

**American Rhododendron Society**  
**TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

October 15, 2016

[www.tappanzee.org](http://www.tappanzee.org)

Again, I haven't had any photos sent to me this month. How about taking shots of the plants in your garden with interesting autumn colors? Send me no more than three. I'll publish them in the November Newsletter, project them at the meeting, and we can vote on the best of the lot for a prize. Please send only digital photos. Doesn't make any difference when you took them, or if they have been Photoshopped, so long as they are autumn pictures.

Since I refuse to let out a Newsletter without a picture, here's a poser for you:

Years ago, but not before 1990, Lydia put in a rhododendron, for which we have since lost the label and even forgot where we got it. As with many of our rhodes, it took some time to decide if it liked its location and when it decided it did, it began a giant leap forward. Here is what it looks like now:



But unfortunately we haven't been able to identify it. Here's a truss:



If anyone wants to take a shot at identifying it, we would appreciate it.

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

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

**2:00 p.m. Saturday  
October 15, 2016  
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

**SPEAKER** – Veronica Dengler:

**Deer in New Jersey**



Veronica is a math and engineering major who went from writing computer code to entering the Rutgers Master Gardner’s program. For the last 10 years, she has been working the Master Gardener Helpline, speaking at libraries and schools, taking horticulture classes at County College of Morris, and planting what she claims is “way too many spring bulbs if such a thing is possible”. She put together this presentation on deer because so many of her classes touched on the effect deer are having on our ecosystem, and she wanted to find a way to spread the word.

Veronica will speak about deer in both forests and backyards, how they became such a problem, how they are affecting our forests, what different community based deer action plans towns have come up with, and which plants to use that deer generally don’t find palatable.

**WEBSITE** – I can tell from the calls that I get that some members most probably delete the Newsletter email and can’t refer back to it. Much of the information relating to meetings and schedules is on the website, [www.tappanzee.org](http://www.tappanzee.org). I will begin listing the website address in the heading of the Newsletter. It’s very simple to remember. If you just type [tappanzee.org](http://www.tappanzee.org) into your browser’s address line and click enter, you will be there. The Newsletter is also archived on the website.

**LINKS** – Many of us have heard the term, “Iron-Clad Rhododendron”, but do we know what that means and what constitutes an iron-clad? Check out this website from Steve Henning for an informative explanation listing the original and modern iron-clads: <http://www.rhodyman.net/rhodyhy.html>

Also, when you want to look up a rhododendron for a look-see or for its characteristics, go to <http://www.hirsutum.info/>, a site named after *Rhododendron hirsutum* the first rhododendron to be classified and named when it was discovered in the 16th century.

**HOSPITALITY** – Mildred Fitzburgh, our Hospitality Chair, is selecting hosts alphabetically. The hosts for this meeting are Lydia and Gus Cerini and Jean Lange.

**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 these pre-meeting lunches, regardless of what has been ordered, 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.

### **THE 2016-2017 TAPPAN ZEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Please mark your calendars for these future meeting dates:

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

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The next meeting will be on October 15, 2016 at 2:00 PM  
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