

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

This is the e-mail version of the September, 2006 meeting notice. This month's photo depicts "April Rhapsody" which was registered this year by Alan and Shirley Anderson. It is a cross of April Gem and Vibrant Violet. This purple lepidote was hybridized in 1995, grown, and named by Alan and Shirley.

I know that many of you have photos and also interesting narratives to go with them. Please post, e-mail (Ccerini@aol.com), or simply hand them to Gus Cerini and they can be shared with the membership.



Post, e-mail, or hand your photo to Gus for this spot next month

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

**8:00 p.m. Wednesday
September 20, 2006
6:00 PM for dinner**

SPEAKER – Jim Fry, "Azaleas that will knock your socks off!" Jim is past President of the NY Chapter, recipient of the chapter's bronze medal, former newsletter editor, and the guy who lifts those heavy rhododendrons into people's cars at the NY Chapter's Spring plant sale. He has a small business in Mineola, NY, where he designs and builds specialty packaging machinery when he isn't growing azalea cuttings under lights or making unusual giant garden bugs from cast-off "junk"

The man who never met an azalea he didn't like is going to show pictures of some old and some very new azaleas that he thinks stand above all others. Taken from a variety of Satsuki, Kurume, and kiusianum forms, as well as Deerfield, Back Acres, Marshy Point, Gable, Glen Dale, Robin Hill, Schroeder, and Holly Springs hybrids that he purchased sight unseen, in bulk, from Steele's Nursery, these few selections really made an impression on him when he saw them bloom for the

first time this past spring. Using a digital camera and late afternoon light, he was able to capture the true colors of these little beauties.

He lives in Fort Salonga, NY, with his wife, Carol, and grows (or tries to!) many varieties of azaleas, rhododendrons, and other woody plants in almost cave-like conditions under a deep forest canopy.

Jim will sell rooted cuttings at the meeting

DUES

Renewal is easy. You will receive a renewal envelope addressed to Irene Card in the US mail. Just enclose a check for the appropriate amount, stamp, and drop the envelope in the mail. Checks must be made out to Tappan Zee Chapter, ARS. You may also hand Irene your check at the meeting. 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.

OFFICERS

The officers and chairpersons for the 2006-2007 season are:

Officers

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| President | Gus Cerini |
| Vice president | Virginia Shen |
| Treasurer | Irene Card |
| Recording Secretary | Roberta Cripps |
| Corresponding Secretary | Lydia Cerini |

Appointments

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| Nominations | Pat Walton |
| Membership | Bernie Golden |
| Newsletter Editor | Gus Cerini |
| Plant Sales | Al Fitzburgh |
| Hospitality | Marvin & Leah Klibonoff |

CUTTING EXCHANGE

At this meeting we will feature an informal cutting exchange. Please bring in cuttings that you would like to freely share or exchange with other members.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members, Fran Morton, and Ingrid Doyne. New members receive a plant at their first meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bernie Golden has accepted the post of Membership Chairman, and will devote efforts to attract new members to join our Chapter. Help Bernie by talking up our Chapter to friends.

BYLAWS

Tappan Zee Chapter Bylaws have been drafted and reviewed by the Board. They will be given out at the September meeting, comments will be discussed in October, and a vote to accept them will be held in November.

WEB SITE

The establishment of the Tappan Zee Chapter web site was generously approved by the Board, and the Chapter was fortunate to secure the services of Don Smart, a co-webmaster for the national society to construct our site. Don has initiated work, so any member who has expertise

with the Internet and specific ideas concerning the design of the TZ site should contact Gus Cerini ASAP.

LONGWOOD GARDENS BUS TRIP

The bus trip arranged by the Princeton Chapter was canceled due to illness among key participants. In the event Princeton reschedules this or a similar trip, our Chapter will arrange for car-pooling to join Princeton members at the bus departure site. If you are interested in driving or being a passenger you must submit your name to Gus Cerini.

"HOW TO IDENTIFY RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA PROBLEMS"

Those who ordered these booklets can pick them up at the meeting. If you have not previously paid Gus, the cost is \$7.20.

MEMBERS ONLY PLANT SALE

We intend to have a Members Only Plant Sale (members may bring friends and neighbors) at Tommy's garden. In addition to Tommy's plants, Al Fitzburgh is also supplying plants. The sale will begin on Saturday, September 9, and continue until all plants are sold.

For the first time we will attempt a sale on the honor system. We have 132 plants for sale and pots will be labeled and priced. You may visit Tommy's garden and pick out plants on any day starting on September 9, and you will be expected to list and pay for the plants you have chosen at the September 20 meeting.

Because we are on an honor system, we ask you to please turn in an itemized list which includes the plants, the prices, and your name when you pay on the 20th. You might want to circle your choices on the plant list and price sheet. This list is attached to this e-mail, but because a number of members cannot or prefer not to open attachments, the list will be enclosed along with the dues renewal envelope (and/or Newsletter) which is being sent to everyone by US mail. Many of the plants are rare and unusual and seldom available at these prices.

BOARD MEETING

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

TAPPAN ZEE 2006-2007 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

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| Sat. | Oct. 21 | 2 pm |
| Wed. | Nov. 15 | 8 pm |
| Sat. | Feb. 17 | 2pm |
| Sat. | Mar. 24 | 2 pm |
| Sat. | Apr. 28 | 2 pm |
| Sat. | May 12 | 9:00 to 12:00 (Plant Sale) |

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Consider joining these neighboring chapters as an Associate member for a very reasonable \$8.00 and take advantage of the activities they offer:

Princeton:

Princeton Contact: Peg Van Patton, PO Box 339, Skillman, NJ 08558
pvanpatt@ewrsd.k12.nj.us

New York:

New York Contact: Marianne Feller, 88 Old Field Road, Old Field, NY 11733-1646
mFelle@suffolk.lib.ny.us

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.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday October 21 at 2PM
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475