

This is the electronic version of the Tappan Zee Chapter's September, 2016, Newsletter.

**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**



When I see Lydia's fragrant Autumn Clematis bloom, I know Fall is only a few weeks away. It never fails to bloom and you can see that it is a very invasive plant. Great to climb up trees and trellises, but you have to keep after it. This month's meeting as posted below will focus on the Fall Garden.

MEETING INFORMATION

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
September 17, 2016
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SPEAKER - Marc Zukovich:

"The Fall Garden"



Marc is President of Sterling Horticultural Services and an Adjunct Professor of Horticulture at County College of Morris. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Botany from Drew University and certificates from Harvard Graduate School of Design and the New York Botanical Garden. Prior experience includes being a District Manager for Brickman Industries, managing a 38-acre private estate in Alpine, NJ, and over 20 years of managing the grounds of Honeywell Inc's World Headquarters, formerly Allied Signal, in Morristown. He frequently lectures for adult schools and community groups throughout New Jersey, and offers on-site consultations as "The Garden Coach"™ to homeowners.

Fall does not need to be the end of enjoying your garden. Instead, learn how it can be the grand finale of the year. Marc will give a Power Point Presentation on plants that perform well in the fall, including trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and perennials.

DUES – ARS Regular and Associate membership renewals are now due. You will soon receive your renewal envelope in the mail. Regular memberships for two people in the same household are \$40 and Associate memberships are \$10. Mildred Fitzburgh suggests you bring your renewal check **made out to Tappan Zee Chapter, ARS** to this meeting to avoid using a stamp. If not, please place your check in the envelope, stamp it and drop it in a mailbox. Note that if you do not want your phone or e-mail address published on Chapter or ARS rosters, write "No" on the back of the envelope.

AN ALERT FROM MILDRED FITBURGH, OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR –

I know you are all aware that declining membership is a problem for many organizations, including ARS. Since you are all avid gardeners, your neighbors must admire your gardens. Please invite some of them to one of our meetings. The first meeting of the year will be on Saturday, September 17th. Lunch with our members is an informal way to get to know us. Our programs are always informative and interesting. This month's program will be on the Fall Garden.

Our Tappan Zee chapter is doing well. We have a new member, Susan Patch. She took advantage of a reduced membership fee for purchasing plants at our plant sale. We always attract outsiders to hands-on meetings that Al Fitzburgh presents. I will contact all of them to invite them to come to our first meeting.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Again the Chapter is offering members the opportunity to order one and only one plant at a greatly reduced price. The list of plants available is attached.

Please e-mail or call Irene with your request or tell her at this meeting. Irene will not be collecting money for the pre-ordered plants until the new year but she won't turn you away if you want to pay when you place your order. All pre-ordered plants must be

paid for in advance by April 30th. Irene can be reached at 973-838-6153 or via e-mail at, Ireneccard@gmail.com. (note the 2 cc's in the middle).

HOSPITALITY – Mildred Fitzburgh, our Hospitality Chair, again wishes to remind our hospitality hosts that:

you will be selected alphabetically. In order to eliminate the need to arrive early at the meeting place to start the big coffee urn, it was agreed that each month the hosts and hostesses will choose the desserts to be served and it is up to them to select the beverage as well. Since the coffee at Dunkin Donuts is very expensive, the host can bring iced tea, cider, juice or soda.

Mildred will make an announcement at lunch preceding the meeting, that those who would like a cup of coffee order it with their lunch at Davey's. She will also make an announcement at the meeting. Mildred will bring the container with paper goods, sugar, etc. to each meeting.

The hosts for this meeting are Shirley and Allan Anderson and Virginia Shen.

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.

ARS STORE – I just purchased electronic equipment from Amazon. I typed arsstore.org into the Google (or any browser) address line to get to the site, and then clicked on **Amazon Full Store**. The familiar Amazon site popped up, I put in my order, got my prime free shipping, and was billed the published price. ARS got a percentage of this sale while it didn't cost me anything extra. For those of you who buy online, Amazon carries just about everything, try it next time you buy!

ARS REQUEST - The ARS Treasurer sent out this request for a donation. The Chapter is unable to make a contribution at this time but individual members may wish to donate:

Dear Gus

I want to reach out to you to urge you to consider either chapter or individual donations to the Research Foundation of the American Rhododendron Society. Donations allow the Research Foundation to continue to fund important projects. The diverse interests and curiosity of ARS members are reflected in the projects selected for funding. Future grants will continue to mirror growth in our understanding of the genus *Rhododendron* and in the development of the technologies that help define this terrific group of plants.

Since the formation of the Research Foundation (in 1976), over 145 projects have been approved for funding. Research is very expensive. Although grants are modest, up to \$5,000, they offer important supplemental funds for larger projects and seed money for starting research. In order to continue research, the Foundation depends on support from Chapters and individuals through gifts, donations and bequests.

I know your Chapter has a number of different funding priorities but I would just ask you to consider either reaching out to your members at a Chapter meeting or allocating a portion of your Chapter's revenue to the Foundation. Many Chapters make donations to the Foundation with funds from plant sales, auctions, honoraria and annually budgeted line items.

Thank you for your past support and for considering this request to help fund future research.

**Perc Moser
Treasurer
ARS Research Foundation**

THE 2016-2017 TAPPAN ZEE MEETING SCHEDULE
The 2016-2017 list of meeting dates

Please mark your calendars for these meeting dates:

Sep 17, 2016	Marc Zukovich	The Fall Garden
Oct 15, 2016	Veronica Dengler	Deer in New Jersey
Nov 19, 2016	Bruce Crawford	Mixed Borders
Feb 25, 2017	George Woodard	Superintendent, Phipps Estate
Mar 18, 2017	TBA	
Apr 15, 2017	Member meeting	Show & Tell

Contacts

Your Governing Group:

Arnold Card	Plant Sale Chair
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Gus Cerini	Newsletter Editor, Communications Coordinator, Program Chair
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The next meeting will be on October 15, 2016 at 2:00 PM
For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475