

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

Since the Holidays are approaching, I am publishing two photos taken by Karen Phillips last Christmas Eve on Maui. These plants were growing at 3,300 feet elevation They were taken in the Kula Botanical Gardens. The gardens were established in 1968 by Warren and Helen McCord as a display garden for Warren's landscape architecture business. In 1977 it was turned into a botanical garden and has evolved into a tourist destination that draws thousands of visitors every year. It continues to be an entirely family owned and operated business. The garden is located on the slopes of Haleakala and encompasses 8 acres of colorful and unique plants, amazing rock formations, a covered bridge, waterfalls, koi pond, aviary and a new carved tiki exhibit. The site for the Botanical Gardens is <http://www.kulabotanicalgarden.com/>



Azalea Speciosa



Unnamed rhododendron

MEETING INFORMATION

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
November 21, 2015
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SPEAKER – Donald W. Hyatt



The Bucket List

Because Don was a classroom teacher for 33 years, he had difficulty visiting distant gardens and scenic wild places when the flowers were in bloom. After retiring in 2002, he has spent much of his time traveling to see scenery and landscapes on his “bucket list” including spots in the UK, Germany, and throughout the US. Here is a photo of Mt. Shuksan in Washington State which was one of the places Don wanted to see again after he retired:



Donald Hyatt is one of the most sought after speakers in the American Rhododendron Society and we are fortunate that his schedule allowed him to accept our invitation.

Don holds a degree in Horticulture with a double major in Biochemistry from Virginia Tech in 1969, and earned a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Virginia Tech in 1985.

Professionally, Don taught math and computer science in Fairfax County for 33 years. From 1985 until his retirement in 2002, he was the Laboratory Director at the Governor's magnet school, the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, VA. During his teaching career, the students he coached won many academic awards including a million dollar supercomputer for their school in a 1988 contest called SuperQuest. He was a finalist for Teacher of the Year in Fairfax County in 1989.

He has always considered himself a "plant person" and started his first garden at age three at the family home where he still lives in McLean, VA. He established a nursery in 1978 called Stonehouse Creek Nursery, and sold rare rhododendron and azalea cultivars and watercolor prints. Now, in retirement, he has scaled back on nursery and landscaping activities, and spends most of his time traveling, writing, photographing, painting, and lecturing on rhododendrons, azaleas, and wildflowers. One of his main passions is the documentation and preservation of our native azalea species in the Southern Appalachians.

The American Rhododendron Society awarded Don the Silver Medal in 2002 and the Gold Medal in 2012 for his contributions. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Azalea Society of America in 2009. Don was one of the leaders of the

successful “Save the Azaleas” campaign in 2011 that stopped the destruction of the Glenn Dale Azalea collection at the National Arboretum.

Don’s lectures are consistently informative, entertaining and eye pleasing. The one presentation, you should not miss.

2016 ANNUAL PLANT SALE – This year the Plant Sale Committee is allowing members to purchase one plant at cost plus a handling charge which can be picked up at the Plant Sale on May 7. The list of available plants and their cost is posted at the end of this notice and is also attached to this email for quick printing. If you want to order a plant you must **do so before November 21** by emailing Arnold Card at Ireneccard@gmail.com or by phoning him at 973-838-6153.

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, except for the speaker’s, are not allowed onto the totaled bill. Please pay for your alcoholic drink separately.

HOSPITALITY – The designated hospitality hosts for this meeting are Inge Langer and Fran Morton.

THE 2015-2016 TAPPAN ZEE MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETING DATES 2015-2016 – When Holidays do not interfere, and except for our February Fling, which is held on the fourth Saturday, our meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month. The following schedule is posted in every Newsletter for the convenience of those who have not entered the dates in their calendars.

November 21	Don Hyatt	His Bucket List
February 27	February Fling	Jim Fry
March 19	Al Fitzburgh	Hands on propagation clinic
April 16	Flower show	(Winter cooperating)
May 7	Annual Plant Sale	

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The next meeting will be our February Fling on February 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475

Plants for 2016 Plant Sale

All rhodes are in 3 gallon containers unless otherwise noted

3 gal rhodes	\$28
5 gal rhodes	\$42
Azalea	\$23
Rebloom azaleas	\$29
Kalmia	\$28

RHODODENDRONS

	Color
Anah Kruschke	reddish purple
Barmstedt	purplish pink
Bubble gum	pink & white
Capistrano	yellow
Chinoides	white
Cunningham's white	pink bud to white flower
Edith Bosley	deep purple w/ some black
English Roseum	lilac purple
Fantastica	light red w/ cream pink
Florence parks	deep purple
Handyman purple	purple
Holden	rose red
Janet Blair	pink
Ken Janeck	fuchsine pink fading to white
Ken Janeck - 5 gallon pot	fuchsine pink fading to white
Melrose flash	ivory w/ pink edges
Nova Zembla	red
Percy Wiseman	peach pink
Polarnacht	dark purple
Purple Passion	purple
Rangoon	red
Scintillation	pink
Scintillation - 5 gallon pot	pink
Tina Heinje	deep red to pink
Yaku Princess	pink

AZALEAS

	Color
Rebloom red magnificence	red
Rebloom cherry pink	cherry pink
Rebloom pink with red	red
Rebloom pink with white	white
Rebloom double pink	pink
Rebloom pink with lavender	lavender
Delaware valley white	white
Elsie Lee	double light lavender

Nancy of Robin Hill
Pink and Sweet

double pink
purplish pink

KALMIA

Fire cracker
Keepsake
Minuet
Peppermint
Sarah

Color

bright red bud to light pink
raspberry red
cinnamon/maroon
white/candy stripes
red