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President's message

What a crazy year for weather—from one of the coldest springs on record to over 80 degrees in mid-September! While non-gardeners were bemoaning the drab, rainy days in late August, I was cheering for the plants and the water bill. I think that August rain has resulted in some really good bud set on the rhododendrons for next spring.

In October, instead of the usual speaker and program on the first Wednesday of the month, we are having our annual plant sale on **Saturday, October 4, from 10AM to 2PM** at the Center for Urban Horticulture near the greenhouse area. This year we're not going to have an auction, but instead price the plants for sale so people can come and go during the hours of the sale. This is our major fund-raiser of the year and a much-needed supplement to our income. We're hoping to draw more of the general public to this sale. If you have plants that you would like to donate, please pot them up and bring them at the beginning of the sale. Companion plants are always welcome, as well as extra plants you may have propagated. I plan to dig up some of my favorite ground cover, *Adiantum venustum*, the Himalayan maidenhair fern. It slowly spreads to create a beautiful low mound which is perfect for edging in shade to part sun. I'm sure you all have favorites that you could dig and share. Fall is the best time to plant, with the mild weather and frequent rains allowing the plants to become established before pushing growth in the spring. We hope that you will all come and support this event, as well as help out with customers, answer questions, etc.

It was suggested that we could use an Activities Director to help plan and organize more outings and events for our members. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please contact me at 425-483-8272 or email (rexjeanine5@comcast.net).

In November, we're planning to have a "How To" event with experts available to demonstrate pruning, propagation, hybridizing, etc. This will be your chance to learn some new skills and get your questions answered about rhododendron problems that may have you in a quandary.

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them in ASAP!

See you at the sale on October 4TH!

—Jeanine Smith

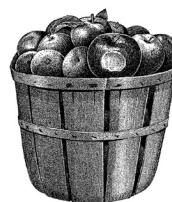
October treats

We are calling upon two charming women to respond to our demand for "Tricks or Treats" in October, Karen Swenson and Irene Neiswanger, who are sure to satisfy our sweet teeth.

Stan H.

The editor would like to remind everyone that the volunteers will be hungry and thirsty, so if anyone would like to supplement the treats from Karen and Irene, lavish compliments and thanks will be given, I'm sure.

One other thing. This doesn't really come under the heading of "Treats," but if you eat too many treats, we have a way to compensate. We will definitely need some brawn to move the plants from vehicles to the sales area, help setting up tables, and so on. Maybe you could call this your Saturday morning workout—get some exercise and help the cause.



October Meeting

**Plant sale in place of meeting on
October 4, 2008, 10AM to 2PM
at the CUH in front of the green-
houses, near the demonstration
gardens.**

The Seattle Rhododendron Society

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Coming Up

October 4, 2008, 10AM to 2PM
Plant sale at the Center for
Urban Horticulture (see President's
Message)

Meerkerk Work Party
second Saturday of every month