

# American Rhododendron Society

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Cape Cod Chapter Newsletter

Apr. 19, 2009

Sunday Apr. 19 12:00-4:30 PM

## SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON

### SCOTT ARBORETUM LEGACY RHODODENDRONS; WORK OF DR. WISTER

**POWELL HUIE SPEAKER:** ANDREW BUNTING, CURATOR

This year's dinner speaker is Curator of Scott Arboretum at Swathmore College, speaking on the Arboretum and the work of Dr. John Wister. Dr. Wister established the Arboretum's rhodie and azalea collection, as well as having a holly connection, and helping start the American Iris Society. The family goes well back to the founding of the country in the Philadelphia area; a forebear John Wister is the source of the name Wisteria! <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JARS/v28n2/v28n2-west.htm>.

*We'll dine this year in the Court House at the Jail House Tavern at 28 West Rd., Orleans, MA (Tel. 508-255-5245).*

**Sunday April 19, 2008 from 12:00 – 4:30 PM.**

*An Antipasto Platter will be available along with a cash bar during the social hour from 12:00 - 12:45 PM.*

*Enjoy the company of friends surrounded by beautiful rhododendrons!*

If you have a truss to show off – bring it on. The business meeting and speaker will start at **12:45**. Lunch will begin between **2:00- 2:30 PM**

**Directions:** The Court House @ 28 West Road Orleans, MA, Tel. (508) 888-3622.

**Reviews and Directions:** <http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-10263522r>

#### **Dinner Choices:**

- Baked Chatham Cod with Crumb Topping
- Sliced Sirloin with Vegetable Stuffing and Peppercorn Cream Sauce
- Chicken Cordon Blue

*All dinners are offered with Caesar Salad and the chef's choice of vegetable or starch plus assorted rolls, coffee and tea.*

Dessert will be Strawberry Shortcake

**Special Diets Arrangements** should be requested in advance.

**Reservation/Choice Selection Deadline: March 28,**

*Spring Dinner Reservation Deadline: March 28!!!*

**P4M Work Days:** 10 AM Saturdays Mar. 28; Apr. 25; at Planeview Nursery, 770 Wapping Rd., Portsmouth, RI.

**Reminder: For the Dinner, Apr. 19,** Old but good advise: Try to find some guest to bring ten years younger than you!

**Plant Sales:** Please call/email Larry ASAP if you can help on the plant sales (calls, storing plants etc.). (The actual sales are in May. Dates: May 9, Orleans; May 16, Sandwich.) Plus dig up extra plants to sell from your garden!

**2008,** with check payable to ARS Cape Cod, for \$25.per person. If there is a problem call Judith and she might squeeze you in! **[Coupon, on back]**

#### **Mail to:**

Judith Shay, 29 Forest Way, Orleans, MA 02653  
(508-255-6045)

### **LAST MONTH'S MEETING**

John and Donna Delano put together a massive collection of slides, showing all aspects of four gardens, to usher in the Spring Rhodie Season. The important stuff: Dick White's cicada, rooster, frog, guinea hen, and peacock infestations; John and Donna's turkey, fox, and deer vermin; Barbara Gingras' sheep and Gene's dog; the Wrightingtons only seem to have a squirrel, but they showed a lilac garden.

And then the rhodie favorite's: Many Dexters, Consolinis, Cowles, Bald Hills, starting with Dick's Scintillation. Dick's many Leonard inheritances, some still looking for names. Dick and John both show Mrs. T.H. Lowinsky and Consolini's Windmill. And Bell Ringer. The Gingras had other bicolors and Mehlquists, and Gene's Sensation, Pinwheel, and Deep Throat. John and Donna showed Sapho, which even if it doesn't quite measure up to their Calsap, sucked at least two members into the sport. And, of course, Mrs. Furnivall. Finally, Barbara Wrightington (in slide-spirit) welcomed us back!

### **MARCH BOARD MEETING**

Present were: Doug Cassell, Betty Phillips, Peter Norris, Larry Pannell, Connie LeClair, Judith Shay, Wynn Palmisano, Dan Pessoni.

Activities completed by Doug Cassell:

Job descriptions for officers they have been sent to officers for review.

Committee chairperson descriptions under final draft.

Process documents for chapter activities under final draft.

Open slots on board: President, Publicity and up to 3 Board Members. Names were suggested - Doug will contact them.

Web site: Doug compiled the number of hits from 4/08 -- 2/09. Range from 480 to 8.

Question: can we put some of the pictures from today's presentation on site? Yes, Doug will arrange this and will have them on a rotating file.

Membership: Judith Shay

New Chapter Brochure has been printed and is in libraries.

Will continue to look for places to place them. Doug may be able to have them sent to all CLAM libraries.

Have one new member as a result of brochure.

Doug will put brochure on the web site.

MembersBooklet: Ed Bristol

Is he doing a mock up of the '09 booklet? [Yes, After Apr. 15.]

Plant Sale: Larry Pannell.

Dates are: 5/9/09 Orleans, and 5/16/09 Sandwich.

He has passed out sign up sheets.

Requests board members to bring plants from their gardens and have photo's of those not in bloom.

Need to make more money from sale.

Suggestion: buy P4 for M plants and have members "baby sit" them for 3 yr.

After much discussion, motion made and carried to: Have Doug e-mail members to see if there is an interest to "baby sit" 1 flat (15 plants) for 3 years and return 10 plants for plant sale. If more than 10 plants are lost, return those that live.

Peter volunteered to oversee this project.

He can get plants at P4M sale 5/9/08.

Doug will contact him with interested member names.

He will bring plants to Sandwich sale and Dan will deliver to Orleans.

### SPRING DINNER

#### AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY CAPE COD

Please list the members of your dinner party and their dinner choices. Guest and friends are most welcome (\$25.00 for members and each guest).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Chatham Cod

Grilled Sirloin

Chicken Cordon Bleu

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Total dollar amount enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$25.00 X # of people)

Please make checks payable to ARS Cape Cod and remit with this sheet to Judith Shay, 29 Forest Way, Orleans, MA 02653 (508-255-6045)

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If you desire to change to either print or email version notify the editor by email.

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