



**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday  
April 28, 2007  
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

This last meeting before the summer break has traditionally become a "Show and Tell". We are holding to that tradition this year with the following activities.

1. **Informal Flower Show** - We will have two or three tables ready as we did last year, and we will arrange the plants into just four classes:

Class 1 Elepidotes --native and hybrid large leaf rhododendrons

Class 2 Azaleas --deciduous native and hybrid

Class 3 Lepidotes --native and hybrid small leaf rhododendrons

Class 4 Azaleas --evergreen native and hybrid

We can have the members vote or ask some of our more experienced members to judge. We're having a late Spring and will probably have an abundance of lepidotes, but take in whatever you can find. We need participation from all members with gardens, to make the show both fun and educational. Tables will be set up before the luncheon. Please bring your flowers in before noon if you intend to go to the luncheon. Others should place their flowers in the vases before 2:00 p.m.

Members will recognize that a lot of preparation will have to be done early. If you are willing to come to the church before the luncheon to help set up, please call Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475.

2. **Ask The Experts** - Members are encouraged to bring in examples of any problems they have observed in their plants, or to ask any questions they may have that relate to their plants and gardens. Many of our knowledgeable members will be present to assist you.

3. **Show and Tell** – Members who wish to, may bring up to ten slides of plants they would like to show. In the past we have seen pictures of interesting and unusual specimens from our gardens. If you wish to show slides, please contact Gus beforehand so the process can be coordinated.

4. **Auction** – Back by popular acclaim will be our Auctioneer from last year, Al Fitzburgh. Al has managed to locate a number of \$100 sellers for excellent prices during off-seasons which he has nurtured. We'll start with Al's costs as minimum bids and see where Al can take them. Some of the plants are a 3 foot dwarf red leafed Japanese maple (\$30) a 4 foot coral bark maple (\$37) a 4-foot Harry Lauders walking stick (?), a dwarf Japanese Maple trained for Bonsai (\$30), two 30 inch tall dwarf twin topiaries of *Juniperus procumbens nana*, (\$32ea), and a few of Tommy's plants that weren't sold in October.

**MARCH MEETING** – Dr. Gladis Zinati, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Plant Biology and Pathology at Rutgers University, gave a remarkable presentation on “**Plant Nutrition**”. Dr. Zinati gave a clear and comprehensive talk on the nutritional requirements of rhododendrons, which was well received and which will certainly result in a more knowledgeable approach to the care of our gardens.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The nominating committee has obtained the agreement of the current officers to serve another term. If there are no nominations from the floor a vote for the following slate will be held:

President	Gus Cerini	845-735-3475
Vice president	Virginia Shen	201-573-9211
Treasurer	Irene Card	973-838-6153
Recording Secretary	Roberta Cripps	201-573-0732
Corresponding Secretary	Lydia Cerini	845-735-3475

**2010 CONVENTION** - Al Fitzburgh has volunteered to coordinate the effort to identify locally produced hybrids from which cuttings can be obtained for propagation by Van Veen Nursery. If anyone has information to contribute on this subject, please see Al.

**PLANT SALE** – On Saturday, May 12, we will mount our Plant Sale. As all of you know, this is our major source of revenue, so please attend and try to take a friend to the sale. Flyers will be distributed to those who can post them where they will be effective. In the past we have posted in shops, libraries, supermarkets, diners, or just about anywhere we can find a bulletin board. Please take only as many flyers as you need and be sure to remove them after the sale. We will also discuss pre-sale purchase by members at this meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP ARTICLE** – Along with this Newsletter, I am enclosing an article on club membership which was written by Dick Murcott of the New York Chapter. It was distributed by Don Smart to the members of his Cascade Chapter, and I am taking the liberty of adding it to the end of this Newsletter. It is very informative. The arguments that Dick advances for the drop in club memberships are compelling. So compelling, that I wonder if his solutions can overcome them, but they’re certainly worth trying. I would like your opinions on the subject because membership number has a significant impact on our small Chapter.

**WEB SITE** - Please visit and browse our web site, [Tappanee.org](http://Tappanee.org). We are again asking members to submit photos of rhododendrons in their home gardens for the “Photo Gallery”. You may submit either a digital or a film image. Just include the name of the plant with a short descriptive text, and hand it or e-mail it to Gus Cerini ([Ccerini@aol.com](mailto:Ccerini@aol.com)).

**REFRESHMENTS** - We encourage members to bring refreshments. However, if you intend 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 sent to you.

**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.	May 12	Plant sale 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sat.	May 19	Picnic 12:00 noon at the Fitzburgh's

**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 in September, Date TBA**  
**For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475**  
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