Encore!

Previous Portland conventions
1961
1963
1974
1983
1995
2011
2020

Portland, 1974
The five chapters of ARS District 4 hosted the postponed 75th 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.

ARS 2022 Around The Sound
May 2-3, 2022

- Heronswood
- Bloedel Reserve
- Whitney Gardens
- Point Hotel
- RSBG
- Anthony’s
- Tumwater Falls
- Heathman Lodge, Vancouver 104 Miles
- Wa. 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. *yakushimanum* made it a popular plant with hybridizers, resulting in many popular “yak hybrids.”

*Rhododendron 'Sonkie Sunset' by Frank Fujika*
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 Bombezim  
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  
A.J. Laros

**RSC Niagara Region**  
Jens Christian Birck  
Scottish  
Juhani Manner

**Finnish**  
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
Fee gift plants for everyone
The Stewart Garden Event
Timberline Lodge
Saturday Afternoon Poster Session
Saturday Night Awards Banquet
Recognizing Award Winners from 2020, 2021, and 2022
Pioneer Achievement Award

PETER COX

Peter Cox has had a long and distinguished career in the rhododendron world, being a specialist rhododendron nurseryman, a plant hunter, and an accomplished horticultural writer. As a result, he is widely acknowledged both in the UK and abroad as one of the world’s leading experts on rhododendrons.

He has led or participated in many plant-hunting expeditions and plants grown from the seeds he has collected have been distributed to gardens collections in our Country. He is considered one of the world’s most successful and skilled hybridizers of rhododendrons, and along with his brother, Ken, published a well-respected book on rhododendrons. In summary, the ARS is pleased to honor Peter Cox with this Pioneer Achievement Award on the 7th day of May 2022.
Upcoming ARS Meetings

Gathering Together At Gettysburg

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

2023
ARS/ASA CONVENTION
Atlanta, Georgia 19-23 April 2023
People’s Choice Photo Contest

TRUSS
1st place
Dave Eckerdt
*R. strigillosum*

LANDSCAPE
1st place
Jackson McCarter
Charleston Magnolia Gardens

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

2nd Place
Ali Sarlak
R. ‘Isola Bella’

3rd Place
Jacquie Clayton
R. ‘St. Tudy’

Landscape

2nd Place
Bill Heller
R. macrophyllum

3rd Place
Susan Cook
Kubota Garden

People, Insects, Animals

2nd Place
Floyd Hutchins
Tree Frog

3rd Place
David Anderson
Jumping spider on R. roxieanum
Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast Excursion
May 8-10, 2022

Best Western Agate Beach

Greer Gardens

Hendricks Park

Dean Creek Elk Viewing

Prchal Garden

ICM Restaurant

Mowbray Gardens

Darlingtonia Reserve

Sea Lion Caves

Monrovia

Connie Hansen Garden

Evergreen Air & Space Museum

Valley River Inn

Heathman Lodge

Deerly Missed

Cannon Beach

Lincoln City

Newport

Depoe Bay

National Forest

Creswell

Springfield

Eugene

Cottage Grove

Oakridge

McKenzie Bridge

Willamette National Forest

Eugene

Springfield

Creswell

Cottage Grove

Oakridge

McKenzie Bridge

Willamette National Forest
Emily Aune, host

The New Harold Greer Memorial Bed
The Prchal Garden
Lunch at ICM Restaurant in Florence, home of the annual Rhododendron Festival
Mowbray Gardens
Darlingtonia Wayside
Connie Hanson Garden
Monrovia
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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.