

# The Rootball News

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER – THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



## Plant Sale and Truss Show at Morton Arboretum



The Midwest Chapter's annual Plant Sale and Truss Show will be held at The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. Hours will be from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

The major construction at The Chicago Botanic Garden, where we normally hold our event, forced us to find a new location this year.

The Arboretum has been most cooperative and has graciously offered us use of their facilities for the weekend. We held our recent winter meeting there and everyone we dealt with was extremely helpful.

Since we are uncertain of how many visitors to expect, we scaled back somewhat on the number of plants we ordered for the sale. This year we have ordered 150 rhododendrons and John Migas plans to bring approximately 15 evergreen azaleas as well. A list of the varieties on order is included below.

In addition to the plant sale and truss show, we plan to conduct planting demonstrations on Saturday - at least one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We also plan to conduct tours of the rhododendron garden we planted in 2001, which incidentally, is doing very well. This garden tour will provide visitors with an opportunity to see how rhododendrons can enhance the landscape and hopefully create additional interest for our sale.

So all of this will take volunteers. We have already received commitments

for a core group but can always use more help, particularly if the planting demonstration and garden tours are in demand. If you are available to help out, please notify Tony Greco at [aggreco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aggreco@sbcglobal.net). We are in particular need for volunteers on Sunday to help close down the show.

On Friday, John Migas, Tad Daukesz, Dave Hinde and Jack Strom have volunteered to set up the plant sale and truss show tables. On Saturday, Tony Greco, Roger Dunlap, Tad Daukesz, Gerry Firak and Jack Strom will oversee the plant sale and truss show. On Sunday, Roger Dunlap (possibly), John Honkisz and Nancy Smith will be on hand. We're hoping all of the plants will be sold but if not, we plan to contribute what's left over to the arboretum.

Since we will have fewer plants than we usually offer, we urge people to come early on Saturday to not be disappointed.

If you haven't been to The Morton Arboretum for some time, you will really enjoy some of the new gardens that have recently been constructed...and don't forget to check out the rhododendron garden our chapter planted. It is just a short walk from the plant sale.



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## Plant Sale Varieties

The following varieties have been ordered for our sale and are always subject to availability. Photos of many of the varieties are posted on our website.

### Rhododendrons

Balta	Connecticut Yankee	Pearce's American Beauty
Besse Howells	English Roseum	Pink Pixie
Big Deal	Fasia	Scarlet Romance
Boule de Neige	Haaga	Wojnar's Purple
Calsap	Janet Blair	Yaku Pana
Capistrano	Marjie Kay Hinerman	Yaku Today and Tomorrow

### Evergreen Azaleas

Boudoir
Delaware Valley White
Herbert
Karens
Mildred Mae