



Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Winter Newsletter: January 2019

Potomac Valley Chapter Calendar – 2019 (Some dates not confirmed)

- **January 27, 2019** – Chapter Meeting, Potomac Community Center
- **March 1-2, 2019** – North Carolina Nursery Trip
- **March 14-16, 2019** – ASA Convention, Charleston, SC
- **March 31, 2019** – Joint Meeting with NV-ASA, Charlie Andrews Speaks
- **April 11, 2019** – Tentative Pennsylvania Nursery Trip
- **May 4, 2019** – PVC Flower Show/Plant Sale, Annapolis, MD
- **May 15-19, 2019** – ARS Convention, Philadelphia, PA
- **June 10-21, 2019** – Tentative Mountain Hikes - Roan Mountain, etc.
- **July 27, 2019** – Tentative Workshop, Potomac Community Center

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Next Meeting: Photo Contest and Share Session – Appalachian Trail!

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Where: Potomac Community Center

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, at the Potomac Community Center. This will be our annual Photo Contest, so please check the next page for guidelines. We are excited to have Mike Robbins of the Mason Dixon Chapter speak to us about the Appalachian Trail. He is one of the rare “thru-hikers” who has traveled the full 2190 miles of that trail. What a feat! Mike will tell us about the hike and show equipment he used. He’ll show images he took on the hike set to music for the finale. We have sensed increased interest in seeing native plants in the wild so think about joining our hikes in June.

We normally have a share session at our January meeting so if you would like to share something, I am sure we can work you in after Mike’s talk.

Refreshment Duty: We ask members whose last names are in the first third of the alphabet (**A – H**) to bring a snack for the refreshment table.

Directions: Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD

From **I-270 North**, stay in the **Local lanes**

Take exit **#4B/ MONTROSE RD WEST**

Continue west on Montrose Rd. for **1.7 miles**

Turn **LEFT** on **FALLS RD (MD-189)**

Continue **1.4 miles** to the Center (on the left)

11315 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD 20854



Flame Azaleas along the Appalachian Trail near Roan Mountain

A Joint Meeting! March 31, 2019

Speaker: Charles R. Andrews III

“American Azalea Natural Hybrids”

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Pkwy, Springfield, VA 22152 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Mark your calendars! We will be having a joint meeting with the Northern Virginia Chapter ASA on March 31. Our speaker will be Charlie Andrews from Cumming, Georgia, who will repeat the keynote address he gave at the ARS Eastern Regional in Chattanooga this fall. His wonderful talk was titled, “American Azalea Natural Hybrids.”

Charlie is a native azalea expert who has been studying species and their colorful hybrids for many years. His talk will include images of the gorgeous azaleas he found on his property in North Georgia. He calls them the Hurricane Creek Hybrids.

PVC Photography Contest Rules

Our annual photography contest will be held as part of our January 27 meeting. Look through the pictures you took in 2017 or 2018 and bring a few prints to the meeting.

Attendees will select winners by popular vote and prizes will be awarded. A single individual can only win one of the prizes so all those who enter usually get something. Be sure to enter!

We have established the following categories and rules for our contest:

Category I: Flowers – Close-up of rhododendron or azalea flowers, such as in a truss or spray.

Category II: Scenery - Rhododendron or azalea plants in the landscape or in the wild.

Category III: Other – This category is for any photographs featuring rhododendrons or azaleas that don't seem to fit into the first two categories, such as pictures that feature rhododendron foliage, people, animals, or whatever.

Photography Contest Rules

1. Open to chapter members or associates only.
2. No more than two entries in any category.
3. Photos must have been taken in 2017 or 2018.
4. Photos must be naturally occurring, no composites. Digital editing software can be used to crop photos or correct brightness or contrast.
5. Photos may be matted, but no frames or glass.
6. Maximum dimensions: 8" x 10", even if matted.
7. Put your name, the title and category on the back.

Photos are the property of the exhibitor but we ask permission to reproduce winners in our newsletter.



Carol Segree and Gray Carter admire a Pilkington hybrid



Last Year's Top Winner: "Rosa's Web Site"

Photo by Rosa McWhorter

Update for a Gray Carter Memorial

We have been working on a permanent memorial for one of our chapter greats who passed away last summer, Gray Carter. We explored options at the US National Arboretum and found that a permanent bench would cost \$5000 and would need to be renewed every 15 years. That seemed too expensive.

Since then we have been talking to London Town Gardens in Edgewater, MD. They have a lovely garden that has had a nice azalea and rhododendron collection. We can sponsor a permanent teak bench with a plaque at the entry to their woodland garden for only \$1,200 which was much more reasonable. Furthermore, the staff seems anxious to work with us in helping to upgrade their collection with newer rhododendron cultivars and some native azaleas.

Since several of our members have prime gardens in that area, an association with London Town seems like a good match for our group. We are now seeking donations to raise money for the bench. If you would like to contribute, you can send a check to our Chapter Treasurer, Phyllis Rittman, and indicate that the donation is for Gray's Memorial.

News and Notes

We have some exciting activities planned for this year. Some are just local chapter functions but others are also regional and national meetings. We provide this brief summary of some items on our calendar to let you know what is on the way.

Plant Trip to North Carolina; March 1 - 2

For many years, several plant society groups have gotten together for a trip to visit nurseries in North Carolina that hold “open house” activities in late winter. It is an overnight activity but a great time to buy camellias and hardy perennials like hellebores. A detailed itinerary is on the next page.

Plant Trip to Pennsylvania; April 11

March is early for buying bedding plants and tender items for the garden. For several years we have arranged a day trip to some Amish nurseries near East Earl, PA, for those. Some carry wonderful annuals we rarely see locally, wildflowers, and even tree peonies. One nursery has choice woody plants and dwarf conifers at very reasonable prices. We will provide details in our next newsletter.

Chapter Flower Show and Plant Sale: May 4

Richard Bradshaw whose garden we visited near Annapolis last year has invited us to use his facilities for our flower show and plant sale. His 100-acre Hidden View Farm is an excellent venue for larger gatherings and weddings. His place is just outside of Annapolis and well known by plant society members in that area. We may pick up some new members.

We will have more details in our next newsletter but we want you to start thinking about this activity now. We did get some rhododendron cuttings back from Van Veen Nursery this fall that have been potted up and some may be large enough for us to sell. We do not normally see these cultivars at local nurseries like ‘John C. White’ pictured below. It was our 2015 Rhododendron of the Year.



Longwood Conservatory

ARS Convention in Philadelphia “The Philadelphia Story” May 15-19

This year’s ARS Convention near Philadelphia is one you won’t want to miss. Our friends in District 8 have planned an exciting program with tours to some gorgeous public and private gardens.

On Wednesday (5/15), there is a pre-tour to Chanticleer and Winterthur. On Thursday, we will visit the Tyler Arboretum with its Wister Garden, and end up at the Jenkins Arboretum for a Wine and Dine Garden Party. Friday features a tour to Mt. Cuba Center which has an excellent wildflower and native azalea display. I admired an elegant clump of Trillium among Bluets in their moss garden. (below)



The tour also goes to the incomparable 1077-acre Longwood Gardens as well as a private garden. The Saturday tour goes to the Morris Arboretum, Stoneleigh, and two more private gardens. Expect a phenomenal convention plant sale with probably the best rhododendrons you can find on the East Coast.

Be sure to register early and make reservations for the hotel directly with the Desmond in Malvern, PA. This convention will likely be very popular so facilities and tours could fill up.

Website: www.ars2019.org

NC Nursery Field Trip: *March 1-2, 2019*

It is time for our annual trip to North Carolina to visit a few mail order nurseries that have open houses at this time of year. We buy some plants, socialize, go out to dinner, and have a lot of fun. Won't you join us?

George McLellan and some other members of the Middle Atlantic Chapter ARS will be leaving on Thursday, maybe staying in Reidsville, NC. The next morning, they will pick up a wholesale order from Cam Too Camellia Nursery in Greensboro, before going to Camellia Forest Nursery.

People coming from long distances may choose to skip Pine Knot and go directly to Camellia Forest since it is possible to visit Pine Knot on Saturday on the way home. Let George or Don know if you are coming so we can keep an eye out for you.

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Proposed Itinerary: 3/1/2019 to 3/2/2019

Friday morning (if time allows)

Pine Knot Farms (Hours: 10 am – 4 pm)

681 Rock Church Rd, Clarksville, VA 23927

www.pineknotfarms.com

Target time at Pine Knot: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Approximate travel time from DC: 4 hours

For those who get an early start, we will try to visit Pine Knot Farms for their Hellebore Festival on Friday AM. I prefer to pick out hellebores when in bloom but tissue culture clones are available now. See color page with some of my hellebore pictures.

Friday Afternoon

Camellia Forrest Nursery (9 am - 5 pm)

9701 Carrie Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

www.camforest.com

Target time at Nursery: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Travel time from Pine Knot: 1.5 hours

From Pine Knot, we will return to I-85 and head south via Rt. 25 to Chapel Hill, and travel west on NC-54 to the nursery for camellias and many other plants. Afterwards, we will drive south to Sanford via NC-15 to avoid Raleigh's rush hour traffic.

Friday Night - Hotel in Sanford, NC

Hampton Inn Sanford

1904 S Horner Blvd, Sanford, NC 27330

(919) 775-2000

Travel time from Camellia Forest: 55 minutes

We have stayed at this hotel before and have had good results. We usually gather in the lobby in late afternoon, drink some wine and have snacks (bring your own), and go out to dinner in town.

Friday Afternoon and Saturday morning

Big Bloomers Flower Farm (8:30 am – 5 pm)

275 Pressly Foushee Road, Sanford, NC 27330

www.bigbloomersflowerfarm.com

Target time at Big Bloomers: 8:30 – 10:30 am

On Saturday morning, we usually go to Big Bloomers first and Plant Delights Nursery next. Those who get to Sanford early enough on Friday can start shopping at Big Bloomers that afternoon and finish up the next morning. In the past, Big Bloomers has allowed us to leave our carts in the greenhouse and came back the next morning to finish buying and check out. Great selections!

Saturday afternoon

Plant Delights Nursery (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)

9241 Sauls Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

www.plantdelights.com

Target time at Plant Delights: 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Travel time from Sanford: 1 hour

Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery carries premium plants but also expect premium prices. However, many plants are things that you can't find anywhere else or you never knew existed.

Plant Delights and Pine Knot Farms both have wonderful display gardens that show off some of the plants they sell. Pine Knot is known for their hellebores but Tony carries them, too, and so does Big Bloomers. Tony has many other plants of interest and has really expanded his landscape to feature the rare plants he offers in a garden setting.



Vista in Tony Avent's Garden at Plant Delights Nursery

Tree Peonies - These spectacular plants are deer resistant! Many are seedlings from the late Ron Brown.



Hellebores – Deer don't eat these!



2019 Rhododendrons of the Year

Every year we must select the Rhododendrons of the Year for our Middle Atlantic Region. We did include input not only from District 9 but also from Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey since their climate is similar to ours. Below are the selections we made for 2019. As your plants bloom this spring, pick out favorites for consideration in 2020.



2019 Elepidote Rhododendron 'Ken Janeck'



2019 Lepidote Rhododendron 'Rhein's Luna'



2019 Evergreen Azalea 'Treasure'

'**Ken Janeck**' is a reliable large leaf rhododendron (elepidote) that is assumed to be a *R. yakushimanum* hybrid although some question whether it may be a selection of the pure species. The plant is compact with excellent foliage. The flowers open soft pink and eventually fade to white. The leaf surfaces are white as they emerge due to "indumentum," fuzz that covers all surfaces. That fuzz eventually dusts off the top surface but remains underneath and the color changes from white to tan. It does discourage insects and makes foliage less palatable to deer.

'**Rhein's Luna**' is a small leaf rhododendron (lepidote) that is a lovely shade of light lavender blue. Most of the smaller leaf rhododendrons bloom earlier in the season and they are compact, similar to evergreen azaleas. They generally need a little more sun to bloom well but they also need excellent drainage. This plant makes a great companion with the darker 'Blaney's Blue', our 2017 winner.

'**Treasure**' is one of the Glenn Dale evergreen azalea hybrids and has stood the test of time. It still holds its own as great landscape choice. The plant is a robust grower with dark green leaves and can get large. The large white single flowers have buff pink spots in the throat and they are delightfully fragrant.

R. cumberlandense is one of our native deciduous azalea species. It was actually our third choice for a favorite deciduous azalea from those who responded to my request for preferences. Two other plants did score higher, the heat tolerant 'Admiral Semmes' which is a yellow Aromi hybrid and 'Kennell's Gold', a golden yellow *R. austrinum* hybrid from Transplant Nursery. They were not eligible because the cultivars have not been registered. Maybe next year! This species is a great plant, though, and flowers are usually orange to red. It is similar to, but blooms slightly later than, *R. calendulaceum*.



2019 Deciduous Azalea: *R. cumberlandense*

These are all the past ROY Winners by Year for the Middle Atlantic Region:

Year	Elepidote	Lepidote	Evergreen Azalea	Deciduous Azalea
2019	‘Ken Janeck’	‘Rhein’s Luna’	‘Treasure’	<i>R. cumberlandense</i>
2018	‘A. Bedford’	‘24 Karat’	‘Dreamsicle’	<i>R. arborescens</i>
2017	‘Gilbert Myers’	‘Blaney’s Blue’	‘Ben Morrison’	<i>R. canescens</i>
2016	<i>R. hyperythrum</i>	<i>R. minus var. minus</i>	‘Inch’	<i>R. atlanticum</i>
2015	‘John C. White’	‘Southland’	‘Ashley Ruth’	‘My Mary’
2014	‘Nestucca’	‘Kehr’s White Ruffles’	‘Caitlin Marie’	<i>R. calendulaceum</i>
2013	‘Taurus’	‘Cornell Pink’	‘Rose Greeley’	<i>R. schlippenbachii</i>
2012	‘Janet Blair’	‘Windbeam’	‘Sandra’s Green Ice’	‘Aromi Sunny-side-up’
2011	‘Brown Eyes’	‘Molly Fordham’	‘Tina’s Whorled’	<i>R. prunifolium</i>
2010	‘Scintillation’	‘Mary Fleming’	‘Carrie Amanda’	‘Klondyke’
2009	‘Wheatley’	‘Landmark’	‘Koromo-shikibu’	‘Old Gold’
2008	‘Mist Maiden’	‘Weston’s Aglo’	‘Dream’	‘White Lightning’
2007	‘Caroline’	‘Olga Mezitt’	‘Fairfax’	(none)
2006	‘Bellringer’	‘PJM Elite’	‘Elsie Lee’	‘Homebush’
2005	‘Calsap’	‘Dora Amateis’	‘Nancy of Robinhill’	‘Gibraltar’
2004	‘Gigi’	‘April Pink’	‘Girard’s Fuchsia’	‘Crimson Tide’

Criteria for selecting a Rhododendron of the Year for the Middle Atlantic Region:

1. The plant should be relatively easy to grow in as wide a range as possible. In past years, the District 9 chapters in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia made selections. We now seek input from Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware since we share the need for plants that are both heat and cold tolerant. We are not trying to publicize new plants that are recently released but we want varieties that are considered “good doers” or appear on the Proven Performer lists developed by chapters.
2. The cultivar should be a superior form. It should have attractive flowers, good foliage, and a plant habit that makes it a desirable landscape specimen when not in bloom.
3. The plant should not be prone to insect damage or disease.
4. The cultivar should have a name that is officially registered with the American Rhododendron Society through the RHS. Rhododendron species can be used as ROY winners without being registered provided the typical form performs well throughout the region. It is preferred that species are registered clones when a selected form is recommended for a ROY award.
5. The variety should be available for purchase either through commercial sources or chapter plant sales. Ideally, we should be looking several years ahead to give growers time to build up stock for sale.

Please send recommendations for future ROY winners to:

Don Hyatt: donaldhyatt@verizon.net or don@donaldhyatt.com

Deciduous Azaleas Considered for the 2019 ROY Award in the Middle Atlantic Region



‘Kennell’s Gold’



‘Admiral Semmes’



‘Golden Lights’

Some Previous Rhododendron of the Year Winners



'Gilbert Myers' (2017)



'Wheatley' (2009)



'My Mary' (2015)



'Blaney's Blue' (2017)



'Sandra's Green Ice' (2012)



'GiGi' (2004)



'Bellringer' (2006)



'Koromo-shikibu' (2009)



'Windbeam' (2012)



'Taurus' (2013)

Rain, Rain, Rain!

The rains we have had this year in the Eastern United States have been relentless. Ian Livingston of the Capital Weather Gang for the Washington Post reported some amazing statistics. In the Middle Atlantic Region, Washington DC set an all-time record of 66.28 inches which is 5½ feet of rain. So did Baltimore with 71.82 inches, or nearly 6 ft.

Storms varied in intensity and some places got more rain than the official recording stations. Mount Mitchell, NC, reported the highest totals with 139.94 inches of rain which is over 11½ ft. Jocassee, SC, reported over 10 ft. of rain, Montebello, VA, got over 8 ft., and Mechanicsville, MD, got nearly 7 ft. My unofficial total was also about 7 ft. and I keep looking at the 8-ft ceilings in my home and realize my garden has received one heck of a lot of rain!

Now I face the reality of what happens to a garden that gets that much rain. Much of the soil in my yard contains clay which is problematic. I have gardened here for nearly 70 years and I have worked organic matter into the soil. It has been fine up to now. I could always water a dry plant but I realize there is no way to suck out excess moisture from soil that is the equivalent of river bottom muck. It has been nuck since July, and that has proven deadly.

I have watched so many huge rhododendrons that had flourished in my garden for 40 to 50 years die from root rot. The carnage is not over yet as more plants succumb. The huge 'Caroline' that dominated my backyard was 18 ft. tall and 33 ft. but is now a casualty. By late summer it had already dropped all of its leaves (see below). I have not only lost big rhododendrons but also deciduous and evergreen azaleas, deciduous trees, conifers, and perennials.

It is clear that I will be starting from scratch this year. Fortunately, there are many good plant sales coming up. My big decision is whether to hope rain patterns return to normal, or invest in major soil improvements, or shift my focus to water lilies.

Sad News: Ron Brown Passes

We were saddened to learn that Ron Brown, a former Associate member of our chapter, passed away on December 22 at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife Norma and many family members. He will be missed.

I remember the first time I saw Ron's 3-acre hillside garden in Harrisonburg, VA. It blew me away! He had hundreds of mature tree peonies blooming amid a sea of *Trillium grandiflorum* and Virginia Bluebells. It was breathtaking! (see below) I made an annual pilgrimage to see Ron's garden.

Ron raised most of his plants including the tree peonies and trillium from seed. They do take 5 to 7 years to flower but so do most rhododendrons.

He was very generous and donated hundreds of tree peony seedlings to our 2016 Convention sale. I have added Ron Brown peony seedlings to my garden over the years including many that I bought at the convention. The flowers can measure 7 to 10 inches across and are spectacular when tucked in among the rhododendrons. (see extra color page)

Ron's handiwork is still on display where he volunteered at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum at James Madison University. The trails are edged with big beds of trillium and Bluebells and there are tree peonies along the road. He has left us a wonderful legacy and I am happy to have JMU to admire his handiwork and remember such a good friend.

ASA Convention: Charleston, March 14 - 16

Our sister organization, the Azalea Society of America, will be hosting their national convention near Charleston, SC. It looks like a great program with wonderful tours and great speakers, too. Their theme is "History, Azaleas, and Sweet Tea." You can find details on their website:

www.azaleas.org/convention-2019



Hyatt Garden: 'Caroline' Before



Hyatt Garden: 'Caroline' After



Ron Brown's Garden

Seed Exchange: Below are some of the plants listed as seed sources in this year's exchange.



2. 'Hooper's Copper'



4. *R. calendulaceum* Roan Mix



10. *R. cumberlandense*



8. *R. vaseyi*



16. 'Hardy Loderi'



14. (Gov. Mansion x Wheatley)



15. 'Great Smoky'



19. ((Odee Wright x *wardii*) x ??)



24. (*cumberlandense* x *arborescens*) WB - 1



23. 'Ms. Lindy'

2019 Seed Exchange – Potomac Valley Chapter ARS

The following seeds are offered to chapter members and associates at \$0.60 per packet including postage. Available seed will be divided among those who request the selection. Thanks to donors: Norm & Jean Beaudry (BE), Don Hyatt (HY), J.Jackson/Lindy Johnson (JL), George McLellan (ML), and Carol Segree (SE). Please return orders to Don Hyatt with payment to Potomac Valley Chapter ARS by February 10, 2019. Seed will be distributed after that date.

We have some exciting things in this year’s exchange including a number of native azalea species selections collected in the wild and others from garden sources. There are several rhododendrons noted for their fragrance, and we are particularly thankful for J. and Lindy for sending open pollinated seed from some of their spectacular natives.

Species, collected in the wild (cw)

1. *calendulaceum*, Hooper Mix., NC, (HY, ML)
2. *calendulaceum*, “Hooper’s Copper” NC, (HY, ML)
3. *calendulaceum*, “Hooper Duke Rankin”, NC, (HY, ML)
4. *calendulaceum*, Roan mixed, Mitchell Cnty., NC (HY, ML)
5. *calendulaceum*, Snake Mtn, dark orange, NC (JL)
6. *catawbiense*, Roan mixed, Mitchell Cnty., NC (HY, ML)
7. *maximum*, Transylvania Cnty., NC (HY, ML)
8. *vaseyi*, pink, el. 5500 ft., Transylvania Cnty., NC (HY, ML)

Species, open pollinated garden origin (op)

9. *arborescens* “Allen’s Arb”, white, dark green fol. op (JL)
10. *cumberlandense*, orange-red Gregory Bald sdlg, op, (JL)
11. *prunifolium*, Vivian Abney seedling, vigorous, op, (JL)
12. *prunifolium*, “Cherry Red”, vigorous, op, (JL)
13. *vaseyi*, dark pink, Zo Warner selection, op (JL)

Rhododendron Hybrids (op)

14. (‘Governor’s Mansion’ x ‘Wheatley’), lav. pink, op (SE)
15. ‘Great Smoky’, tall lavender w/ dark blotch, op (SE)
16. ‘Hardy Loderi’, fragrant cream, op (SE)
17. ‘Honeydew’, pale pink, fragrant, op (BE)
18. ‘Moonlight Bay’, fragrant cream, op (BE)
19. ((Odee Wright x wardii) x ??), white. op (SE)

Deciduous Azaleas (op)

20. (*arb.* x *cumb.*), CB 10 - pale yellow, yellow blotch, (JL)
21. (*arb.* x *cumb.*), SP 16 - pink, yellow blotch, frag., (JL)
22. (*cumb.* x *arb.*), good pink, op (JL)
23. (*cumb.* x *arb.*), ‘Ms. Lindy’ striped soft pink, op (JL)
24. (*cumb.* x *arb.*), WB 1 - salmon w/ yellow blotch (JL)
25. (*cumb.* x *arb.*), WB 8 - rosy pink, big truss, op (JL)

2019 Seed Order Form - Potomac Valley Chapter ARS

Return to: Don Hyatt (donaldhyatt@verizon.net) by February 10, 2019

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Packet No.	Variety		Packet No.	Variety

_____ **Total Packets x \$0.60 each =** _____
 (Make checks payable to **Potomac Valley Chapter ARS**)

Potomac Valley Chapter ARS - Newsletter
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Potomac Valley Chapter
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The Potomac Valley Chapter ARS is one of three American Rhododendron Society chapters located in District 9 which represents the Middle Atlantic region of the United States. Some of our chapter activities include:

- Regular Meetings with Speakers
- Annual Chapter Banquet
- Garden Tours
- Field Trips to Nurseries or to Wild Stands of Native Azaleas and Rhododendrons
- Local and National Seed Exchanges
- Plants for Members Program
- Flower Show
- Informative Chapter Newsletters
- Annual Photography Contest
- Access to Chapter Library Books

Our regular chapter meetings are usually held four times a year at the Potomac Community Center in Potomac, MD, on Sunday afternoons. However, we do hold occasional meetings at other locations in nearby Maryland, Virginia, or Washington, DC.

We encourage you to check out our chapter website which includes at least 16 years of previous newsletters that contain interesting articles, more color pictures, and examples of past activities:

www.arspvc.org

As a member of our local chapter you will also become a member at the national level of the American Rhododendron Society. This entitles you to a year's subscription of their outstanding quarterly **Journal** filled with information and many color pictures. You will also be invited to attend national conventions or regional conferences.

The cost of ARS membership is \$40 per year and includes membership in a chapter of your choice, such as our Potomac Valley Chapter. If you are already a member of another ARS Chapter, you may join the Potomac Valley Chapter as an Associate Member for only \$10 per year but you will need to identify your home chapter.

For more information about the American Rhododendron Society, check out their website:

www.rhododendron.org

Membership Application
American Rhododendron Society

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip/Country _____

Telephone _____

E-mail: _____

Memberships are on a calendar year basis and include the local chapter membership:

Individual/Family.....	\$40.00
Student (proof of age required).....	10.00
Commercial/Corporate.....	90.00
Sustaining	75.00
Sponsoring.....	150.00
Life, single	1,000.00
Life, family.....	1,500.00
Associate Membership*.....	10.00

**Associate Members must identify home chapter*

I would like my "home" chapter to be the Potomac Valley Chapter

To join our chapter, send this form with payment to:

POTOMAC VALLEY CHAPTER ARS
PVC-ARS Chapter Treasurer
prittman@erols.com

You may also send this form with US Funds payable to the national organization:

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY
P.O. Box 214
Great River, NY 11739

To pay online by credit card, follow the link to "Membership" on the ARS website:

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