



# THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI &amp; NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

May is finally here! During the stormy, overcast and freezing days of winter, May is the month gardeners long for - warm days, blue skies, and gardens waking up after the April showers. We eagerly anticipate working in the garden, attending favorite events, resuming travel and other warm weather activities. There also is a sense of urgency to get everything done before summer. May is a time for a new beginning, to nurture our gardens and ourselves. Be sure to slow down, enjoy every moment and savor the beauty and scents of the emerging spring garden.

The ESGC May 19 meeting will feature our traditional "Bottles & Blooms" flower show. Members are encouraged to bring samples of blooms and greenery from their own gardens, placed in a vessel of their choosing. The name of the plant will be placed on the bottle, however if you don't know the name, please enter it as a "mystery" and we will see who knows the name of it. It will be fun to see favorites from our gardens, and perhaps share a memory about the plant. Here is a photo from 2019 when it was known as the "Beer & Blooms" flower show.

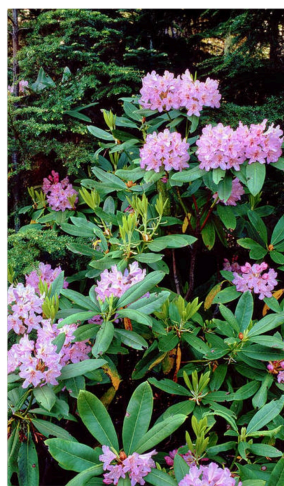


Photo credit Karen Burgess



## HORTICULTURE NOTES: GEORGINA PACE PACIFIC RHODODENDRON

The Pacific Rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*) is also known as the Coast Rhododendron, California Rhododendron and California Rosebay. *Rhododendron macrophyllum* literally means **rose tree with big leaves**. It is the state flower of Washington.



The Pacific Rhododendron is found west of the Cascades from southern British Columbia to northern California. It reaches to about 24 feet -- taller in the shade than in the sun. This shrub is useful for erosion control on steep watersheds and will provide all year cover for wildlife. Deer and mountain beavers are among the few that browse on Pacific Rhododendron.

Rhododendrons have long been a favorite of landscapers in the Pacific Northwest. Although many may prefer the variety of flower colors and forms in cultivated varieties, the native Pacific Rhododendron with its bold green

leaves and spectacular pink flower clusters can find a place in both natural and traditional landscapes. Even gardeners that steer away from rhododendrons due to the fact they are so common in northwest gardens may be convinced to include this native species in a more natural or woodland landscape.

Resource: Excerpts from Article by Dana Kelley Bressette, M.S. (Use of article and photo is permitted for educational purposes only.)

### INSPIRATION

There is no single way to approach a garden and create something that's all yours -- one that makes you happy every time you're in it ... just dig in! GP-

### 2023 PLANT SALE: SHELLY LUSK

This year's plant sale will be on Saturday, June 17th, and for ESGC gardeners, that means in no-time! When cleaning out your garages and sheds in this nicer weather, keep in mind what you might be willing to donate. Along with a new plant, people tend to really like gardening tools and yard art, and they seem to buy up all the fencing and construction supplies, as well. Hopefully, you have already divided your bulbs, and are thinking about plant starts from seeds or cuttings. For any non-members who happen to get this newsletter and have things to donate, contact Shelly at [shelly.lusk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shelly.lusk@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

### NEWS FROM THE ZOO: GRETCHEN ZIEGLER



Photo credit  
Shelly Lusk

The intrepid ESGC Zoo Crew has been hard at it, planting the new bear habitat inside and out, through rain, rain, wind, mud and rain! Several hundred native plants, from small grass plugs to gallon pot huckleberries have been installed

during the late winter and early spring, with more to do still. Give it a year's time and it should look pretty lush, if bears don't get in there and wreck it all (they will no doubt, to some extent). A special shout out to Jeanette and occasional Zoo Crew guest Ed who have double-handedly planted swaths of ferns and such, coming in extra to get the job done!



### HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Susan Kornfeld-17, Helen Stone - 26  
Marcy Foster-31, Georgina Pace-31

### THE CALENDAR FOR MAY

5-05 Full Moon  
5-05/07 Wildflower Show  
5-19 ESGC meeting, Bottles and Blooms  
5-20 Sequoia Park Ivy [Removal] League (SPIL)  
5-21 Southern Humboldt Flower Show

### WELCOME

The Spring weather has brought us three new club members. Be sure to say 'hello' to Fran Dody, Janice Albee, and Joy Ehlert at our next meeting

### NATIONAL, REGION, STATE, & DISTRICT OFFICERS

*National Garden Club, Inc. President, Mary Warshauer;  
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Humboldt District Director, Maria Krenek*

### 2021-2023 ESGC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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