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The American Rhododendron Society to hold its Spring International Convention

Hosted by ARS District 4, May 4-8, 2022,
at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA.

Portland, Oregon, April 9, 2021

The 2022 ARS international convention—*Return to the Northwest*—will feature a renowned group of international speakers, including Kenneth Cox from Glendoick in Scotland, Lionel de Rothschild from Exbury in England, Jens Nielsen from Denmark, Steve Krebs and Juliana Medeiros from the Holden Arboretum, Steve Hootman from the Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden, and more. Garden tours will include visits to Crystal Springs Botanical Garden, Cecil & Molly Smith Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Iseli Nursery, Sebright Gardens, Woodburn Nursery, and the Stewart Garden (formerly Dover Nursery). The convention will also feature a plant sale and a photo exhibit and contest.

The American Rhododendron Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to encourage interest in, and to disseminate information about, the genus *Rhododendron*. The organization has a membership of some 2,500 members worldwide. The ARS was incorporated in Portland, Oregon, in January of 1945. The first annual rhododendron show was held on Park Avenue in front of the art museum in downtown Portland. 77 years later, the 2022 convention returns to the Portland area, home to many of the major nursery suppliers in the country. To this day, *Rhododendron* is celebrated as a diverse and fascinating genus, with hybridizers continuing to create new crosses and plant explorers continuing to locate and identify new species.

Registration for the 2022 convention will open on December 1, 2021 and will be available online at ARS2022.org. Registration forms will also be available as an insert in the Winter 2022 quarterly edition of *Journal American Rhododendron Society*. Information on the ARS, including membership, is available at www.rhododendron.org.

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