

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**



If you look closely at the photo above of this older Roseum Elegans, you can see the bottom branches at the lower right, presumably protected by snow cover, have survived the winter, while the upper portion of the plant has succumbed to the winter wind which whips through this exposed north-south corridor alongside our driveway. We will cut back to the healthy branches and watch what happens over time. Fortunately, we lost very few of our rhododendrons.



If you look at the photo above, you will see two tall rhododendrons to the left of that damaged Roseum and behind the Kousa trunk. They are Janet Blair and Victoria's Consort. To their left is a Caroline. None of them in that same corridor were injured. In front of the Kousa trunk in that same location is a Percy Wiseman, which does show some winter kill, but will survive.

So, In this location, under extreme severe winter exposure, Caroline, Janet Blair and Victoria's Consort are quite hardy for us, Percy Wiseman seems to have made it, while that Roseum turned out to be extremely vulnerable. But that was certainly not the case for the majority of Roseums on our property.

MEETING INFORMATION

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
April 18, 2015
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SHOW AND TELL - Because of the hard winter very few blooms have opened in our gardens for a Show and Tell. If you do have a rhododendron, an azalea, or any plant that has bloomed or has had winter damage, please take it in for discussion.

If you have a bloom or winter damage on any plant that is too large to take in, please bring in a digital picture of it for a show and tell discussion. I intend to do that with the above photos. If you do take in photos, please shoot your photos in JPEG format and put them on an SD card for easiest projection. If you want to email me a photo, I will put it on my SD card for projection at the meeting.

BOARD MEETING RESULTS – On April 6, the Chapter Board of Directors met to discuss plans for next year and ideas to increase membership. Virginia Shen, our President, will comment on that meeting.

MARCH MEETING – Our March Speaker, Bruce Feller, presented an excellent photographic narrative of the garden that he and Marianne tend in Old Fields, NY. We nine members who attended were sorry that there was not a larger audience to share his presentation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – April is the month we elect our Officers to two year terms. One of the key discussion points at the Board Meeting was the lack of volunteers to run for elected office. For this election, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

FALL CONFERENCE – “Long Island’s Legacy Revisited” is the title of this year’s regional meeting. It will take place from October 16 to October 18 at the Islandia Marriott, 3635 Express Drive North, Islandia, NY 11749. Hotel rates are \$129 when you use the code ARSARSE up until September 15, 2015, or you can visit their website at:

<http://cwp.marriott.com/ispis/americans/>

Please put the dates on your calendar. Registration information can be found in the Spring 2015 issue of the “Journal of the American Rhododendron Society”.

RHODOGRAVURE – You will find the third issue of Rhodo Notes at <http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7ff4d541f31c9f0a1a32a33fa&id=67e0ca1139&e=b0ea4ba3b8>.

This issue explains how to access the online Spring copy of the journal.

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 your alcoholic drink (beer, wine cocktail) separately.**

HOSPITALITY - We always have coffee and tea at our meetings. If you are able to bring a dessert, could you please either call Fran Morton, our Hospitality Chair, at 201-573-0655, or send her an e-mail at fjmorton@juno.com a week before the meeting to let her know what you'll be bringing.

THE 2015 TAPPAN ZEE MEETING SCHEDULE

April 18	Member Show & Tell
May 9	Annual Plant Sale
May (date TBA)	Garden tour & luncheon
May 6-10	ARS Annual Convention, 70th Anniversary, May 6 -10 Sidney, BC Canada,

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The next meeting will be on Saturday September 19, 2015 2:00 PM
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