

Cascade Heather Society

News



Pictured left: Public planting at River Lodge, Fortuna, California C.v. 'Fortyniner Gold', 'Schurig's Sensation', 'Blazeaway' clockwise from upper left.

Fall Meeting, November 9th Rhododendron Species Garden, Federal Way, WA

Our fall meeting will take place at the Rhododendron Species Garden in Federal Way, Washington.

We need to check out the heather planting there and prune it. Also, we need to determine if we need plant replacements or renovation. We will have the library for the meeting. All attending will receive a plant or two courtesy of Heaths & Heath-ers. Bring some pruning shears and gloves if you want to help for a bit. You are quite welcome to come even if you don't want to prune. Supervisors are needed too! Pruning start at 10:00. Meeting starts at noon. Bring a lunch.

Calluna vulgaris 'Tino' with River Lodge in the background.



River Lodge Planting in Fortuna

I went on a picture taking excursion in Northern California once again this past summer. I just cannot stay away from the beautiful heather gardens.

There is a large public planting (pictured above) that is located at a meeting facility in Fortuna. It is called River Lodge. The H.E.R.E. Chapter has done a terrific job of supplying the plants, planting and maintaining them. It is truly something to be proud of.

As you can see above, the red and orange foliage of the heather 'Blazeaway' has much of its winter colors in August in Northern California. To the right is *Calluna vulgaris* 'Tino' which is a very floriferous plant. It has gold green foliage. 'Tino' has been a vigorous grower for us here.

Calluna vulgaris 'Alicia' - white bud bloomer great for fall color. Dark bud bloomer is 'Alexandra'.



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Patented Heather Plants

Are you aware that some bud bloomers are patented in the United States but not in Canada? What does it mean to own a patented plant? The producer and/or seller of the plant that resides in the U.S. must pay a royalty on that plant when it is sold. Most wholesalers pay it and some retailers depending on circumstances. A plant grown in Canada but sold in the U.S. must have the royalty paid by the seller in the U.S.

You are not allowed to propagate or import that plant to sell without a license. So, no cuttings to grow on and give to your friends or to sell. Any sport found on the plant is property of the breeder, Kurt Kramer of Germany.

Which plants are patented? Here is the

list (all *Calluna vulgaris*): 'Alicia' PP10592, 'Sandy' PPAF, 'Larissa' PPAF, 'Amethyst' PP10591, 'Anette' PP10781, 'Melanie' PP9789. Also, I am licensed to sell 'Alexandra' east of the Mississippi River only. Nurseryman's Exchange holds the exclusive patent rights west of the Mississippi. Information on licensing: Linda Jeddelloh, 503-667-9163.

Honoring our Founders of NAHS
Pictured L to R: NAHS President Ella May Wulff, David Wilson, Roy Forster, Alice Knight and Ellen Norris



CHS Members Honored

Three of our Cascade members were honored as founding members of the North American Heather Society on July 27th at the annual meeting. Alice Knight of Elma, Washington and Ken & Norah Wilson of Chilliwack, B.C. Ken's son, David, accepted on their behalf. Also receiving an award was Roy Forster. The presenter was long time member Ellen Norris.

These same members are also founding members of our society. Alice was singled out as the "glue that held everything together."

Guess what? Nothing has changed! Alice is the glue that holds and runs this Cascade Chapter today. She sends out all your newsletters, keeps the books, and reminds me of what I should be doing or it would NOT get done!

In addition to all of that, she never complains.

Thank you, Alice!

Below is a picture of *Calluna vulgaris* 'Dark Beauty'. This one kept coming to me in the mail in envelopes this fall with notes asking what it is. Apparently, these customers would see it in a neighbor's yard and snatch a piece to have identified. It certainly caught people's attention at our fall sale as they bought all 185 of them that we brought. This has one of the darkest flowers of the *Calluna vulgaris*. The double flowers are showy.



Some of the newer bud bloomers such as 'Alexandra' and 'Larissa' are quite dark red as well. 'Arabella' has a similar color but the double flowers create such a show that 'Dark Beauty' is the clear winner.

'Dark Star' is a bit less red and more reddish purple but is also compact in habit and very showy. Both were a sport of 'Darkness'. 'Dark Beauty' will sometimes have a branch that reverts to 'Darkness' and that needs to be cut off. 'Dark Beauty' was found as a sport after x-ray treatment was given to 'Darkness' by a Dutch grower.

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Next meeting will be in spring 2003, at the Connie Hansen garden Lincoln Clty, Oregon. The date is to be determined.

Membership DUES ARE DUE at the end of the year. Special rate of \$10 for 3 years now available. Regular rate is \$5 per year. Take advantage of this special while it lasts!

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Erica x williamsii 'Ken Wilson' taken in Katie Griffith's garden Eureka, CA. This was hybridized by David Wilson and named in honor of his father. This is a cross between *Erica tetralix* 'Hookstone Pink' and *Erica vagans* 'Mrs. D.F. Maxwell'. This one blooms well in September and into October.



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