damaged Maple that had been shading this area, and undoubtedly this is the reason for this year's floriferous display.



*Send a print, slide, or digital image to Gus Cerini for display above.*

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

**800 p.m. Wednesday  
November 15, 2006  
6:00 p.m. for supper**

**SPEAKER** – Steven Kristoph has been a member of the ARS for over 30 years. His interaction with the Society has led him to many new, exciting, and unique specimens, and not just rhododendrons! Every one of his new finds has a story associated with it. His presentation, “Peoples, Places and Rhododendrons” is just that, the story behind the plant. Join Steve and share anecdotes that bring us together to celebrate the king of shrubs.

Steve received Bachelors and Masters degrees in horticulture from Rutgers University. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Rutgers for over 25 years. In addition, Steve owns and operates the Steven Kristoph Nursery in Millstone Township of Monmouth County, NJ where he grows many types of ornamental trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials.

He is passionate about plants and enjoys sharing his passion with others. A plant walk with him is an adventure. They say it is not uncommon for Steve to stop at a big beech or oak tree and give it a hug. Taking time to smell all the roses is important to him and you can bet if there's an indumented rhododendron leaf close by it is likely to get a gentle caress.

**OCTOBER MEETING** – We thank Sally and John Perkins, who presented at our Chapter after having given presentations on the three preceding nights to our neighboring chapters. They showed beautiful images in three parts, focusing on hybridizing for New Hampshire hardiness; cataloging the companion plants in their garden; and summarizing briefly their experience with rhododendron pests and pestilence.

**TOMMY'S FALL PLANT SALE** – There are 99 plants still available for sale at reduced prices in Tommy's garden. Stop by, take what you want, then send a list of your plants with payment to Irene Card. At the end of the month plants will be moved indoors and off sale.

**DINNER MEETING** – As Bernie Golden says, one important aspect of our Chapter is to get to know other rhododendron enthusiasts on a social basis, to talk about problems, successes, and expectations. One way to achieve this is to have a Chapter Dinner. And to make it convenient, our next meeting, Saturday, February 17, is being considered as a candidate for our first Dinner Meeting. The plan is to schedule a dinner starting at 12 noon and then follow, possibly in a different room, for the speaker's presentation at our regularly scheduled 2pm time. Members who choose not to attend the dinner will still be able to attend the meeting. There will only be a change in location from the Church to the restaurant.

The location would be the Continental Caterers Restaurant inside the Comfort Inn and Suites on Route 59 in Nanuet, NY. The cost would be \$35/person with a cash bar. We had a count of 15 members who expressed an interest in October. This first gathering will hopefully establish a dinner meeting tradition for the Chapter, and we encourage every member to attend along with their spouse or guest. If you can attend, please bring your payment to the meeting, or send a check made out to C. P. Cerini to 11 Butternut Drive, Pearl River NY 10965 before November 30. If we do not get 20 people to attend, your cash and checks will be returned.

**DUES** – A small number of individuals have not paid their 2006-2007 dues. If you pay your dues before the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, you will receive all issues of the ARS Journal. Please mail your check made out to Tappan Zee Chapter, ARS to Irene Card at 4 Maple Lake Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405-2322.

**BYLAWS** – The only revision to the draft Tappan Zee Chapter Bylaws was to modify Article IV, Section 2 to read: “ All Chapter and Board meetings shall be conducted using the most recent edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER as a general guide to procedure”. If no other comments are received, the Bylaws will be submitted for a vote at this meeting.

**WEB SITE** – Karen Phillips has volunteered to construct the Tappan Zee web site and is doing an excellent job of creating one we can all be proud of. The site will include a photo gallery for displays of rhododendrons that grow in members' gardens. If you wish to submit a photograph for

this page, please include the name of the plant with a short descriptive sentence, and e-mail it to Gus Cerini at [Ccerini@aol.com](mailto:Ccerini@aol.com).

**"HOW TO IDENTIFY RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA PROBLEMS"** - One booklet is still available at \$7.20. If you are interested, please see Gus Cerini at the meeting.

**REFRESHMENTS** - We encourage members to bring refreshments. However, if you desire to do so, please inform Marvin & Leah Klibonoff at 845-354-3421, so that they can coordinate what is brought.

**BOARD MEETING** - There will be a short meeting of Board members after the close of the meeting. Please plan to stay.

**PRE-MEETING DINNER** – Please join us for a 6:00 p.m. supper at Davey’s Locker on Kinderkamack Road just below the Railroad Station in Montvale. At our pre-meeting lunches and suppers, the total bill is divided equally among the group. However, alcoholic drinks are not allowed onto the totaled bill. Please pay for these separately.

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#### **TAPPAN ZEE 2006-2007 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:**

Sat.	Feb. 17	2 pm
Sat.	Mar. 24	2 pm
Sat.	Apr. 28	2 pm
Sat.	May 12	9:00 to 12:00 (Plant Sale)

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS** - Anyone interested in joining neighboring chapters as an Associate member for a very reasonable \$8.00 please contact:

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**The next meeting will take place on Saturday February 17 at 2PM  
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**