THE VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY cordially invites members of ALL AREA CHAPTERS

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RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA CUTTINGS EXCHANGE/PLANT AUCTION

(Auctioneer: Hank Schannen)

at

John and Holly Doppel's 200 Wert Road, Lenhartsville, PA 610/756-4382

Sunday, August 17, 2008, starting at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine

Proceeds benefit the ARS Endowment Fund and the Research Foundation

If possible, RSVP Ellin Hlebik by 8/13, or contact her if you have questions, calling (610/584-9764) or e-mailing (leftwall@yahoo.com)

If extreme weather conditions threaten, call Ellin before 9 am the morning of the event.

Join your rhodie friends in an afternoon of fun and fellowship and enjoy the Doppels' gardens and grounds.

1:30-2 p.m.: Staging of cuttings

3 or 4 large-leaf (elepidote) or 4-6 small-leaf (lepidote) cuttings, preferably taken early in the morning and low on the plants, may be put into a plastic bag with a few drops of water. Named varieties only, please. Please label the bags with a water-proof marker or pencil.

2:00 p.m.: Cuttings exchange/sale

Anyone is eligible to buy cuttings at 25 cents a bag. Propagating from cuttings is an excellent and inexpensive way to increase your collection of azaleas and rhododendrons.

2:30 p.m.: Plant Auction

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Please donate rhodies and azaleas, as well as other garden-worthy plants that you feel others would like. Be prepared for lively bidding!

Some of the donations are one-of-a-kind hybrids or very special plants.

3:00 p.m.: Propagation Demo

For those interested in learning from the experts.

At about 3:30 p.m.: Dessert

Please bring your favorite **fingerfood** dessert. You also may bring a box lunch and eat it any time.

Seating is limited, so please your own chairs.

Beverages will be provided.

See also our website: www.ValleyForgeARS.org **Directions**: From whatever direction you are coming, get on route 78. If you are coming from the east, take Rt. 78 west and Krumsville exit. If you use the Northeast extension, take Allentown exit and Rt. 22 west, which merges into Rt.78. Continue west on 78 to Krumsville exit (also Kutztown exit). At the stop sign, turn right onto Rt. 737 north. After 100 yards, turn left onto Old Rt. 22. Proceed west for 3 miles, take first left (Kohler's Hill Rd.). After 1/4 mile, turn right onto Church Hill Rd., and, at the top of the hill and stop sign, turn left onto Wert Rd. The Doppel property is the 2nd on right (mailbox 200) and has long macadam driveway. From points west: Go to Rt. 78 east and take Lenhartsville exit (#35). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Rt. 143 south. After 1/2 mile, at "T" in the village of Lenhartsville, turn left onto Old Rt.22 and proceed east for about 1/2-3/4 mile. At the "Y" in the road, keep left (i.e., stay on Old Rt. 22). You will come to two low bridges across Maiden Creek. After the 2nd bridge, turn right onto Dreibelbis Station Rd. and, after 1/4 mile, turn left onto Circle Rd. At the top of the hill, turn left into Church Hill Rd. and, after 100 yards, turn right onto Wert Rd. and right again into the 2nd driveway.

Should you need further help, call John or Holly Doppel at 610/756-4382

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