



Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Fall Announcement: September 2022

Potomac Valley Chapter Calendar – 2022

- September 27 - 29: ARS Fall Meeting, Gettysburg, PA
- October 2: PVC Picnic, Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg, MD
- November 5: PVC Fall Banquet,
- January 2023 (date TBA): Ralf Bauer Zoom Lecture on *R. minus*
- April 19 - 23, 2023: Joint ARS/ASA Convention, Atlanta, GA

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Potomac Valley Chapter Picnic and Plant Exchange

Where: Seneca Creek State Park
11950 Clopper Rd
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

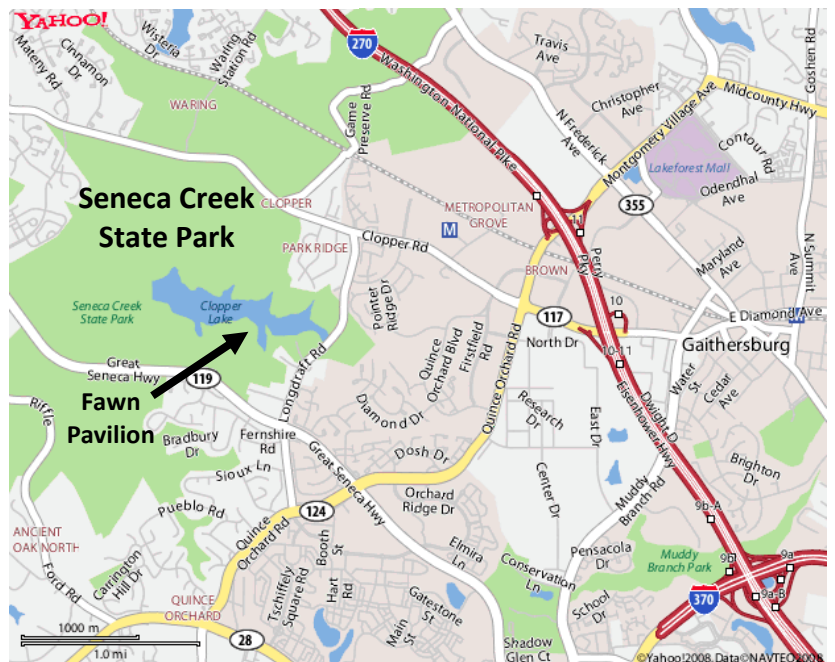
We will be holding our annual picnic at Seneca Creek State Park. The date is Sunday, October 2, from 1 to 5 PM.

We will be in the Fawn Pavilion again which is the large covered picnic facility we have used for many years. It is located on the south side of Clopper Lake. The park does charge a nominal entry fee per person that they collect at the gate.

The chapter will provide fried chicken as the main entrée as well as paper products. Carol wanted someone to bring ice and drinks but no alcoholic beverages as they are not allowed. The rest of us are asked to bring a side suitable for a picnic such as a salad, some veggies, a casserole, fruit, chips, or a dessert.

We will be having a plant exchange so if you would like to participate, bring a spare plant or two from your garden to share with others. It does not have to be a rhododendron or an azalea since many of us are anxious to add companion plants to the garden. Please join us for a fun afternoon.

Later this month we will be sending out details about our fall banquet on Sunday, November 5. Also look for your dues renewal notices that Phyllis Rittman will be sending you by snail mail. Payment must be received by December 1 to stay current.



DIRECTIONS:

1. Take I-495 to I-270N toward Frederick
2. Merge onto I-270 Local N
3. Take the Exit #10 West, toward MD Rt. 124
4. Turn RIGHT onto MD 117 (Clopper Rd)
5. Turn LEFT into the Park: 11950 Clopper Rd

RSVP!

We will need a “head count” in order to know how much chicken to order. Please let Carol Segree know by Sunday, September 25, if you plan to attend the picnic. Thanks!

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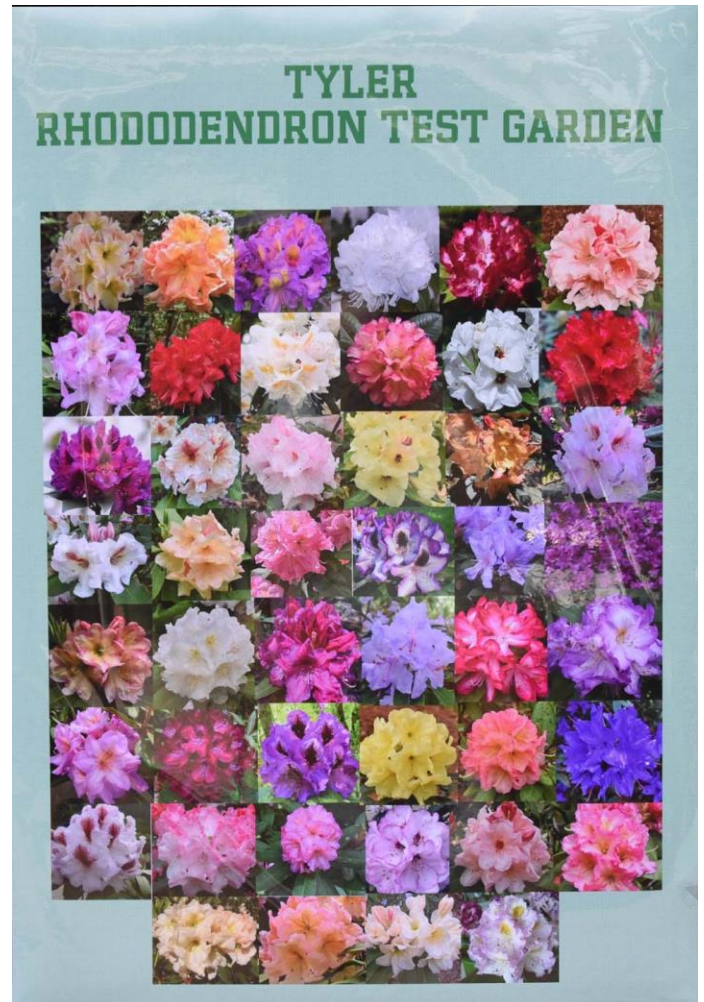
Tyler Test Garden Selections

The first round of selections for the proposed Rhododendron Hybridizer's Test Garden at the Tyler Arboretum have been made. Although they originally planned to showcase the creations of local hybridizers from Pennsylvania, they did extend eligibility to plants developed in areas within 200 miles of Philadelphia. The poster made by Tom Ahern pictured to the right shows images of those first-round selections. The committee is now taking cuttings to propagate those plants and will grow them for a couple of years before planting them out at Tyler. The poster and full list of hybrids will be on display at the ARS Fall Meeting in Gettysburg in the near future.

We did have several favorites from our District 9 make the cut. Those included 'John C. White' and 'Gilbert Myers' which were Rhododendrons of the Year in our region. Two new hybrids were selected, too. One is a cross by Sandra McDonald of ('Kluis Sensation' x 'Caroline') that is growing in the Beaudry garden. It will be registered as 'Kenny Mac' in honor of Sandra's late husband, Ken. The other is lovely pink that Bob and Rosa McWhorter raised from seed they got from our chapter seed exchange. It was a cross your editor made of ('Scintillation' x 'Apritan'). We have all admired it and they expect to register the hybrid next spring.

The committee expects to select more plants in the future so be sure you submit nominations with good photographs when they call for the next round. For more details about the test garden and where to donate to support the project, check out the following link:

<http://www.arspvc.org/RA-News/V17.1/TestGarden-02.pdf>



Poster: T. Ahern



'Kenny Mac' Photo: D. Hyatt



'Gilbert Myers' Photo: D. Hyatt



(Scintillation x Apritan) Photo: R. McWhorter



'John C. White' Photos: D. Hyatt

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