



**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
October 27, 2007
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

PROGRAM: Members Night: Demonstration of rooting cuttings and planting seeds plus a unique auction.

Our Chapter is quite fortunate in having a considerable amount of resident expertise. On October 27, some of that expertise will be demonstrated for the benefit of all the members attending. If you are being mailed this notice as a prospective member, now is the time to join the Chapter and participate in this event.

FIRST: Al Fitzburgh will take us through the mechanics of planting rhododendron seed, and rooting rhododendron cuttings. Everyone can participate in this “hands-on” experience. All of the materials required will be provided and you will leave with your own miniature styrofoam greenhouses to raise your seed and root your cuttings at home.

Al has compiled step-by-step directions which will be distributed at the meeting. Everything has been done to make this a true learning experience on a subject that many of our newer members have been asking about for some time. If you are experienced with these procedures and choose not to participate, we hope that you will help those who are doing it for the first time.

SECOND: This next event will be especially enticing. Shirley and Allan Anderson, widely recognized as hybridizers with a mission, have donated forty of their two year old hybrid seedlings to be auctioned off. These seedlings are the results of many crosses they have made in their search for a hearty yellow. It will be an opportunity to obtain what could prove to be really rare and unusual plants, for a fraction of what they would cost when full grown. See the attached list for the crosses and the suggested starting bids.

THIRD: In addition, our knowledgeable auctioneer, Al Fitzburgh, will be auctioning off those specimen plants that he has a particular eye for, plants that he has obtained at nursery close-outs or has dug up and donated from his own garden. Many of us now have his selections in our gardens where they constantly draw comments from garden visitors. The plants and suggested starting bids are also listed on the attached sheet. This is one meeting that should not be missed.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Richard Buckley presented an interesting overview of fungal, insect and mite problems in rhododendrons. He showed symptoms and described treatment methods. One insecticide that he highlighted was Imidacloprid, a systemic product found in many brands, one of which is Merit, available in granular form and easily watered in. Richard also provided soil kits for submission to Rutgers for testing, which a number of members took advantage of.

LINKS: Do any of you frequent the Yahoo! Rhodo Group site? It is an interesting site that deals with all aspects of the genus Rhododendron cultivation. A majority of the messages posted are from noted rhododendron enthusiasts, many of whom have spoken to our Chapter in the past. Go to the site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rhodo> and join. Membership is free and a volume of information is available.

WEB SITE: Remember to go to <http://www.tappanzee.org> to check our web site for posted information on activities.

DUES: If you have not remitted dues by November 15 you will not receive the first issue of the Quarterly Journal. Those members in arrears will receive a renewal reminder in this envelope.

NEW MEMBERS: The Chapter welcomes our most recent new member, Ms. Anne Charlap, a resident of Ramsey, 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 Gus & Lydia Cerini 845-735-3475, 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.

TAPPAN ZEE 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Except for December, meetings at the Park Ridge Methodist Church will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The schedule is:

December 1	Member meeting (first Saturday)
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 take place on Saturday, December 1, 2007

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