

The Rootball News

NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST CHAPTER – THE AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY



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Chapter Plant Sale on Mothers Day Weekend



**Do you need to rid your garden of some rhodie toxic assets after our last brutal winter?
Is your garden in need of a stimulus plan to add some new rhodies to your collection?
If so, plan on attending our annual plant sale and truss show and pick up some new rhododendrons to renew your garden.**

The Midwest Chapter's annual plant sale and truss show will take place on Mothers Day weekend, May 9 and 10 at The Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) in Glencoe, Illinois. Hours are between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM each day.

Mother's Day weekend is one of the busiest at The CBG so we're anticipating a large turnout from what we experienced last year. We once again will accept credit cards which we feel greatly helped our sales last year.

We encourage all members to participate in the truss show as it helps acquaint visitors with the diversity of rhododendrons and azaleas we grow in our Midwest gardens. If you plan to participate, arrive prior to 10:00 AM to allow enough time to place your trusses in the provided vases and prepare name cards for each.

John Honkisz, our plant sale coordinator, has once again selected a nice variety of rhododendron cultivars from Rosebay Nursery in Michigan. Refer to the list of varieties that were ordered, but as always, there may be substitutions due to availability. Also, some of the varieties

are in limited quantities so arrive at the sale early for best selection.

John Migas will once again provide a variety of evergreen azaleas for our sale from his nursery in Saugatuck, Michigan. John once again volunteered to deliver the plants from Rosebay to The CBG on Friday, May 8.

If by chance you need a large order of plants, contact John Honkisz at 708-499-0542, jhonkisz@yahoo.com to see if he can preorder them for you and have them held at the sale. All preorders must be purchased by whoever places the order and the price will be determined at the sale based on size and variety. Last year's prices were in the \$35-\$45 range.

We always need volunteers to set up the plant sale on Friday and close the show out on Sunday. If you can help out, contact John Honkisz.

The plant sale is our only event to raise revenue for our chapter's programs so we ask for all of our members support. Bring some friends and take home a new rhododendron. What a perfect Mother's Day gift!



2009 PLANT SALE VARIETIES

Biloxi Blues
Bixby
Calsap
Capistrano
Dorothy Swift
English Roseum
Roseum Elegans
Faisa
Haaga
Karen Seleger
Olga Mezitt
Pana
Pearce's American Beauty
Spring Dawn
Today & Tomorrow
Weston's Pink Diamond
Yaku Princess
Yaku Prince
Janet Blair
Assorted Evergreen Azaleas