



**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

**Continental Caterers Restaurant  
Comfort Inn and Suites  
Route 59, Nanuet, NY**

**2:00 p.m. Saturday  
February 24, 2006  
Annual Luncheon 12 noon**

**OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

Included in this mailing are a flyer announcing the First Annual Tappan Zee Luncheon Meeting and a sheet with directions to the Comfort Inn and Suites. Remember, this affair on the **24<sup>th</sup> of February** is in place of the previously scheduled meeting (the 17<sup>th</sup>) which has been canceled.

Please make every effort to attend what we hope will grow into an annual social event for the Chapter. The renovated Continental Caterers Restaurant has a comfortable ambiance and a highly rated chef. Our speaker, the incomparable Hank Schannen, can always be counted on for a stimulating and entertaining presentation. I hope to receive your check as soon as possible and look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

As usual, anyone wishing to attend the meeting only is welcome at the restaurant at 2:00 p.m.

**OUR WEB SITE**

It's on line and it's located at **Tappanzee.org!** Karen Phillips, our Webmaster, has created a beautiful place to learn about the Chapter, post notices, and display members' hybrids. The site also includes a photo gallery of plants from members' gardens, links to rhododendron information, links to other chapters, and a wealth of additional information. We've gotten excellent reviews from other chapters, so click onto the site and let me know what you think, and any suggestions you might have.

In that regard, we ask any members who have hybridized rhododendrons to submit a brief biography, a description of the cross, and a photo of the plant and the truss. We will include these on hybridizing pages that currently list the Nearing, Anderson, and Fitzburgh crosses.

Also, please consider submitting photos for our members' gallery of rhododendrons or azaleas. If you have a picture of a favorite in your garden that you would like to post, please send a print, slide or a digital image to me at 11 Butternut Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965, or to [Ccerini@aol.com](mailto:Ccerini@aol.com). Please include the species or hybrid name and a descriptive sentence or two.

**THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**

As most of you know, the New York Chapter will host the Annual Convention in 2010. As a member Chapter of District 7, Tappan Zee will be expected to contribute whatever help is requested to make this a successful venture.

The New York Chapter has chosen local hybridization as the Convention theme. Their plant sale will focus heavily on this subject. A timetable has been set which calls for cuttings from hybrids to be taken late this summer, propagated by VanVeen Nurseries, and returned to be grown out in time for the 2010 sale

The first request we have had is to identify which plants hybridized by Tappan Zee members would be worthy candidates for this process, and what the availability of cuttings late this summer will be. I ask the hybridizers in our Chapter to get back to me on these items. You will hear more on this subject at the annual luncheon.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

In the spirit of promoting closer interchapter ties, consider becoming an Associate member of our two neighboring chapters. Dues are a reasonable \$8.00.

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

Sat.	Feb. 24	12pm Annual Luncheon -Speaker Hank Schannen
Sat.	Mar. 24	2 pm
Sat.	Apr. 28	2 pm
Sat.	May 12	9:00 to 12:00 (Plant Sale)

**The next meeting will take place on Saturday March 24 at 2PM**  
**For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**  
**Over 55% of our members now receive this Notice by e-mail. Join them at [Ccerini@aol.com](mailto:Ccerini@aol.com).**

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**Directions to Comfort Inn and Suites**  
**425 East Route 59**  
**Nanuet, New York**  
**845-623-6000**

**From New Jersey Turnpike:**

Take New Jersey turnpike North, exit at Exit 11 to the Garden State Parkway North. After 43 miles, pass Exit 172 and continue 2 miles to the New York Thruway. Merge onto I-87 South/I-287 East toward the Tappan Zee Bridge and New York City. Take Exit 14, Spring Valley/Nanuet. Turn left onto NY 59 East. The Comfort Inn will be on your right at 1.5 miles.

**From US 1:**

Take US 1 North to Garden State Parkway North. After 41 miles pass, Exit 172 and continue 2 miles to the New York Thruway. Merge onto I-87 South/I-287 East toward the Tappan Zee Bridge and New York City. Take Exit 14, Spring Valley/Nanuet. Turn left onto NY 59 East. The Comfort Inn will be on your right at 1.5 miles.

**From New York Thruway South:**

Take Exit 14, Spring Valley/Nanuet. Turn left onto NY 59 East. The Comfort Inn will be on your right at 1.5 miles.

**From Tappan Zee Bridge:**

Cross Bridge and continue on New York Thruway, I-87 North/I-287 West. Exit at Exit 13 to the Palisades Parkway South. Exit the Palisades Parkway South at Exit 8W, Route 59 West. Utilize Route 304 to make a U turn by proceeding under the 304 overpass to Smith Road (red/green arrow) and making a right in order to enter Route 304 South. After entering Route 304 South, immediately bear right to access the ramp to Smith Road and Route 59 East. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Smith Road and then turn right onto Route 59 at the light. The Comfort Inn will be on your right.