



Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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2023 Fall Banquet

“Remembering Pamela Harper”

by Jim Dronenburg and Dan Weil

Where: Potomac United Methodist Church

9908 S Glen Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$45.00 Registration Deadline: October 19, 2023



Menu: Our buffet dinner will feature Caesar Salad, Vegetable Lasagna, Baked Ham, Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Cake, Cookies, and Lemonade or Iced Tea.

Specifics: The price per person is \$45. Please make checks payable to **Potomac Valley Chapter ARS**. We cannot accommodate credit card or PayPal but you can include your annual membership dues at the same time. Please send your reservations and payment to **Ginny Mohr by October 19**, since we have to give the caterer a final count. If worried about mail delivery, you can check with her by phone or email.

Send to: Ginny Mohr

Email: ginnymohr63@gmail.com

Directions: We will be in the Parish House of the Potomac United Methodist Church which is on the corner of Falls Road and S. Glen Road. Address: **9908 S Glen Rd. Potomac, MD 20854**

About Our Program - “Remembering Pamela Harper”

Pam Harper, one of our region’s most renowned horticulturists for over 50 years, passed away at the age of 93 on July 14, 2023. She authored five gardening books and numerous articles. Many of us visited her lovely 2-acre garden in Seabrook, VA, and enjoyed her lectures. Your PVC editor wrote a brief tribute to her in your August newsletter: www.arspvc.org/articles/newsletter.2023-07-web.pdf

We asked Jim Dronenburg, another local horticulture expert who knew Pam well, if he could expand on the tribute he and Dan Weil posted on the web. They said yes! Jim shares a little about their history:

Jim Dronenburg has been a plant nut since his teens. He became a “pro” when they said at Behnke Nurseries, “you’re spending so much time here, you might as well get paid for it.” For twenty years or so he was one of their Weekend Warriors, switch hitting in perennials and woody plants as needed. When the River Road Behnke’s closed, he switched to the Gainesville location of Merrifield on the same basis, until continuing foot problems made him stop. He gardens 1.2 acres in Knoxville, MD, where he and his husband Dan Weil have lived since 1991. Jim retired in 2018 and is an Irish harpist in his retirement. See www.jamesdronenburg.com

Dan Weil is an artist and a photographer in his retirement from architecture, and takes photo essays of the gardens Jim drags him to. Since COVID, Dan has taken weekly-to-bimonthly galleries of their own garden for their housebound friends. As restrictions lifted, he kept it up. See www.danielweil.com



PVC Fall 2023 Banquet Registration Form
"Remembering Pamela Harper"
Saturday October 28, 2023

Registration Deadline
Thursday, October 19, 2023
 Mail to: Ginny Mohr

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please print the name of each attendee below

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

No. of attendees _____ x \$45.00 each = _____ Total Make checks to: **Potomac Valley Chapter ARS**

Dues Are Due!

Your 2024 renewal notice with a return envelope to Phyllis Rittman should be arriving soon. To save a stamp, you can pay your dues with your banquet reservation but send both to Ginny Mohr. Please make checks payable to Potomac Valley Chapter ARS.

As long as your membership has not elapsed, it is also possible to renew online using a credit card or Paypal but you will need your membership number. That is located on the address label of your Journal. Here is a link to the ARS Office where you can access that page. If you haven't set up an account with the ARS, we do encourage you to do so. That will allow you to read the online digital copies of the Journal from 2011 to the present. Here is the ARS Office website:

<https://www.arsoffice.org>

New members or those whose memberships have already elapsed can access an online membership form at the main ARS website:

<https://www.rhododendron.org>

Category	Cost
Regular - (one or two people in the same household)	\$40
Commercial / Corporate	\$90
Sustaining	\$75
Sponsoring	\$150
Student – (under age 25) Access to online Journal only	\$10
Life Member – (one or two people in the same household)	\$1000
Associate – must belong to some other ARS Chapter (please identify)	\$10

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