



**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday  
March 24, 2007  
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

**SPEAKER** – Dr. Gladis Zinati, an Extension Specialist in Nursery Management, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Biology and Pathology at Rutgers University, will speak on the topic of “**Plant Nutrition**” and provide general information with a focus on rhododendrons and azaleas.

Dr. Zinati has a BS [Agricultural Sciences] and MS [Horticulture] degree from the American University of Beirut, and a Ph.D. in Soil Fertility from Michigan State University. She is an active member of the American Society for Horticultural Science, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, the American Society of Agronomy, and the Soil Science Society of America. She has extensive experience with nursery production; soil, nutrient and water management; greenhouse production systems; compost; organic plant production; and cover crops.

Dr. Zinati’s current activities involve developing a nursery management program that includes: researching nutrient and water management schemes for nursery crops in New Jersey by assessing the current practices and developing Best Management Practices for nursery crop production; outreaching through cooperative extension to the citizens of New Jersey; and educating undergraduate and graduate students in Plant Sciences.

**FEBRUARY MEETING** – This meeting marked the first of what we intend to be Annual Luncheon Meetings. More than two-thirds of our membership as well as five members from other chapters attended this premier event and heard a discourse by Hank Schannen on rhododendrons entitled, “**Where have we been?--Where are we now?--Where are we going?**” The talk was as intriguing as the title. We thank Hank for both entertaining and informing us. He set a high bar for next year’s speaker.

**THE 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

At the February meeting Bruce Feller discussed the New York Chapter’s theme for the Annual Convention which they will host in 2010. They have chosen local hybridization and want to focus heavily on this theme for their plant sale. Our Chapter will be asked to identify which locally produced hybrids should be featured and then to participate in a schedule that calls for cuttings from hybrids to be taken late this summer, propagated by Van Veen Nurseries, and returned to be grown out in time for the 2010 sale. The March meeting will be an excellent time to discuss our involvement in this activity.

**TOMMY’S FALL PLANT SALE** –This first honor system sale was a financial success for the Chapter. The plants that remained have been stored in Tommy’s barn, and will be available in the future for revenue generation.

**WEB SITE** - Please visit and browse our web site, Tappansee.org. We are hoping that members will submit photos of rhododendrons in their home gardens for the "Photo Gallery". If you wish to submit a photograph for this page, please include the name of the plant with a short descriptive text, and e-mail it to Gus Cerini at [Ccerini@aol.com](mailto:Ccerini@aol.com).

**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.

**PICNIC** – Al and Mildred Fitzburgh have again graciously offered to host a Garden Tour and Picnic at their home on Saturday, May 19 at 12 noon. Details and directions will be mailed early in May.

**PRE-MEETING DINNER** – 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, 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.	Mar. 24	member meeting 2 pm
Sat.	Apr. 28	member meeting 2 pm
Sat.	May 12	Plant sale 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sat.	May 19	Picnic 12:00 noon

**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 April 28 at 2PM**  
**For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**  
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