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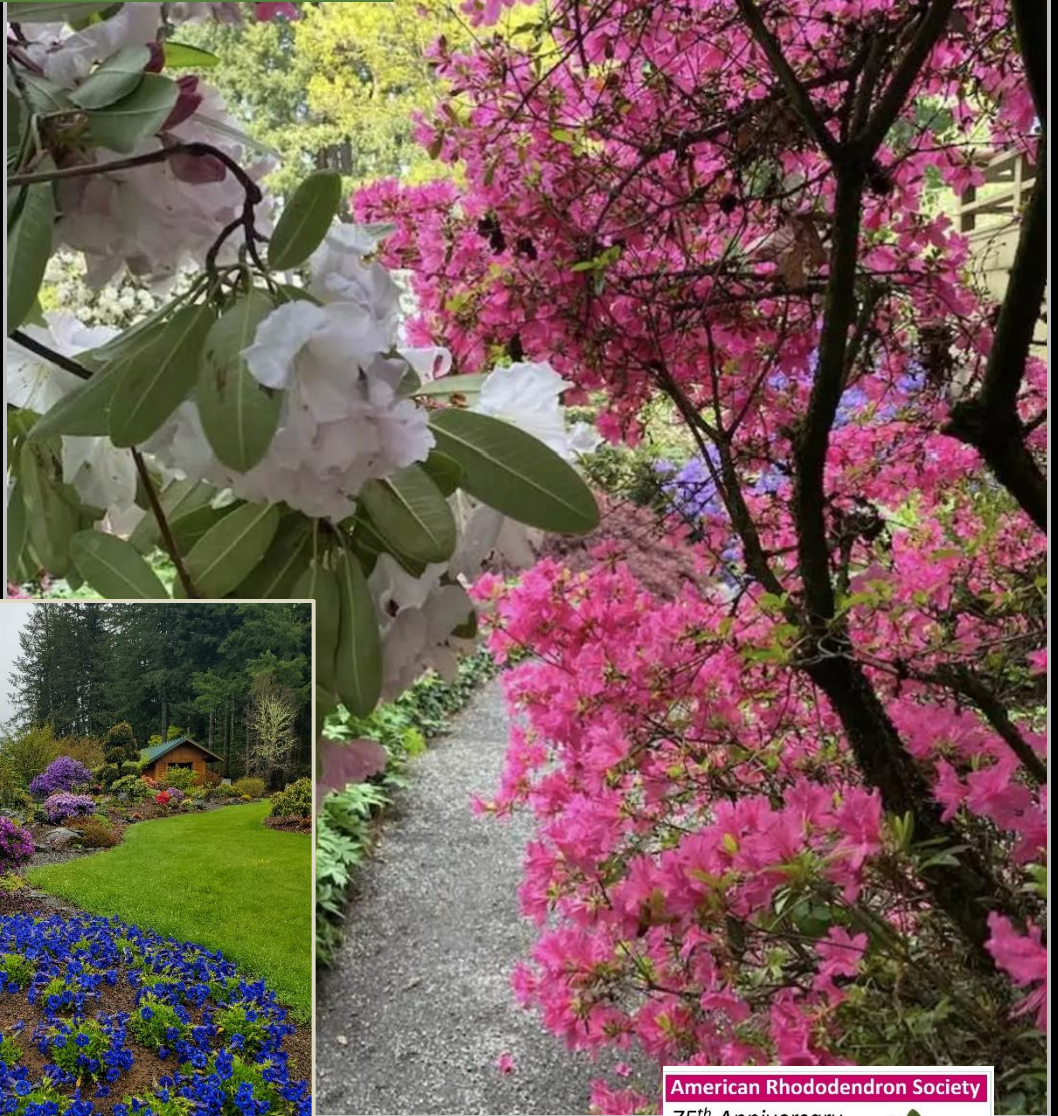


ARS2022

RETURN TO THE NORTHWEST

SPRING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND-VANCOUVER | MAY 4 – 8, 2022



American Rhododendron Society

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

20/20  
VISION



ARS75.org

Looking forward, reflecting back

Portland-Vancouver, April 29-May 3, 2020



## Encore!

Previous Portland  
conventions

1961

1963

1974

1983

1995

2011

~~2020~~



Portland, 1974



The five chapters of ARS District 4 hosted the postponed 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Convention at The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington, May 4-8, 2022.

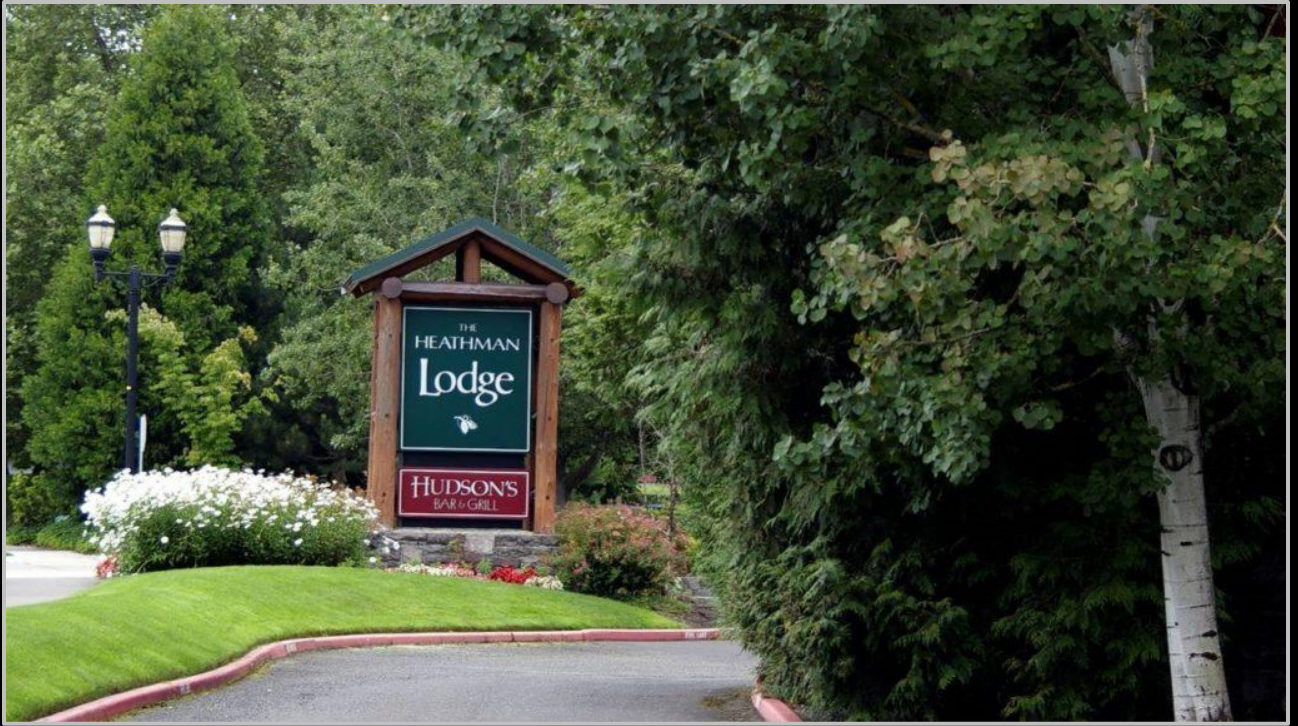


The following chronological photo journal represents the gardens, speakers, banquets, tours, and registrants that made the event such a special one after waiting out the worst of a pandemic virus for a meeting originally scheduled in May of 2020.

The ARS 2022 Committee expresses their sincere appreciation to the attendees, generous donors, volunteers, partnering venues, garden hosts and the staff of the Heathman Lodge for making the proceedings such a success.

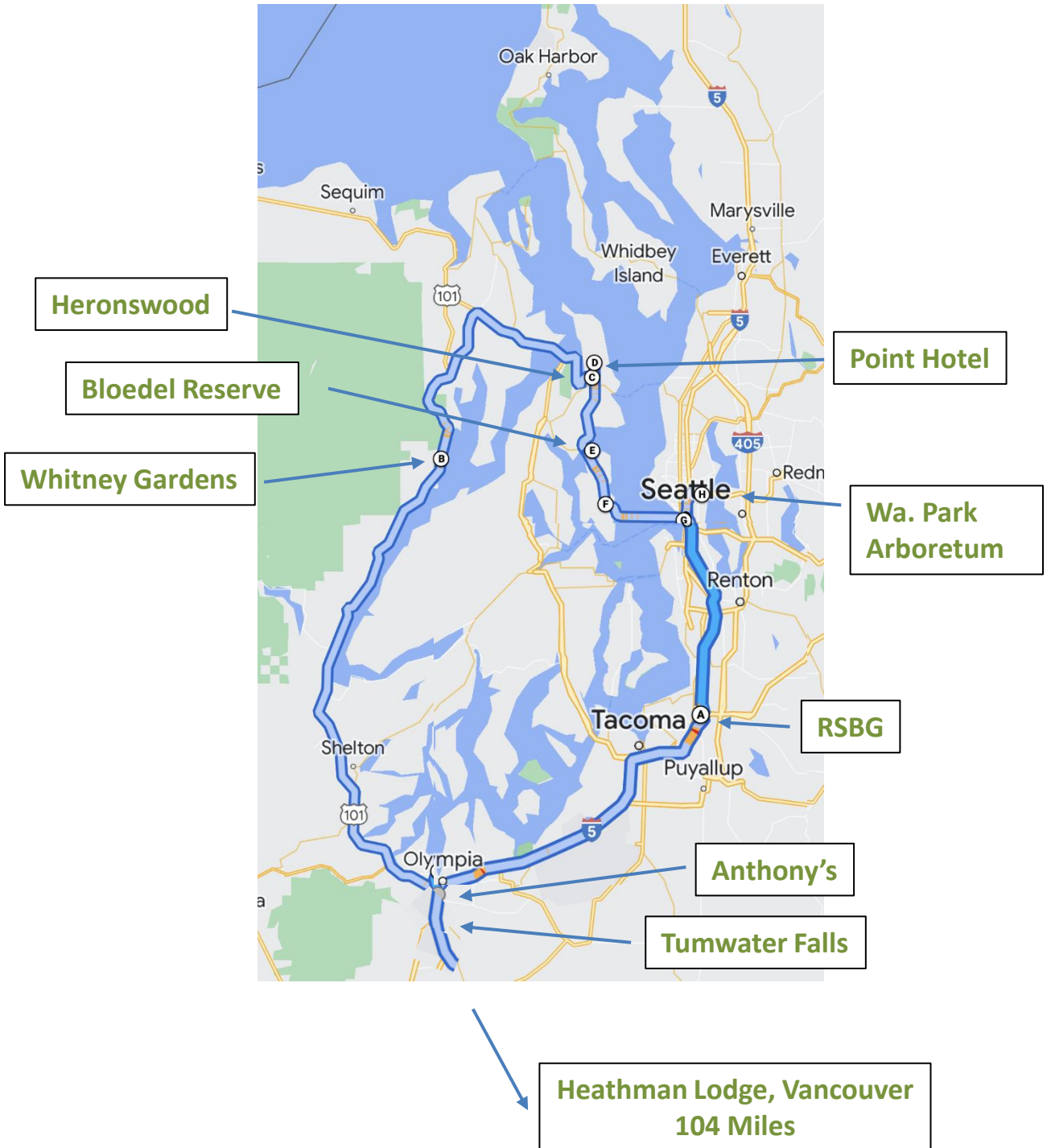
We mourn the loss of Harold Greer, who had worked so hard on this and other northwestern conventions in the past. His loss as a significant plantsperson and rhododendron expert, coupled with the loss of many others over the prior two years, was acknowledged in an *In Memoriam* scroll in the opening night session.

Photos by Steve McCormick, Mike Stewart, Christina Woodward, John Stephens, Susan Gebhardt, Linda Derkach. Photo compilation by Steve McCormick.

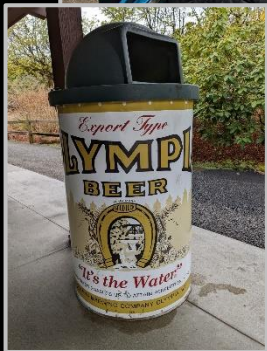
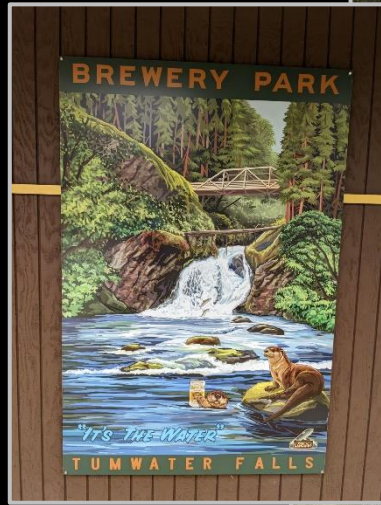




## ARS 2022 Around The Sound May 2-3, 2022



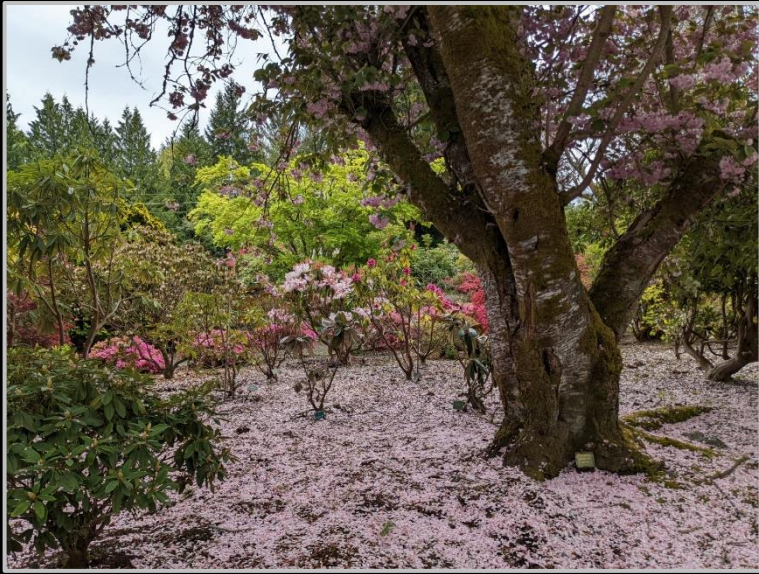






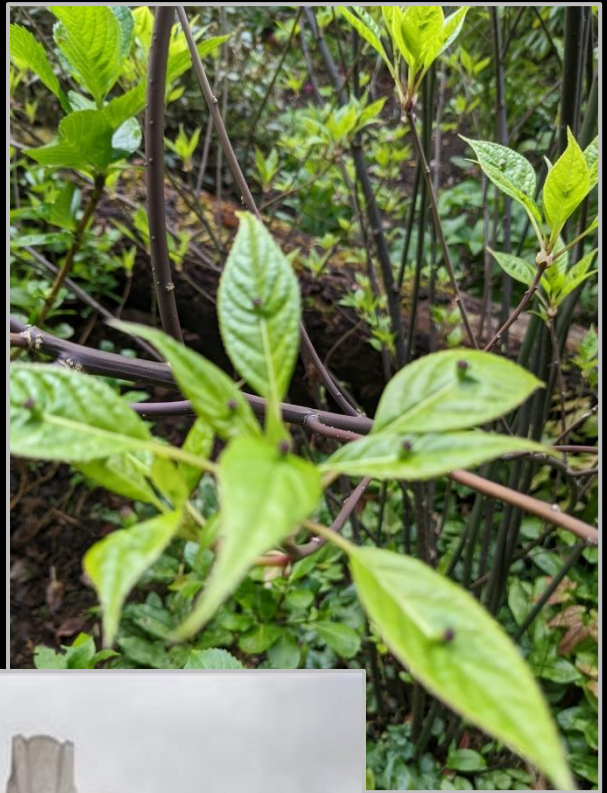












# THE POINT

CASINO & HOTEL





BLOEDEL  
RESERVE



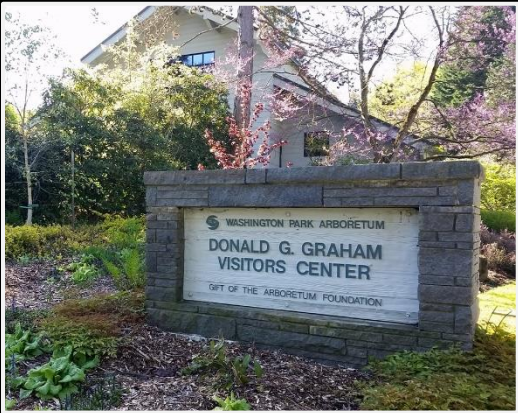








# Washington Park Arboretum





## Middle Era 1970s and 1980s



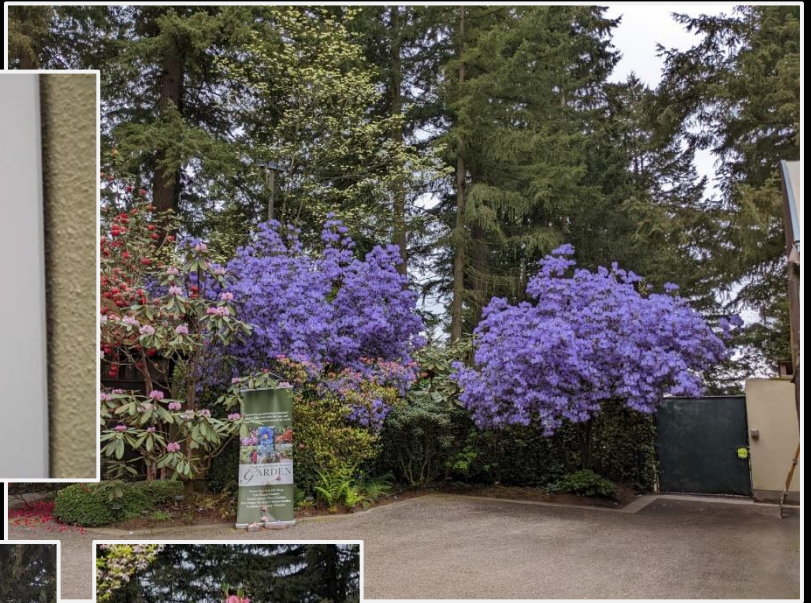
### Puget Sound Rhododendron Hybrid Garden

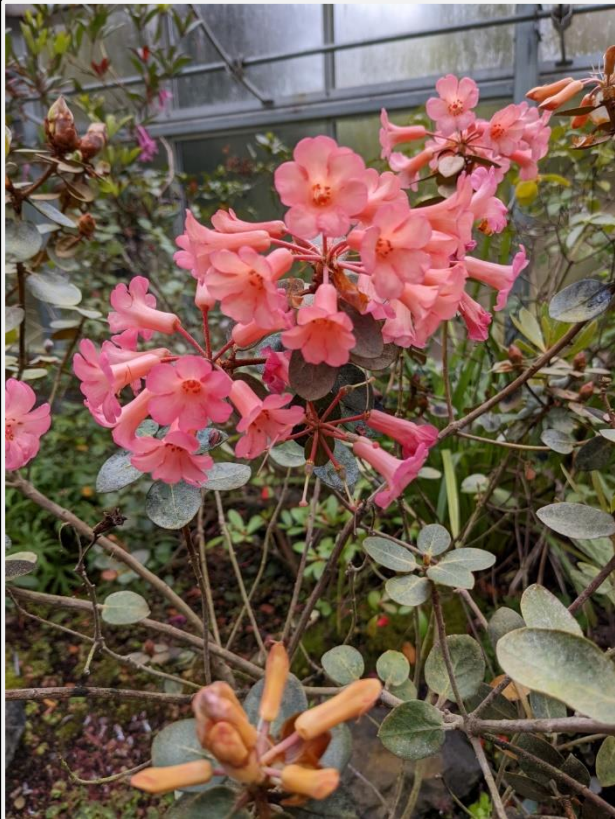
During this period, the color range expanded. The yellow-flowered hybrids bred in previous years were used to produce better yellows, apricot-peach tones and even more exotic "tropical colors". Rhododendron breeders also began giving more emphasis on interesting leaf colors, shapes, and textures.

The development of hybrids suitable for small gardens became increasingly important. The small size and compact habit of *Rhododendron degronianum* ssp. *yakushmanum* made it a popular plant with hybridizers, resulting in many popular "yak hybrids."

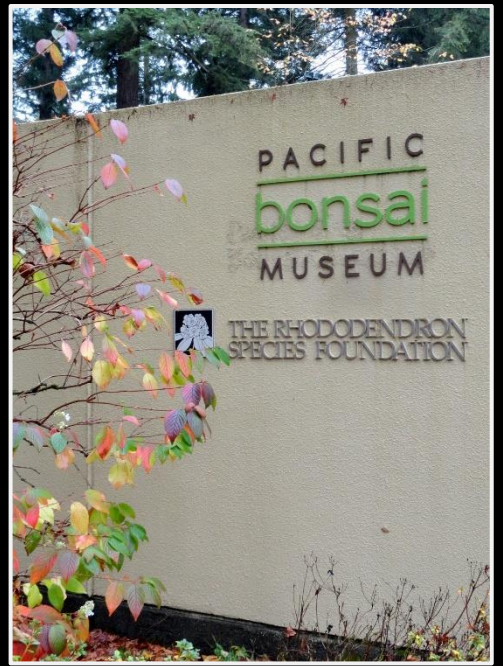


*Rhododendron* 'Seaview Sunset' by Frank Fujjoka









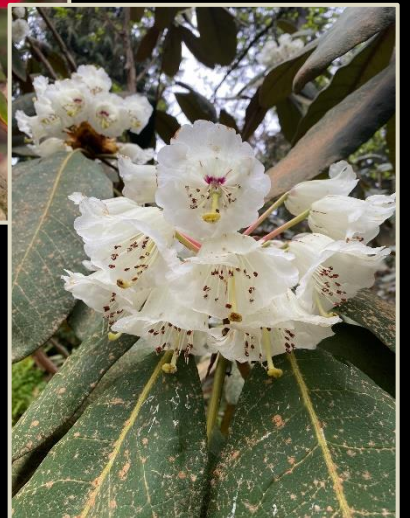


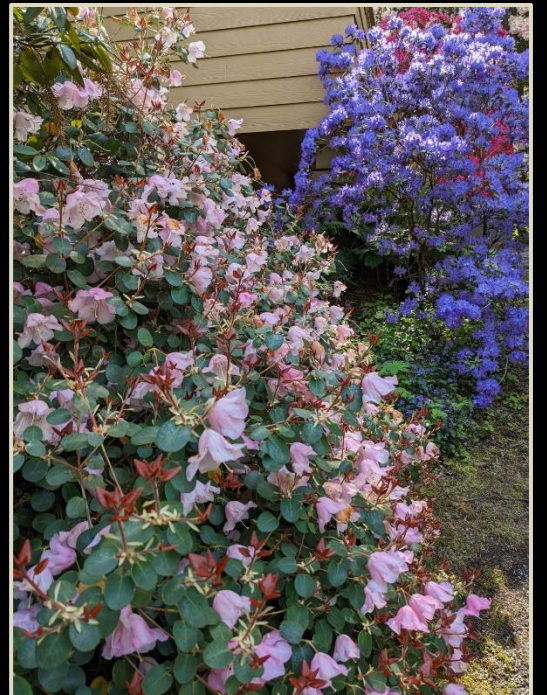
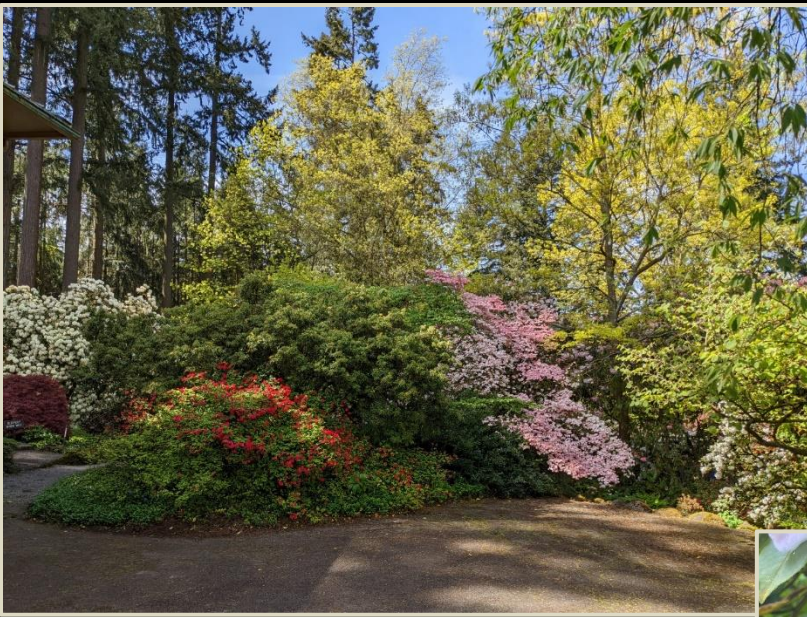






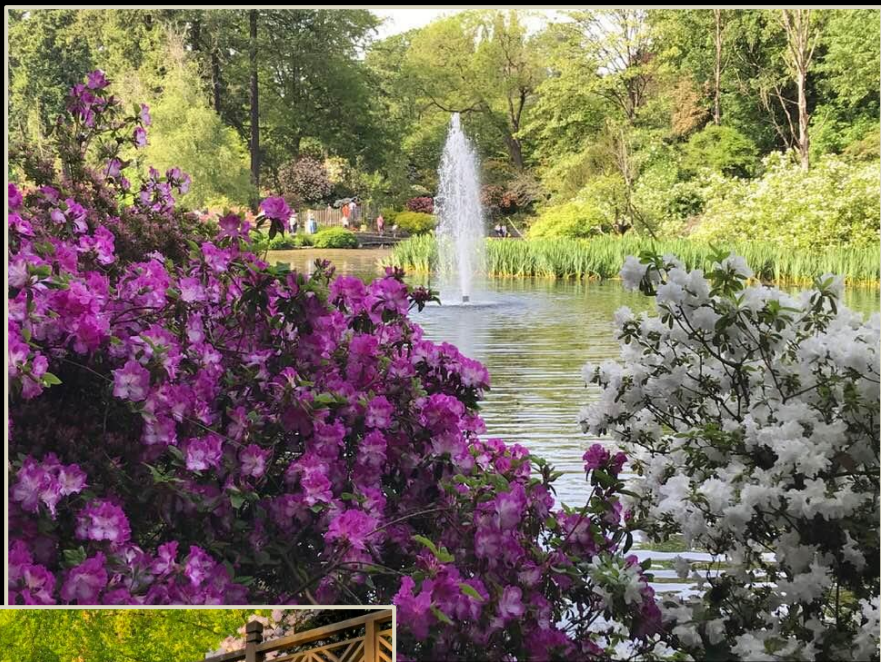








Established in 1950 • Portland, Oregon

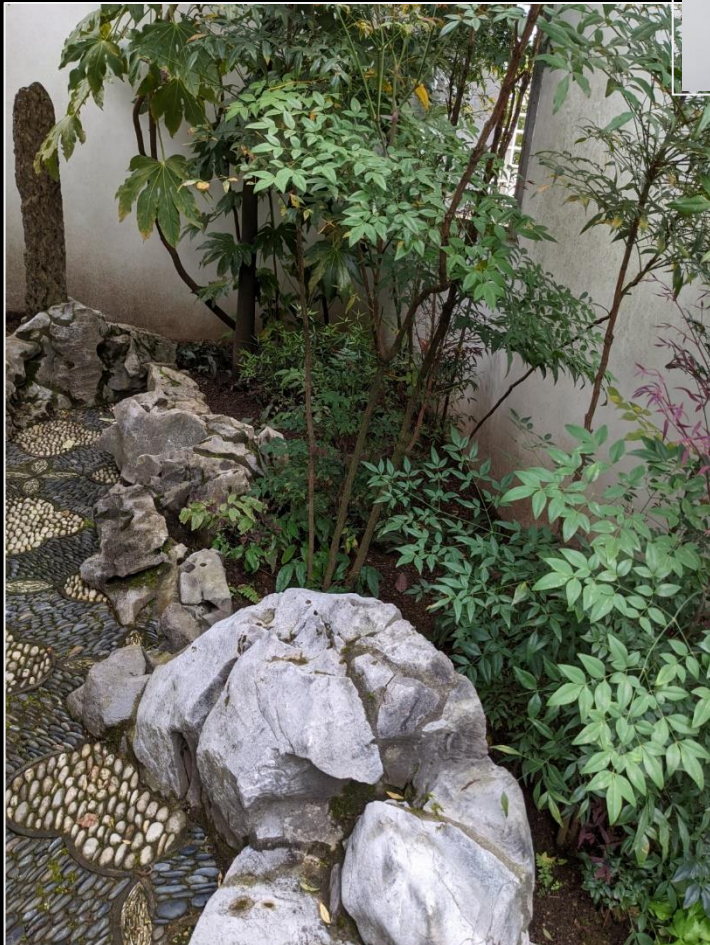


# Portland Japanese Garden

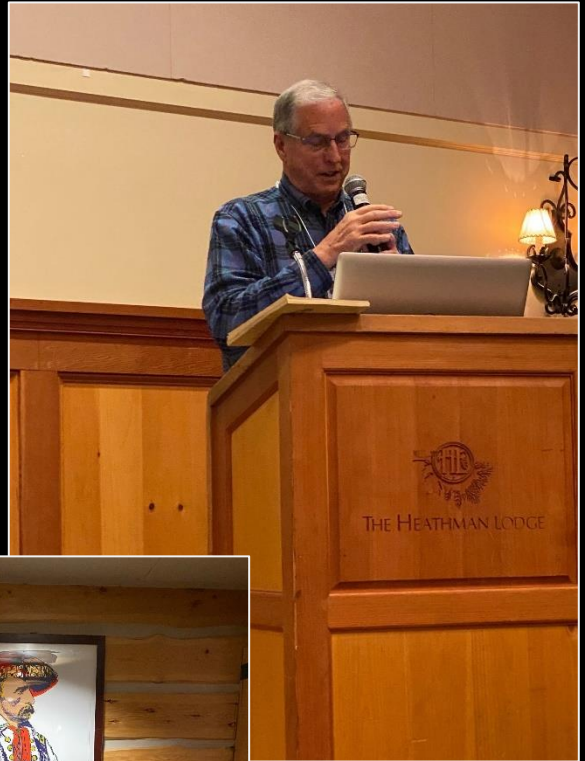




# Lan Su Chinese Garden



# Opening Night Session





In honor of the members of the  
**American Rhododendron Society**  
 we have lost since we last met

2020 - 2022



**Nanaimo**

Craig Clark  
 Don Noakes  
 Royce Tennant  
 Charlie Hardy

**Mount Arrowsmith**

Louise Cotterill  
 Joan Rich  
 Barbara Kulla  
 Lorne Hepting  
 Shirley Meekison

**Cowichan Valley RS**

Ian Efford  
 (Silver Medal 2019)  
 Peter Lewis  
 Liz Leverington

**North Island**

Paul Wurz  
 Kathy Storey  
 Marcel Bombezin  
 Linda Billings  
 Adela Smith  
 David Smith

**Vancouver**

Joan Rich  
 Chuck Lewis  
 Brian Talbot  
 Edward Jaster  
 Captain Jim Hall  
 Dr. Clive Justice  
 (Gold Medal 2000)  
 Evelyn Weesjes  
 (Gold Medal 1970)

**Victoria**

Anne Widdowson  
 Moe Massa  
 Jim Barlup  
 (Gold Medal 2004)

(Pioneer Achievement Award 2018)

**Pilchuck**

Jane Smith  
 Bob Moon  
 Fred Kirby

**Shelton**

Joy Hurlbert  
 Harley Wivell  
 Ralph and Phyllis Eaton  
 Joanne Campbell

**Olympia**

Bill Peterson

**Eugene**

Harold Greer  
 (Gold Medal 1989)  
 Paula Hewitt  
 Leonard A Frojen

**Portland**

Dick Cavender  
 (Silver Medal 2003)  
 Jim & Katy Averill  
 Bob MacArthur

**Siuslaw**

Gene Cockeram  
 Janice Gerdemann  
 Jennifer Velinty

**Willamette**

Wally Reed  
 Kathy Reed  
 Otis Tallan  
 Don Wermlinger  
 Tom Bailey

**California**

Ted Kipping

**Eureka**

Leon & Margaret  
 Zlatkoff  
 Burton Hoyle

**Noyo**

Glady Bransford  
 Rosalie Stanley

**Hawaii**

Rene Siracusa

**Massachusetts**

Susan Harding

**Princeton**

G. David Lewis

**Greater Philadelphia**

Joseph F. Minahan  
 Wilburn S Smith  
 Marc S. & Susan J.  
 Thomson

**Lehigh Valley**

John Doppel  
 Paul Doppel  
 Paul C Best  
 Edward M. Salgado

**Mason Dixon**

Lou Brown  
 Rob Fehle  
 John Katsu  
 Patricia Kelly  
 Earl W Cordy  
 Ann Mangels  
 (Gold Medal 2021)

**Azalea**

James H. Venable  
 Ernest F Koone  
 Barbara Milton Bloodwort  
 Robert Thau  
 Glenda Jones

**Southeastern**

Ted Richardson

**Midwest**

Susan Garland

**RSC Atlantic Region**

Mary Helleiner

**RSC Niagara Region**

Wendy Fletcher **Danish**

Jens Christian Birck

**Dutch**

A.J. Laros

**Finnish**

Juhani Manner

**Scottish**

Edmund A Wright

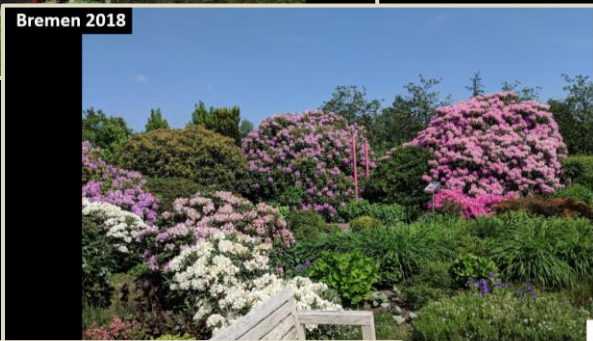
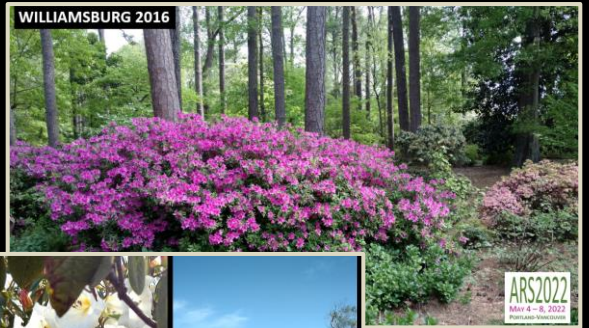
**Swedish**

Svante Hoge

**Non-Chapter**

L A Craven (Australia)

# (407-) Slide show of Past ARS Conventions



# Hundreds of plants and books for sale!







# Creations from Mike Bones' Bonsai Clinics

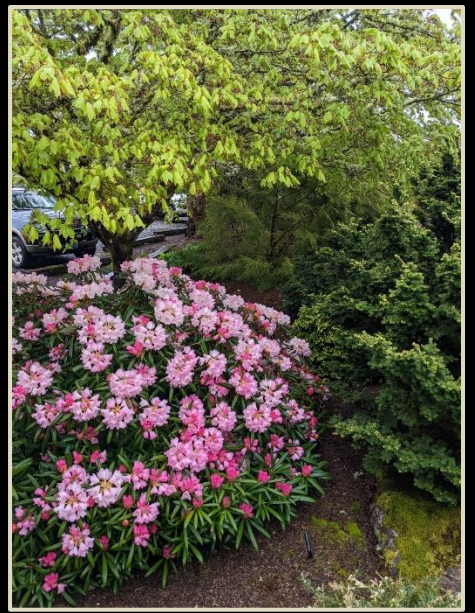
Foliage Display  
by ARS Siuslaw  
Chapter





Free gift plants  
for everyone







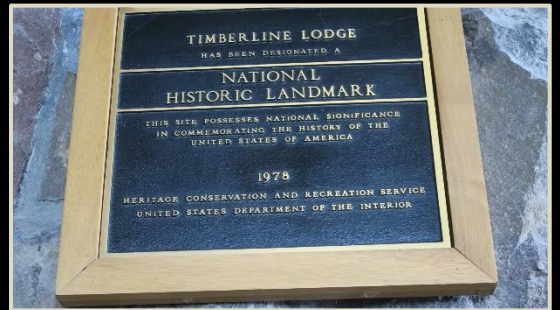
# The Stewart Garden Event





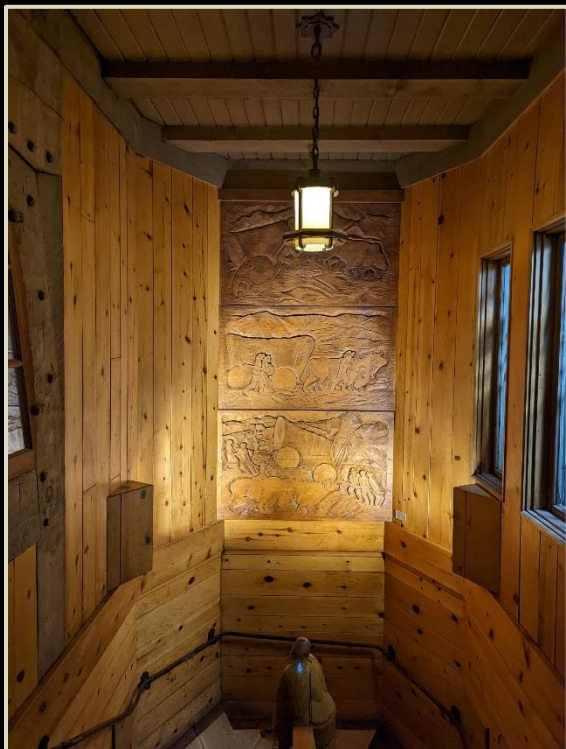


# Timberline Lodge





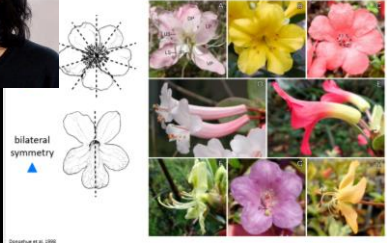
TIMBERLINE LODGE  
ELEVATION - - 6000'  
SUMMIT OF MT. HOOD  
ELEVATION - - - 11,245'  
TIMBERLINE LODGE  
TO SUMMIT - 3.6 MI.  
TIMBERLINE LODGE TO  
MT. JEFFERSON 46 MI.  
SNOW DEPTH - AVERAGE  
AT TIMBERLINE 21 FT.



# The Speakers



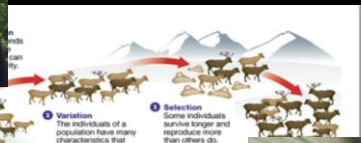
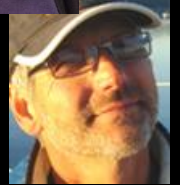
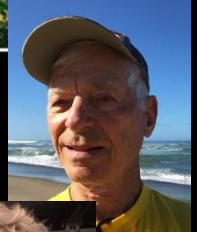
## Flower shape - symmetry



## Exbury 2021

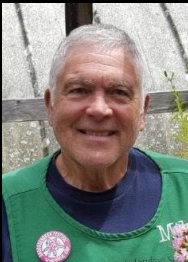


## Camellias: Beautiful and Versatile



## The process of adaptation by natural selection

- Survive, grow & reproduce the most = more descendants
- Hundreds of millions of years = differences accumulated







# Saturday Night Awards Banquet

Recognizing Award Winners from 2020, 2021, and 2022





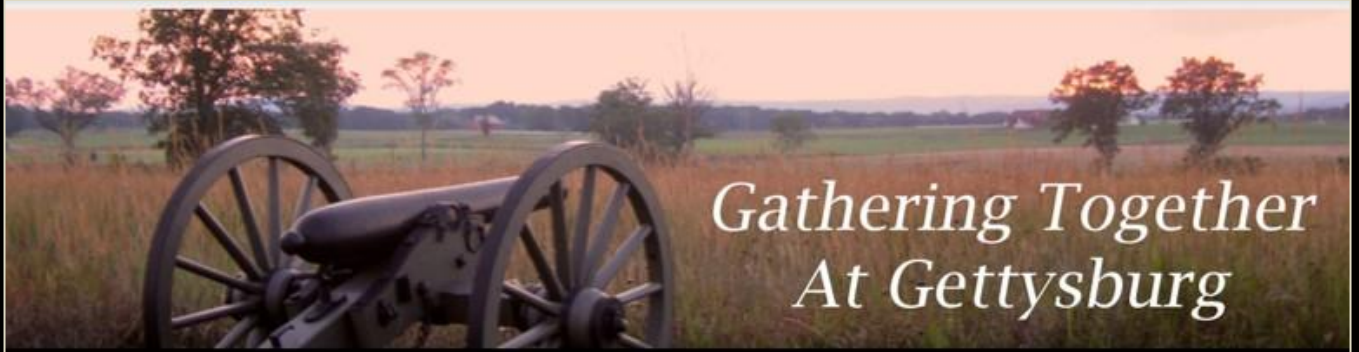
THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY  
**Pioneer Achievement Award**  
**PETER COX**

Peter Cox has had a long & distinguished career in the rhododendron world, being a specialist rhododendron nurseryman, a plant hunter & an accomplished horticultural writer. As a result, he is widely acknowledged both in the UK & abroad as one of the world's leading experts on rhododendrons. He has led or participated in many plant-hunting expeditions & plants grown from the seeds he has collected have been distributed to garden collections in over 20 countries. He is considered one of the world's most successful & skilled hybridisers of rhododendrons, & alone or in conjunction with his father & son, has published 13 well-respected books on rhododendrons. In summary, the ARS is pleased to bestow its Pioneer Achievement Award on Peter Cox. Presented this 7th day of May 2022.





# Upcoming ARS Meetings



*Gathering Together  
At Gettysburg*

**ARS Fall Meeting  
Gettysburg, PA  
September 27-29, 2022**

**Fall  
2022**



2023  
**ARS/ASA CONVENTION**

**Atlanta, Georgia 19-23 April 2023**



**TRUSS**  
**1st place**  
**Dave Eckerdt**  
*R. strigillosum*

## People's Choice Photo Contest



**LANDSCAPE**  
**1st place**  
**Jackson McCarter**  
Charleston Magnolia Gardens



**PEOPLE, INSECTS,  
ANIMALS**  
**1st place**  
**Floyd Hutchins**  
*Rhododactylum*

## Truss



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**Ali Sarlak**  
R. 'Isola Bella'

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
**Jacque Clayton**  
R. 'St. Tudy'



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## Landscape



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**Bill Heller**  
R. *macrophyllum*

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
**Susan Cook**  
Kubota Garden



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## People, Insects, Animals



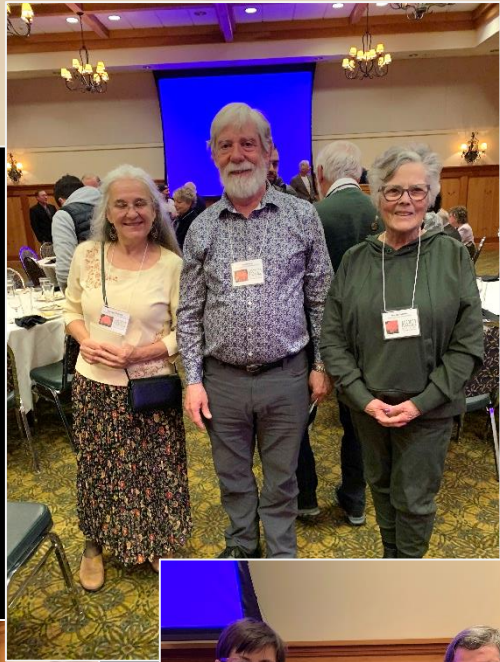
2<sup>ND</sup> Place  
**Floyd Hutchins**  
Tree Frog

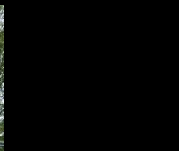
3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
**David Anderson**  
Jumping spider on  
R. *roxieanum*



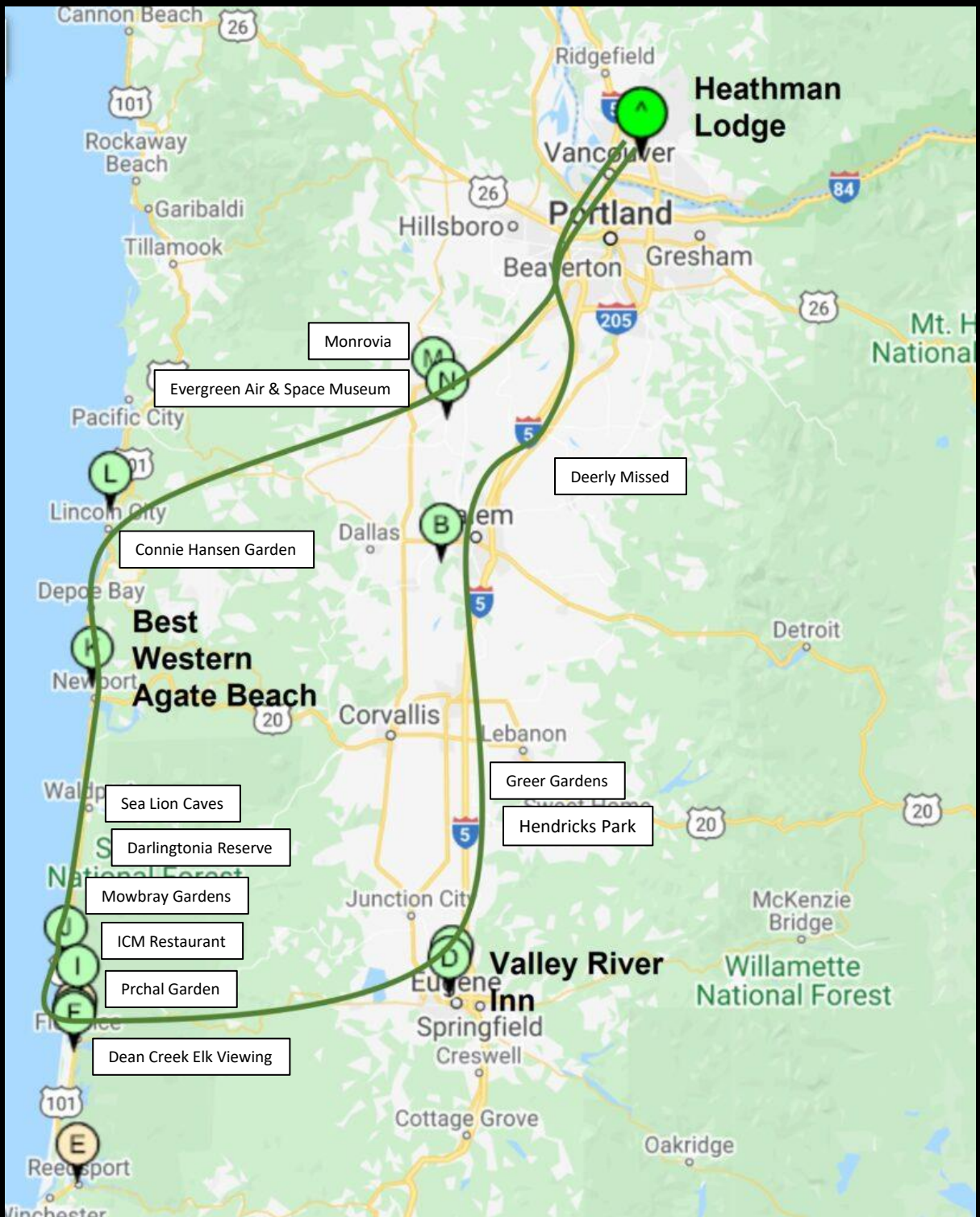


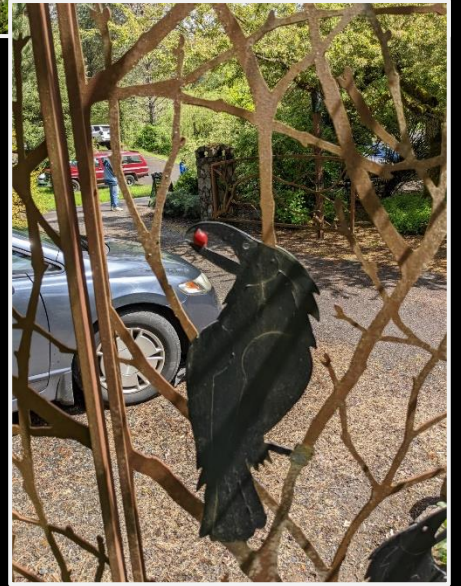


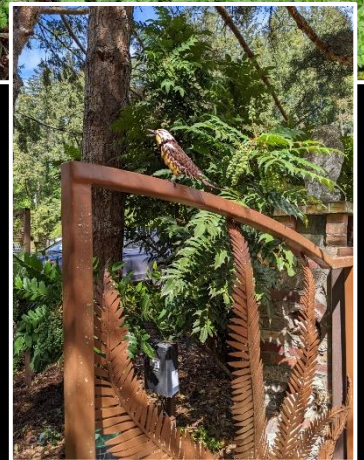




# Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast Excursion May 8-10, 2022

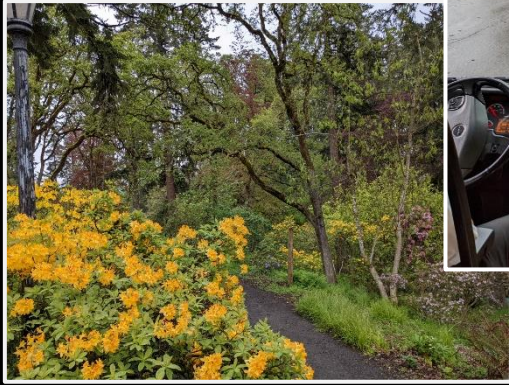








Emily Aune, host



The New Harold Greer Memorial Bed

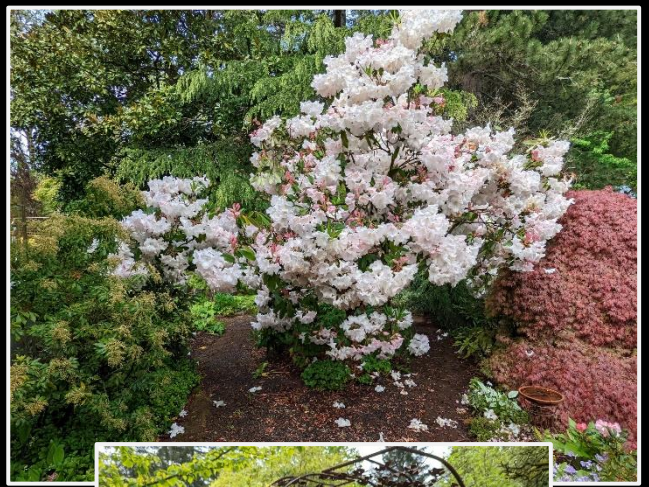




 The Springs  
at Greer Gardens

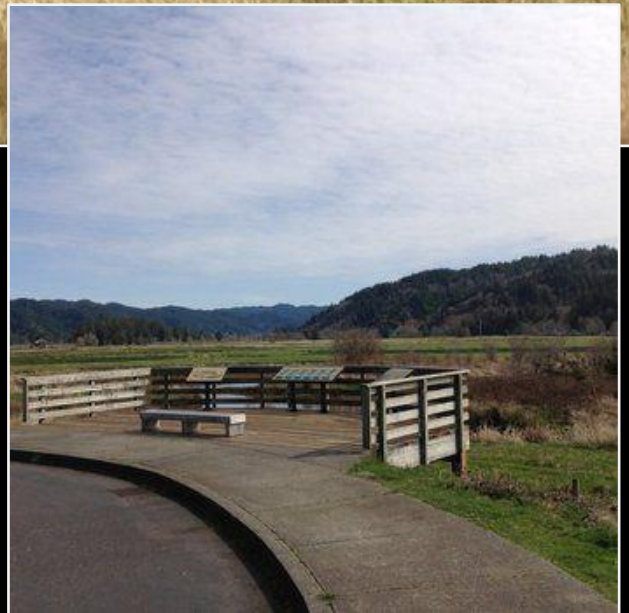




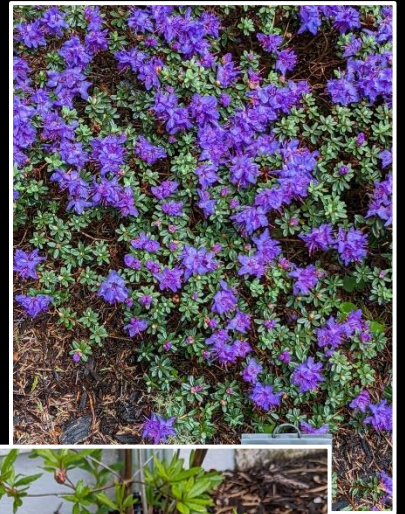
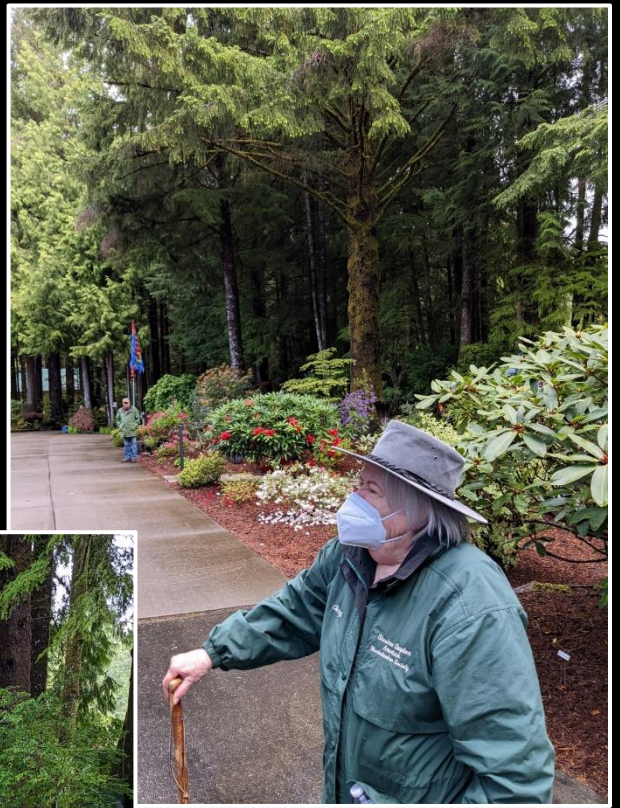


 Valley River Inn  
A WESTCOAST HOTEL





# The Prchal Garden





**Lunch at ICM  
Restaurant in  
Florence, home  
of the annual  
Rhododendron  
Festival**



**KING & QUEEN CORONATION**  
THURSDAY, MAY 19TH - 6:30 PM

**DAVIS SHOWS NW CARNIVAL**  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
MAY 19TH - 22ND - NOON - 11 PM

**RHODY RUN**  
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST  
REGISTRATION BEGINS 7:30 AM - RACE BEGINS AT 9 AM

**MAPLE STREET VENDOR FAIRE**  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY 20 - 21ST - 10 AM - 5PM

**RHODY DAYS CAR SHOW & SHINE**  
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 9 AM - 3 PM

**GRAND FLORAL PARADE**  
SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, NOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
& FULL LIST OF EVENTS VISIT:  
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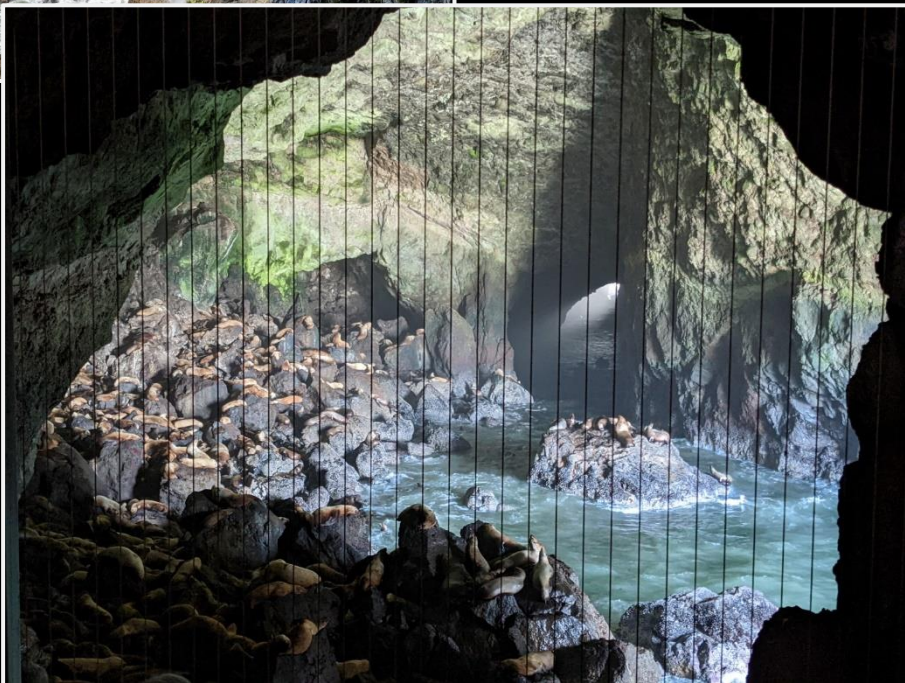
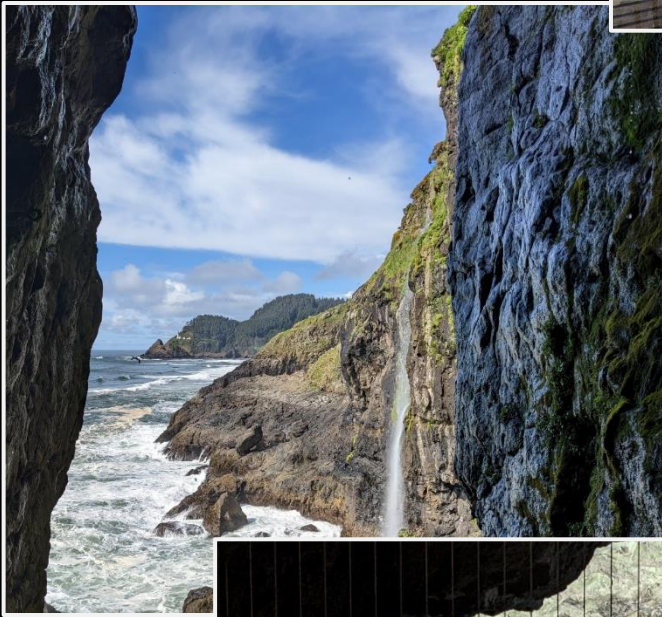
# Mowbray Gardens



Darlingtonia Wayside

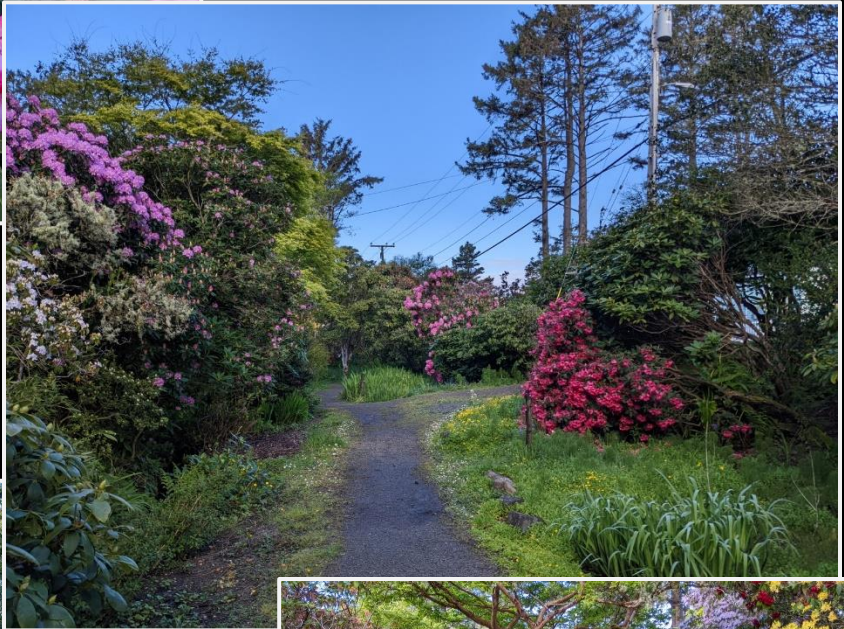


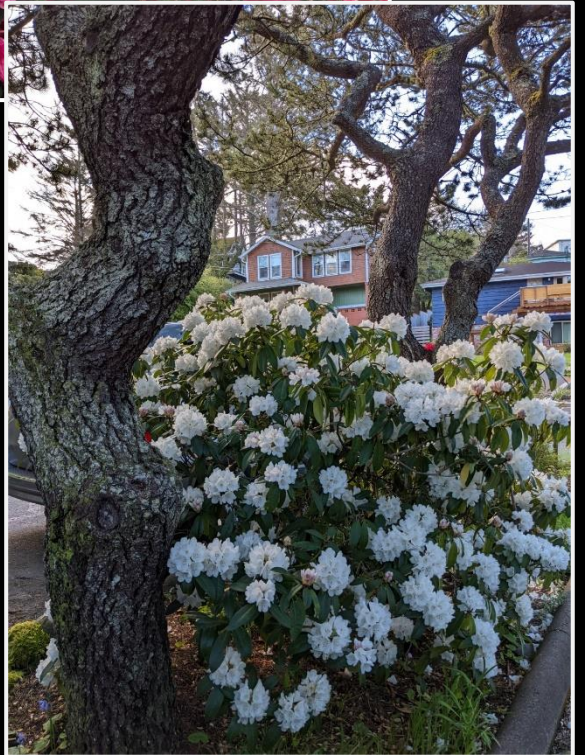
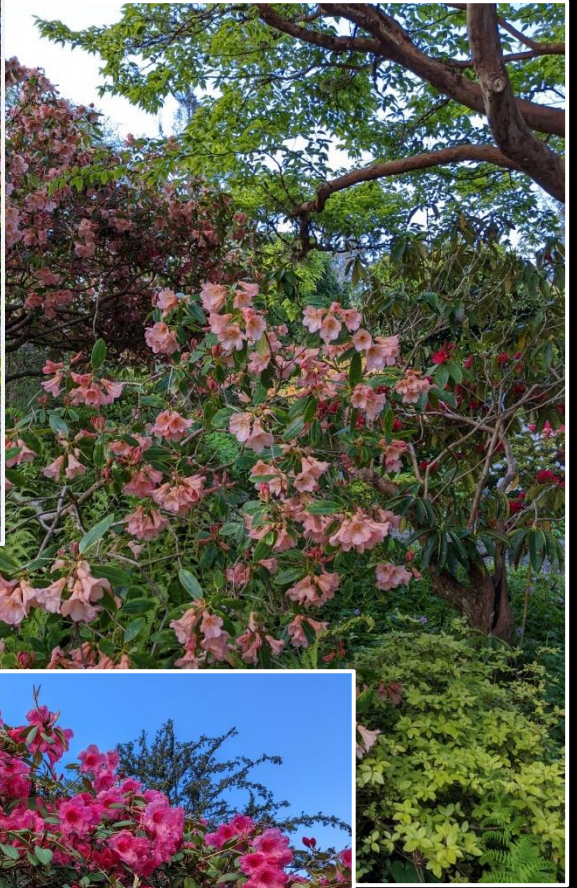


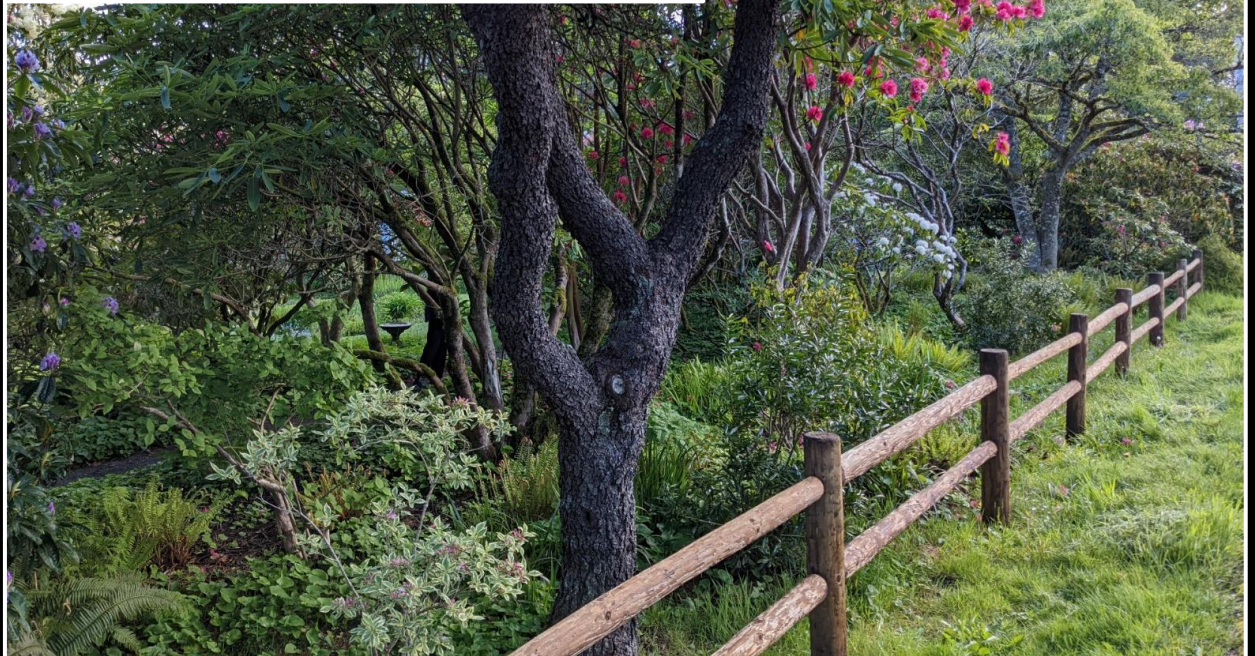




# Connie Hanson Garden





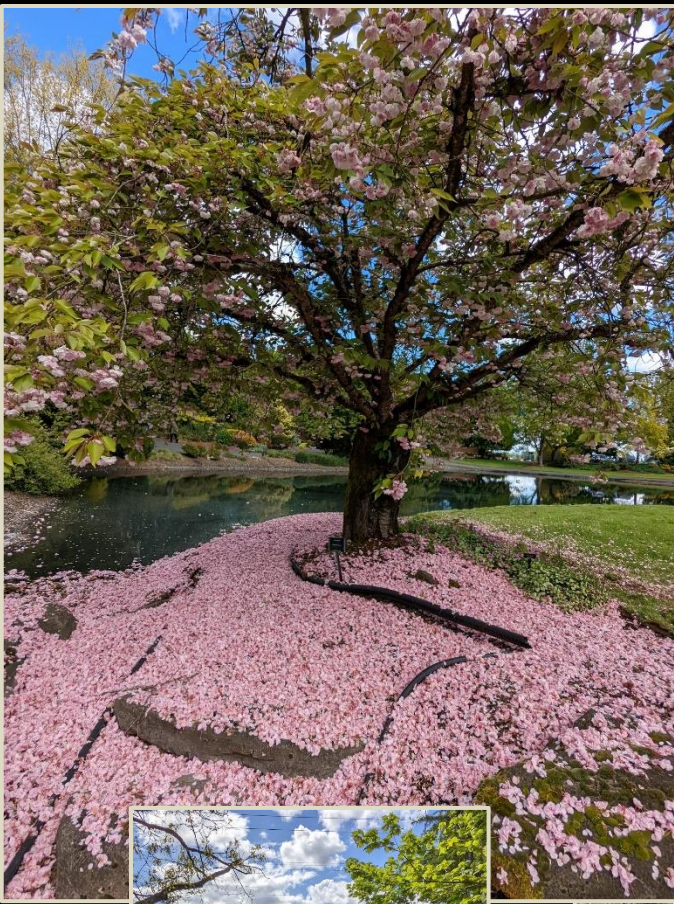


# Evergreen Air & Space Museum



# Monrovia











## ARS 2022 Convention Team

Co-Chairs: Mike Stewart, Steve McCormick

Committee: Maria Stewart, Nancy Greer, John Stephens

Registrar: Loni Welsh

Secretary: Maria Stewart

Treasurer: John Stephens

District 4 Director: Mike Bones

Programs: Mike Stewart, Steve McCormick

Tours: Steve McCormick, Mike Stewart, Mike Bones

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Plant Sale: Steve Hall, Caroline Enns

Book Sale: Mike Stewart, Keith White, Mary Ellen Ramseyer

Webmaster: Steve McCormick

Audio-Visual Support: Steve Krasik

Publicity: Steve McCormick

Convention logo design(s): Steve McCormick, John Stephens

Journal (JARS) Articles : Steve McCormick

Foliage Display: Siuslaw Chapter

Photo Contest: David Anderson

Poster Session: Juliana Medeiros

While selected names appear on the list above, we counted on the contributions of numerous other volunteers to make it all work. **Our sincere appreciation to all.**