

THE VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

cordially invites members of ALL AREA CHAPTERS
to the

ANNUAL RHODODENDRON AND AZALEA CUTTINGS
EXCHANGE/PLANT AUCTION (Auctioneer: Hank Schannen)

at

Joan and Reid Warren's
34 Briarwood Drive
Elverson, Pennsylvania
610/913-0005
(for directions, see other side)

Sunday, August 16, 2009, 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 (cell phone 610/996-8238)

You also may bring a **box lunch** and eat it any time. And do bring your own outdoor chairs.

1:30-2 p.m.: Bring Cuttings (not mandatory in order to attend)

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

Auctioneer: Hank Schannen

Be prepared for lively bidding! Some of the donations are one-of-a-kind hybrids or very special plants. If you have **rhodies and azaleas**, or other garden-worthy plants, that you feel others would like, please donate them.

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 **finger food** dessert.

Many of the cuttings and plants donated by members are special or hard to find.

New members or members who have never before attended are encouraged to participate in this event, which is not only educational but also great fun.

Beverages will be provided.

See also our website:

www.ValleyForgeARS.org

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INVITATION TO CUTTINGS EXCHANGE/PLANT AUCTION

Directions:

From PA Turnpike: Exit 298 (Morgantown). IMMEDIATELY after paying the toll, take the FIRST ramp on the right (Rte 10 north, Beckersville). At end of ramp, turn right, go 1/2 mile, turn right into Joanna Rd for one mile to the Sunoco station, turn right into Elverson Rd 1/2 mile, go through the stop sign at Twin Valley Road, and then take an oblique left turn onto Hopewell Rd, turn left into Red Hill Rd for 1/2 mile, and turn left into Briarwood Drive to the end of the center of the gully and make U-turn to #46. See sign.

From Valley Forge area: Follow PA 23 W to Elverson, turn right into Rt. 82, turn right into Red Hill Rd, and turn left into Briarwood Drive and make U-turn to #46.

From Reading and north: Take Route 10 south to Joanna Road, turn left and proceed as above. OR take 176 south from 422 to exit before turnpike. At end of ramp, turn left to Joanna Road, etc.