

This Notice is a follow up to previous notices and provides detailed information to those members attending our annual luncheon, the February Fling. If you have not yet responded, the cut off date for the Fling is only 4 days from now, January 31. If you call Irene before January 31, I am sure she will accommodate you. Checks should be sent to Ms. Irene Card, 4 Maple Lake Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405-2322.

**American Rhododendron Society  
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

# 10th Annual February Fling



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



**10th Annual February Fling  
Saturday, February 27, 2016  
12:00 p.m. (Snow date 2/28)**

Our 10th 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 – James Fry**

## **“Things I Love To Hate About My Garden”**

Jim Fry's experiences over the years of doing dumb things and really dumb things in his garden has caused him to develop likes and dislikes about every aspect of working with rhododendrons and azaleas. What seem like great ideas at the start usually blow up into major catastrophies.



Jim firmly believes in the healing powers of laughter and laughing at his own expense. From peat fires in the basement to all the pneumatic tires on every piece of equipment going flat at the same time, he hopes that you will share a few laughs with him. Laughter burns calories so feel free to have an extra piece of pie for dessert.

Mr. Fry was born and raised on Long Island, NY and with the exception of a few years in Boston and Kennett Square, PA has spent his entire life there. He is now retired from a machinery business where he spent 40 plus years designing and building packaging machines. In his spare time he started creating “junk” sculpture from cast-off propane tanks, fire extinguishers, and odd bits of steel and tubing. More importantly, he also developed an interest in propagating rhododendron and evergreen azaleas and grew the young plants under lights during the winter months in his company’s machine shop. Many people would visit the building and wonder if he was really in the machinery business!

Jim is the NY Chapter president for his third 3 year term, was the recipient of a bronze medal, has been the newsletter editor since 1996 (talk about dedication!) and is currently the chapter’s website editor. He currently lives with his wife, Carol, and 7 cats in Northport, NY. Unfortunately, he has two grown children who have absolutely no interest in rhododendrons.

### **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.

### **Giulio’s Menu:**

*(Welcome reception served in the Louis Room at 12 noon)*

*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  
& Vegetable Stuffed Mushrooms

*(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 pancetta & peas in tomato cream sauce

*Third Course*

*Choice of one of four entrees to be made at your table:*

*Chicken Emma*

Panko & parmesan crusted chicken breast with herbed butter,  
served with string beans & roasted potatoes

*Skirt Steak Contadina*

Grilled, sliced & served medium with sautéed mushrooms, peppers & onions,  
served with house made potato chips

*Sole Oreganata*

White wine, lemon, butter, garlic & breadcrumbs with Risotto

*Eggplant Parmesan*

Breaded & topped with parmesan & mozzarella with marinara sauce & linguini

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

*Beverage*

*Of course, you will have your choice of red or white wine, iced tea, or soda. Any other type wine or cocktails can be purchased at the bar, at your expense*

If you have any dietary restriction or food allergies, please let Irene know at [Ireneccard@gmail.com](mailto:Ireneccard@gmail.com) or 973-838-6153

**Auction**

This luncheon will feature a special treat; an auction of Don Hyatt's prints. When Don spoke to us in 2003, he gave the Chapter a number of his limited edition prints. Needless to say, those prints were auctioned off and were immediately gone. After his visit to the Chapter last November, he gave the chapter two more of his prints, the hose in hose popular azalea hybrid, Redwing, and the native species plant, *R. Maximum*.

Here are copies of the prints:



Azalea Hybrid Red Wing



Species Rhododendron maximum

Don's signed, numbered, limited edition prints originally sold for \$35 each, and were available on the Internet for \$20 each. The Redwing print is a limited edition, numbered, and signed. The R. maximum is signed only. As a fund raiser for the chapter we are auctioning Don's prints with a minimum starting bid of \$20 for the Redwing and \$15 for the R. maximum.

## **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.

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 on Saturday, March 19 at 2:00 PM  
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475