

This is the electronic version of the Tappan Zee Chapter's March Newsletter.

This month we feature one of our most popular workshops, a hands on demonstration by Al Fitzburgh on how to root plants, especially rhododendrons and azaleas.

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**



Sea Gold: One of the hybrids featured in the article by Alex Kramer on the Anderson's hybrids starting on Page 75 of the current Spring issue of the JARS.

MEETING INFORMATION

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
March 19, 2016
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SPEAKER – Al Fitzburgh



Al needs no introduction.. He is a long term member of the chapter and has been very active in our group, having served twice as President for the former New Jersey Chapter and twice for Tappan Zee. He has been a District Director and holds two bronze medals. For years he has supervised the Plant Sale and currently serves as our Program Chairman.

Al will present the following workshop on propagation:

“Duplicate your favorite plants, Especially Rhododendrons and Azaleas”

If you have ever wondered, as many of us have, why you have had bad luck trying to root rhododendrons and azaleas, attend this workshop. Al gave these propagation workshops in 2009 and 2010, and Lydia and I have a number of thriving plants that we rooted back then!

Al’s techniques can be applied to other plants, so, please bring cuttings from plants you want to root, such as hydrangeas and any perennials you want to propagate from your own garden. Al will supply rooting hormone and bring his own cuttings to demonstrate how to root them. If you do participate please bring plastic jugs or containers similar to shoe boxes that are at least 6” deep to serve as rooting boxes.

THE FEBRUARY FLING – Many people said it was “the best ever”. The wine flowed, the hors d’oeuvres were devoured, and the result was a really congenial get together. Irene, thanks again! Here are photos of members enjoying themselves:



Lydia Cerini, Martin Winkler and Don and Ellen Stoneham



Bud and Ruth Gehrich with Al and Mildred Fitzburgh



Irene and Arnold Card and Fran Morton



Shirley Anderson, Betty Bernady and Bruce Feller



Marianne Feller, Karel Bernady, and Allan Anderson



Marvin and Linda Fisher, and Jim Fry, our luncheon speaker



Virginia Shen, Patricia Walton, Diana Story and Roberta Cripps



Al Fitzburgh reading plaques commemorating the earlier award of a Bronze Medal to Irene Card.

Check out our website, www.tappanzee.org to see them smiling.

“Our speaker, Jim Fry, did a beautiful job of presenting the evolution of his garden from architecture to cats, and finished with a comprehensive lecture on the identification of the weeds prevalent in our gardens. We appreciated the effort he put into his presentation and also thank him for his successful bids on the Don Hyatt prints.”

ANNUAL MEETING - The combined ARS/ASA Annual Convention, will take place in Williamsburg, VA on April 20 -24 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center which is conveniently located within a mile of Historic Colonial Williamsburg. The deadline for early registration is March 22. No registrations will be accepted after April 5. For all the information you require, and for online registration, go to the convention website: <http://www.arsasaconvention2016.org/registration/>

LINKS – A video featuring *R. ponticum* along Rhododendron drive, in The Vee, County Tipperary, Ireland, can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kvJfZivw7k>

Looking for a garden to visit with interesting plants to buy? Tiffany Perennials & The Gardens At Mill Fleurs is located at 1 Cafferty Road, Point Pleasant, PA, which is an hour and a half drive from here, just North of Lambertville on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware river. Check out their website at <http://www.thegardensatmillfleurs.com/>.

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 Lydia Cerini and Diana Story.

DONATION – Bruce Feller sent the following letter to the Shedrub development fund:

*88 Old Field Road
Old Field, New York 11733*

*Shedrub Development Fund, Inc.
Post Office Box 1382
Northampton, MA 01061 USA*

Re Donation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$1,000, payable to Shedrub Development Fund for Nepal disaster relief. On behalf of District 7 of the American Rhododendron Society please accept this donation from the New York Chapter in recognition of George Woodard’s support of the Northeast Regional Conference held on October 16 – 18, 2015. Those areas affected by the earthquake swarm have a long history of significance in the world of rhododendron.

Very truly yours,

*Bruce Feller
First Vice President
New York Chapter
American Rhododendron Society*

December 8, 2015

Enclosure

THE 2015-2016 TAPPAN ZEE MEETING SCHEDULE

March 19	Al Fitzburgh	Hands on propagation clinic
April 16	Flower show	(Winter cooperating)
May 7	Annual Plant Sale	
May (TBD)	Garden tour & luncheon hosted by the Fitzburgh's	

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The next meeting will be on April 16, 2016 at 2:00 PM
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475