



Web Site: <http://ValleyForgeARS.org>

NEWSLETTER

September/October/November 2011

Calendar of Events

- **September 15** (Thursday), **7:00 p.m.**: **Plants for Members (P4M) Sale,**
7:30 p.m.: **Maggie Knapp: Pruning Basics.**
- **October 20:** (Thursday), **7.30 p.m.:** **Tom Ahern: Local (PA) Hybridizers**
- **November 13** (Sunday): Annual Banquet at St. Davids Golf Club, Wayne, PA,
Speaker: Doug Jolley: Wild (Native) orchids and ericaceous plants
- **December:** **NO** meeting—

Happy Holidays!

Unless specified otherwise, meetings and events will be held at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon

President's Message

First, welcome to our friends Joe and Winnie Minahan from Camp Hill, PA, our newest associate members. Second, we say good bye to Andy Earle, who has moved to Colorado. Third, our special thanks to Wayne and Doris Guymon for opening their beautiful garden and hosting the District 8 Cutting Exchange and Plant Auction. Fourth, thanks to Ellin Hlebig for organizing the event and to Karel Bernady and his “assistant” Jim Gears for conducting a very successful plant auction in the rain. The proceeds benefit the ARS Research Foundation and the ARS Endowment.

This has been a horrible summer for our gardens, with very little rain at first and then record rainfall. Many of you also had severe winds and flooding.

We have a great year planned for you. Before our September 15 meeting, we will have a Plants For Members sale at 7:00 PM, followed by Maggie Knapp’s program on pruning, Tom Ahern on October 20, and Doug Jolley at the Annual Banquet at St. Davids, on Sunday, November 13 (see inside for more details)

I look forward to seeing all of you and encourage you to visit the chapter’s website at <http://valleyforgears.org>

Steve Henning (rhodyman@earthlink.net)

Upcoming Meetings/Events

September 15 (Thursday): Double Feature

7.00 p.m.

Plants for Members Sale

Organized by Bob Smetana

This is a small “Plants for Members” (P4M) sale. Prices will be \$5 each for rhodies (or 3 for \$12) and \$4 each for azaleas (or 3 for \$10). These plants were stuck 2 years ago and have a nice size to them. We'll also have 10 three-gallon plants, stuck 3 years ago, for sale at \$10 each. For more details and photos, go to

<http://rhodyman.net/arsfall2009/PlantCatalog.html>

3- gallon plants: 1 each of ‘Lavender Lady’ (Shamarello), ‘Extra Dividend’ (Rhein), ‘Ida Bradour’ (Gable/Yates), ‘World Peace’, ‘Gable 41-64’, ‘Ned’s #1’ (Schrope), ‘Maxhaem Salmon’, ‘Yuka’ (Gumpo), and 2 ‘Rhodworks’ (Delp).

Pint and quart containers: 4 ‘Charles Therold’, 1 ‘Todd’s T3’, 3 ‘Gloria Stills’, 8 ‘Palestrina’, 7 R. fortunei pink ‘Sir Charles Butler’, 9 ‘Mary Dalton’, 4 ‘Independence Day’, 2 SW58-295 e, 2 ‘Razzle Dazzle’, 1 ‘Heritage #416-71’, 2 ‘Mary Yates’, 1 ‘SW12500-9’, 2 ‘Dorothy Swift’, 1 ‘Goldflimmer’, 3 R. hyperythrum, 2 ‘Rhein’s Picotee’, 2 ‘Rhein’s Blue Ridge’, 2 ‘True Treasure’, 1 ‘Fashion Plate’, 1 ‘Warrior’, 1 ‘Serenade’, and 1 ‘Delilah’

7.30 p.m. *Pruning Basics—Giving your Plants Some Lovin’!*

Maggie Knapp, Head Horticulturist, Jenkins Arboretum

Maggie, a graduate of the Barnes Foundation Horticulture Program and head gardener of Jenkins Arboretum almost since its opening to the public, has accumulated a great deal of practical experience in pruning azaleas and rhododendrons. She will give you the knowledge, confidence, and courage to do what many gardeners do only reluctantly and with some trepidation, namely that what is necessary for good plant health and architecture.

Refreshments: Members whose names start with the letters **A to J** are asked to bring some tasty fingerfood desserts.

October 20 (Thursday), 7:30 p.m.

Local (Pennsylvania) Hybridizers of Rhodies and Azaleas

Tom Ahern, Member, Lehigh Valley Chapter

Tom is a bird carver by profession and a plantsman by avocation. He has hybridized for over 20 years, creating initially hardy yellows and oranges with attractive forms and foliage. After a West Coast trip and liking the unique look of species there, he used these species to hybridize heat-tolerant and cold-hardy plants for eastern gardens. He will show the interesting results of his and other Pennsylvania hybridizers.

Refreshments: Members whose last name starts with the letters **K to O** are asked to bring tasty fingerfood desserts. Beverages will be provided.

**Please reserve Sunday, November 13,
for our Annual Banquet at St. Davids Golf Club**

Speaker: Doug Jolley

“Native Azaleas/ Rhododendrons and their Native Orchid Companions”

(See insert)

Doug Jolley, a retired dentist who owns a nursery in Heaters, WV, is a nationally known propagator who has photographed plants widely in North America and who teaches at West Virginia Wesleyan College. His horticultural interests are native Appalachian azaleas and rhododendrons and native orchids.

In other business:

Rhododendron and Azalea Cuttings Exchange and Auction:

By all accounts, and despite rain, this event was a total success. The property of Doris and Wayne Guymon is breathtakingly beautiful. The bidding was spirited, helped by the cooperative efforts of Karel Bernady and Jim Gears. The proceeds of about \$1100 will be donated in equal parts to the ARS Research Foundation and the ARS Endowment Fund. We thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this annual event, organized again by Ellin Hlebik.

Membership Dues for 2011-2012

Renewal notices will be mailed to members who have **not** prepaid, are **not** life members, or have **not** joined recently and thus become automatically a member for the coming membership year.

Your check, payable to Valley Forge ARS (credit card payment is only for the convenience of international members), should be sent to Treasurer Chris Smetana, 14 Northwoods Rd, Radnor, PA 19087 by **December 1**, to save us reminder notices and you a **late fee** for receiving the Winter issue of the *ARS Journal*. With Christmas approaching, why not include a gift membership to a friend or relative with your renewal forms?

We welcome our newest members, who are Associate members, are primary members of the Susquehanna Chapter: Joseph + Winnie Minahan, 2201 Dickinson Avenue, Camp Hill, PA 17011, 717-761-7807, jmrhodo@aol.com

Jenkins Arboretum Gift Shop

Consider shopping here for gardening friends. In addition to greeting cards, gardening and related books, the shop has some very unique gifts.

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The Valley Forge Chapter of the
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

cordially invites Members and Friends
to the

Annual Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011

1:00 p.m.

ST. DAVIDS GOLF CLUB

845 Radnor Street Road • Wayne, Pennsylvania

610-688-2010 www.stdavidsgc.com

Social Hour and Cash Bar at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner at 2:00 p.m.

Speaker

Doug Jolley, owner of Windbeam Way Nursery in WV

“Native Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Orchids”

Return Reservation Coupon Below • Proper Attire

Valley Forge ARS Banquet Reservation

(Must be received by November 4, 2011)

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE(S) OF ENTRÉE

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|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Herb Crusted Chicken Breast</i> | \$34.00 |
| | <i>Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Natural Jus, Asparagus</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Pan Seared Salmon and Spinach Salad</i> | \$34.00 |
| | <i>Diced Red Beets, Crumbled Goat Cheese, Sherry Vinaigrette</i> | |

Please send check, made payable to: **VALLEY FORGE ARS**

in the amount of \$ _____ to:

Kathy Woehl
143 Old State Road
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312
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Name(s): _____

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