

**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

This is the e-mail version of the Tappan Zee Chapter November Newsletter. As a follow up to the two year old seedling crosses that Shirley and Allan Anderson donated to our Chapter, I am inserting below 4 photos of crosses they obtained in their quest for a hardy Northeastern yellow. These crosses will soon be posted on the Anderson hybrid page of the Tappan Zee web site ([www.tappanzee.org](http://www.tappanzee.org)):



Entourage is a new hybrid registered in March 2007, and is expected to be available at the 2010 Annual Convention plant sale in New York. The Barbara Cook x Pacific Gold cross is the first bloom of a yellow that Shirley and Allan are quite excited about. Only time will tell how hardy it is.



Crystal Yellow x Capistrano is a cross of two eastern hardy yellows that gave Shirley and Andy this bicolor. They will keep it to see how it develops. Cross 00-25 is a complicated cross of  $\{[(\text{Marybelle} \times \text{Golden Star}) \times \text{Betty White}] \times (\text{Goldsworth Orange} \times \text{Janet Blair})\}$ . The true color is a little more tomato like than this picture.

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday  
December 1, 2007  
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

**SPEAKER - Wing Fong**

Wing is a graduate of the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. He has worked as a layout designer with the N.W. Ayer Advertising Agency and has contributed his skills as a graphic artist to The American Rhododendron Society for the design and production of brochures, photographic albums, CDs, and, more recently, DVDs, as the Head of the Society's newly established Program Library. These DVDs feature some of the most famous rhododendron gardens in the world. Wing will take us through a demonstration of the programs presently in production. So if you enjoy looking at beautiful photos of rhododendrons, this is the meeting for you.

**BOOK AUCTION** - After Wing's presentation, Al Fitzburgh will conduct an auction of books from his library that he is donating to the Chapter. In order to help you bid knowledgeably, the books are described below and include the range of prices that E-Bay and Amazon list for "well-used" to "new-copies". The object of the auction is to provide members interested in books a fair way to obtain them. Al will start all bids at a very reasonable price:

1. The Gardener's Practical Guide to Annuals, Bulbs, and Perennials  
Richard Bird and Kathy Brown 512pp - over 1800 color illustrations \$17 to \$67
2. Monet's Passion: Ideas, Inspiration and Insights from the Painter's Garden  
Elizabeth Murray 115pp - richly illustrated with Giverny photos \$3 to \$23
3. Sunset Northeastern Landscaping Book (Paperback)  
416 pp - over 600 color photographs \$5 to \$60
4. Heathers In Color  
Brian & Valerie Proudly 192pp - full color photos of heathers in all seasons \$7 to \$104
5. Backyard Problem Solver  
Jerry Baker 374pp - Baker's wit, wisdom & 2,364 solutions \$8 to \$20
6. Peonies (Firefly Gardener's Guide) (Paperback)  
Pamela McGeorge 143pp - dozens of color photos and an appendix of varieties \$6 to \$46
7. Greer's Guidebook to Available Rhododendrons Species & Hybrids (Paperback)  
3rd Edition (1996) 228pp - 750 descriptions, over 400 color photos \$9 to \$39
8. Simon and Schuster's Pocket Guide to Garden Plants  
Hugh Johnson 191pp - small 3" x 6" \$1 to \$5
9. Gardening in the Shade (Paperback)  
Harriet Morse 242pp illustrated - the standard work on the subject \$2 to \$20
10. Plants for the Future: A Gardener's Wishbook  
Jerome Malitz 270pp 70 photos, - explores how ornamental plants can be improved \$3 to \$25
11. Gardeners Guide to Growing Hostas  
Diana Grenfell 158pp 70 color photos \$12 to \$24
12. Sunset Garden Watering Systems  
Susan Lang 112pp - basic drip irrigation \$2 to \$17 (2 copies)
13. Ornamental Conifers (Know your Garden Series)  
Julie Grace 224pp 554 color plates \$14 to \$20
14. The Gardener's Life  
Laurence Sheehan 240pp - coffee table book of "floral pinups" \$8 to \$75
15. Familiar Flowers of North America (Eastern Region) (Paperback)  
Audubon Society small 3" x 5" color photos \$1 to \$7
16. The Heather Garden  
Fred Chapple 179pp B&W photos and drawings \$2 to \$6

17. Annuals and Biennials – A guide to more than 500 plants (Paperback)  
Convent Garden Handbooks 192pp - full color plant portrait catalog \$1 to \$10
18. Russell Gardens Wholesale Catalog  
Wholesale perennial listings for 2000
19. Rhododendron Species vol 1, 2006 (Paperback) (2 copies)  
Rhododendron Species Foundation 172pp species articles & species sale catalog
20. The Garden Keeper, a zipper closed looseleaf bound notebook type organizer for notes, records, etc which is slightly used on 1-2 pages but is otherwise in good condition.

**OCTOBER MEETING** - Many people contributed to making last month's meeting an unqualified success. The chapter thanks all of those who helped make it possible, especially Shirley and Allan Anderson for donating the hybrid seedlings, and Al Fitzburgh for demonstrating seed planting and rooting of cuttings and auctioning the plants. The auction of the Anderson plants and the plants that Al supplied returned a profit of \$446.

**NEW MEMBERS** - The Chapter welcomes our third new member of the '07-08 season, Ms. Marinela Kaminsky, a resident of Montvale, New Jersey. All new members receive a welcoming plant from the Chapter.

**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.

**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.

**LINKS** - On November 18<sup>th</sup> the new web site of the Massachusetts Chapter went on line. It can be accessed at <http://arsmc.org>. Check it out. There are many slide shows and links to interesting sites.

**WEATHER** - Have you had rhododendrons blooming in October that normally bloom in Spring? Here in Pearl River, NY, Lydia and I have 5 Blutopia buds that are halfway open but are not going to go all the way. Below is a photo sent in by Arnold and Irene Card in Kinnelon, NJ, who actually had a Torero which tried to go into full bloom on October 18. Today I received a photo from Bob LeDonne, who had 3 buds on his "Cherry Red" open on November 20. One of them is shown below. His Cherry Red is a cutting from a plant of the same name in Dr. Thomas's garden. If you have a late blooming plant please send me an e-mail and let me know what opened and where you are located.



### **TAPPAN ZEE 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:**

Meetings at the Park Ridge Methodist Church are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The 2008 schedule is:

February 23	Annual luncheon meeting
March 22	Member meeting
April 26	Member meeting
May 10	The Annual Plant Sale
May 17	Garden tour, luncheon, and member flower show, to be hosted by Allan and Shirley Anderson
May (TBA)	A tour of Dr. Bill Zurich's garden

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**The next meeting will be our Luncheon Banquet on Saturday, February 23, 2007  
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