

Lydia and I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday season. Now that we are on a bit of a break, why not mail that check for our February Fling to Irene? Below (and attached) is a notice of this annual get-together. The February Fling is the one event on our calendar that you should not miss. It's a harbinger of Spring, a time to compare notes on the effects of this winter, and an opportunity to enjoy good food and the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts.

This year the Fling will start with a Welcome Reception from 12:00 to 12:30 with hors d' oeuvres, wine, and beer that will take place in the Louis Room to the left at the top of the stairs.

Irene has deadlines to submit head counts, so please send her your check ASAP and certainly before January 31!

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**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

# 9th Annual February Fling



**Giulio's Restaurant  
154 Washington Street  
Tappan, New York 10983**

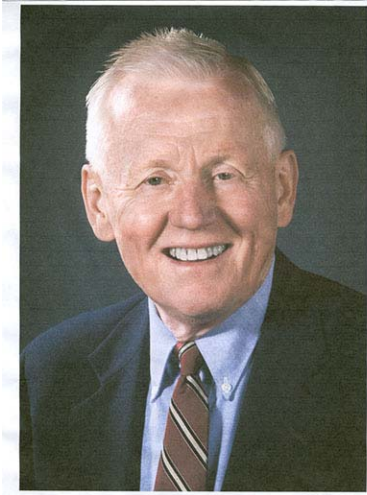


**9th Annual February Fling  
Saturday, February 28, 2015  
12:00 p.m. (Snow date 3/1)**

Our 9th Annual February Fling is again scheduled for Giulio's restaurant by popular demand. Irene Card has kept our cost at \$45 per person, and negotiated a choice of four entrees. The cost allows us unlimited wine.

**SPEAKER – Richard Murcott**

**"Modern Rhododendrons; where we have been, are now, and probably will be."**



Dick Murcott has an interest in rhododendrons that spans 53 years. He became interested in rhododendrons in 1962, started to hybridize in 1964, and still makes 20 - 30 crosses a year. He also roots about 150 cuttings a year as he is very interested in propagation. He grows in a perfect rhododendron location about 3 miles from Long Island Sound, which is 220 ft in elevation, almost wholly covered by mature oak trees, **and has no deer.**

In 1964, Dick purchased 2 acres of land in the farming community of Mattituck on eastern Long Island. Rhododendron seedlings and newly rooted cuttings were planted out there and were tended to on weekends by Dick. In 1970 a home was purchased in East Norwich on 2 acres of wooded land, just perfect for rhododendrons (once the underbrush was cleared away). Over the next year all the plants from Mattituck were moved to East Norwich, converting the front lawn into a rhododendron garden. Dick has taken his interest to an extraordinary level and has created one of the most beautiful rhododendron gardens on Long Island. Dick's website can be found at <http://www.murcottgarden.com/>

**Giulio's Menu:**

*(Served in the Louis Room)*

*Hors d'oeuvres*

Cucumber slices with Herbed Goat Cheese---Artichoke Hearts with Roasted Red Pepper & Mozzarella  
Asparagus wrapped in Bacon---Crab cakes with Gorgonzola Dipping Sauce

*(Served in the Oak Room)*

*First Course*

*Giulio's Salad*

Baby Field Greens with Asian Pears, Gorgonzola & Candied Walnuts with Honey Sherry Vinaigrette

*Second Course*

*Penne Mediterranean*

Spinach, Onions and Feta with Extra Virgin Olive Oil

*Third Course – Choice of:*

*Chicken Marsalla*

Wine, Shallots, and Fresh Herbs with String Beans and Roasted Potatoes

*Veal Milanese*

Breaded & Topped with Arugala, Tomato, Red Onion & Fresh Mozzarella with Extra Virgin Olive Oil

*Sole Oreganata*

White Wine, Lemon, Butter, Garlic & Bread Crumbs with Risotto

*Eggplant Parmesan*

Breaded & Topped with Parmesan & Mozzarella with Marinara Sauce & Linguini

(Choice to be made at your table)

*Dessert – Choice of:*  
NY Style Cheesecake---Chocolate Mousse Cake  
Creme Brulee---Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea  
Wine, and Soft Drinks

***If you have a dietary restriction or food allergy, please let Irene know when you send her the check.***

**Directions to Giulio's**

From the PALISADES INTERSTATE PKWY, exit at RT. 303 South, EXIT 5S, toward TAPPAN, and bear right onto NY RT. 303. After 0.3 miles, at the first light turn right onto KINGS HWY. After 0.3 miles turn left onto CONKLIN AVE. Continue to the end of the block which is WASHINGTON STREET. Giulio's will be on your right. Turn right, then turn right again into Giulio's parking lot.

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The cost of the luncheon is \$45/person. If you are attending, please fill out this or a similar form and return it with a check made out to Tappan Zee Chapter, ARS, before January 31. Mail it to:

Ms. Irene Card  
4 Maple Lake Road  
Kinnelon, NJ 07405-2322

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Money must be paid in advance. No refunds will be given unless approved by the TZ Board**  
**No money will be collected at Giulio's**