

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

This is the e-mail version of the October Tappan Zee Chapter newsletter. This month's photos were submitted by Bruce and Marianne Feller. They feature Andrew Patton, a recent Furman cross of Scintillation x *R. calophytum*. It is turning out to be a beautiful specimen with large medium green leaves, a nice growth habit and a truss of white flowers with a deep red throat.

Bruce and Marianne were awarded a first prize in its class for this truss at the New York Chapter flower show. Their photos show the plant growing in their Long Island garden in April and a multiple bud truss the plant produced.



Please post, e-mail, or hand an image to Gus Cerini for display in this spot.

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
October 21, 2006
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SPEAKER – Sally and John Perkins, both Bronze Medal recipients and long-time members of the ARS Massachusetts Chapter, will discuss hardiness with emphasis on the rhododendrons in our area, as well as the Dean Barber garden in Contoocook, NH. They may also touch on hybridizing, species, and insect problems.

Sally and John developed the Massachusetts Chapter web site over many years and it is now a valuable resource of images and information. You will enjoy visiting it at www.rosebay.org.

They live on Canobie Lake in Salem, NH, an area with a unique microclimate, that allows them to grow a wider diversity of rhododendrons than one might think possible. Sally and John evaluate plants as "best" in a number of categories -foliage, habit, bloom time, species, hybridizer, companion, etc -based on their experience growing in Salem, NH and observing these plants in member gardens throughout New England. Behind each favorite is a story about their experiences with rhododendrons and companion plants.

Sally Perkins is a physical therapist with a BS in botany from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Cell Biology from the University of Illinois. She is currently the Alternate District 6 Director. John Perkins is a software architect with a BS from Purdue University and a Master's in Theoretical Mathematics from the University of Illinois. He is currently the Co-chairman of the chapter's Plants-4-Members program. Together they hybridize, grow on seed to flowering size and encourage others to do the same.

Drawing from their collective expertise, Sally and John give fast paced digital presentations which inspire listeners to a greater appreciation of the genus Rhododendron.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - Jim Fry, did “ knock our socks off!” with his azalea presentation, and we thank him for graciously donating azalea seedlings to our members”.

The Chapter also discovered a very talented auctioneer in its ranks. Al Fitzburgh ran a profitable and humorous auction and left us “asking for more”. We all look forward to the Chapter’s next auction with Al presiding.

Al, Allan and Shirley Anderson, and Jake and Dorothy VanDuynhoven donated plants for the auction and for door prizes and the Chapter sincerely thanks them for their generosity.

TOMMY’S FALL PLANT SALE – Did you know that our Members Only Fall Plant Sale is still ongoing? Al has purchased sale plants, donated additional plants, and all plants are labeled with reduced prices. Stop by, take what you want, then send a list of your plants with payment to Irene Card.

DUES - Those members who have not paid dues will find a reminder in their US Mail. This year dues must be received at the ARS Office by the 15th of November, or you will not receive the first issue 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. You may also hand Irene your check at the October 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.

CUTTING EXCHANGE - At this meeting we again encourage members who can, to bring cuttings that they would like to share with other members.

NEW MEMBERS - All new members or members attending their first meeting receive a free plant from the Chapter.

BYLAWS - The draft Tappan Zee Chapter Bylaws which were distributed at the September meeting will be reviewed for comments. Acceptance of the final version will be voted on at the November meeting.

WEB SITE - With the generous help of two Chapter members, Karen Philips, who is designing the web site, and Fran Morton, who is contributing ideas on structuring the site, we continue to work to achieve this important goal.

CAR POOL – Gus Cerini, Al Fitzburgh, Bernie Golden, and Fran Morton have volunteered to drive in TZ car pools, when necessary. If any others are willing to do so, give your name to Gus.

"HOW TO IDENTIFY RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA PROBLEMS" - Two booklets are still available for \$7.20 each. If you are interested, please see Gus Cerini at the meeting.

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

NATIONAL NEWS - It's official. The New York Chapter, in conjunction with Princeton and Tappan Zee Chapters, will host the ARS Annual Convention in 2010. Bruce and Marianne Feller have agreed to Co-Chair this event and will need the support and assistance of both the Princeton and Tappan Zee membership.

Don Smart, Director, District 2, who is building our web site, was elected to the position of Western Vice President, replacing Fred Whitney, who now moves on to the position of ARS President in 2007.

PRE-MEETING DINNER – Please join us for a 12:00 noon luncheon 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:

Wed.	Nov. 15	8 pm
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:

For Princeton: Peg Van Patton, PO Box 339, Skillman, NJ 08558
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**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday November 15 at 8PM
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**