

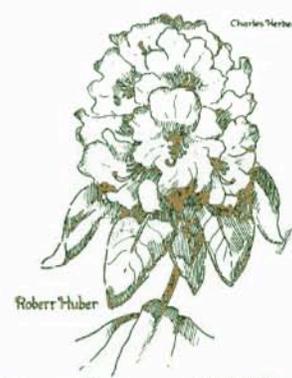


1967 to 2007  
**Valley Forge Chapter ARS**  
**Through The Years**



Pink Pearl

Betty Layman



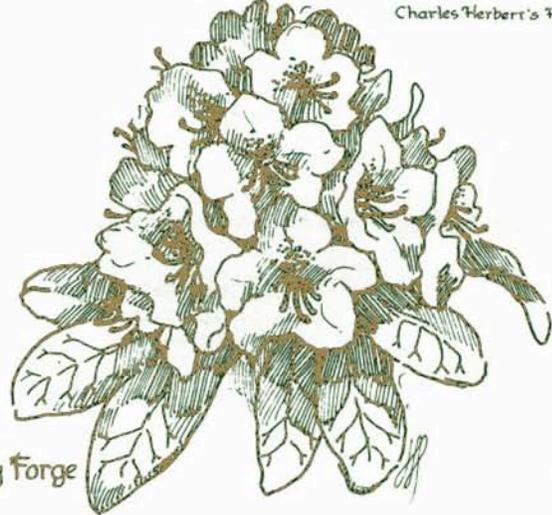
Robert Huber

Charles Herbert's Hybrid



Pikeland

Charles Herbert's Hybrid



Charles Herbert's Hybrid



Carol High

Charles Herbert's Hybrid



Marie Tetzjens

Valley Forge



Ethel Mae

Charles Herbert's Hybrid



Ruth Davis



King's Luminous Pink



Helene Huber

*Celebrating 40 Years of Good Gardening & Good Friends*

# Valley Forge Chapter Through The Years

## Celebrating 40 Years of Good Gardening & Good Friends



Valley Forge

Charles Herbert's Hybrid

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### Valley Forge Chapter Presidents

1967-1969	Charles Herbert
1969-1971	Lewis Bagoly
1971-1973	Robert R. Huber
1973-1974	Frank C. Kunze
1974-1976	Carol J. High VMD
1976-1978	John H. Topp
1978-1980	Clarence Ziegler
1980-1984	Dr. Fred S. Winter
1984-1986	Francis H. Raughley, Jr.
1986-1988	Fred S. Winter MD
1988-1990	Jim Gears
1990-1994	Eva Jackson
1994-1996	Winfield Howe
1996-2000	Robert Stamper
2000-2002	Jim Gears
2002-2005	Joan Warren
2005-present	Bob Smetana



### Valley Forge Bronze Medal Recipients

The Bronze Medal was authorized by the American Rhododendron Society in 1967, the same year the Valley Forge Chapter was welcomed into the American Rhododendron Society. The Bronze Medal Award was created to recognize Society members who make outstanding contributions to a Chapter, which may include accomplishments of the recipient outside the Chapter consistent with the goals of the Society. It is the highest award an American Rhododendron Society Chapter can bestow on one of its members. The award consists of an engraved medal and a certificate citing the recipient's accomplishments. A committee of Bronze

Medal recipients is responsible for nominating award recipients. Congratulations to the following members of the Valley Forge chapter who received the American Rhododendron Society Bronze Medal:

1972	Charles Herbert (from Philadelphia Chapter)	1994	Eva & Noel Jackson
1978	Ethel Herbert	1995	Barbara Ludwig
1979	Dr. Carol High	1995	Harold Sweetman, Ph. D.
1980	Clarence & Evelyn Rahn	1997	Frank Brouse
1981	Al & Edna Curley	1997	Nancy Greenwood
1982	Ross Davis, Jr.	1997	Ann & Winfield Howe
1983	Lloyd E. Partain (from Philadelphia Chapter)	1997	Ruth & William Miller
1984	Fred S. Winter MD, & Barbara	2000	Bonie Marcus Bennett
1986	Francis H. Raughley, Jr.	2000	Margaret Fawcett
1987	Robert & Helene Huber	2000	William D. Perry
1987	S. Reid Warren III & Joan	2000	W. Robert Stamper
1991	James D. Gears	2001	Sylvia Green
1991	Howard R. Kline	2006	William Dennis
1992	John & Bette Gross	2006	Tony & Penny D'Alessandro
1992	Donald H. Manion	2006	Mary Alice Snyder
1992	Pauline Raughley	2007	Mimi Favre
1992	William & Ellen Steele	2007	Darlene & Steve Henning

**ARS & Valley Forge Chapter Milestones**  
**As Recorded In The ARS Quarterly Bulletin and elsewhere**  
*Some of the happier moments ...*

2007 **Valley Forge Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**, which was held at the St. David's Golf Club, featured **Hank Schannen** as speaker. Hank reminisced and then proceeded to describe 20 improvements in rhododendron culture he would like to see in the next 20 years:

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. yellows             | 11. heat/sun tolerance     |
| 2. fragrance           | 12. Yakushmanum hybrids    |
| 3. reds                | 13. truss size             |
| 4. root-rot resistance | 14. tetraploids            |
| 5. double flowers      | 15. Dexter hybrids         |
| 6. extreme hardiness   | 16. red lepidotes          |
| 7. new growth          | 17. Keiskei var cordifolia |
| 8. re-blooming         | 18. PJM's                  |
| 9. foliage             | 19. unusual flowers        |
| 10. blotches           | 20. other good things      |

2007 **Dennis MacMullan**, wrote an article on rhododendron hybrids that was published in the Summer, 2007, edition of the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society. The author of several articles that have appeared in the ARS Journal, Dennis focused this time on his own hybridizing efforts, which started in the late 1960's. One of Dennis's hybrids is named for his friend and fellow Valley Forge Chapter member and hybridizer, Howard Kline.

2007 **33 new members joined** at the plant sale which was chaired by Bill Dennis. Under Bill's leadership, the plant sale offered 10% discounts on plant purchases to new members. This paid off big at a time when the ARS is nationally suffering a decline in membership.

2004 **ARS Convention** is held at the Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia. Garden tours included: Tom and Barbara Ahern in Bethlehem, Frank Brouse in Norristown, Diane Burko and Richard Ryan in Point Pleasant, Chanticleer in Wayne, Cresson Family in Swarthmore, John and Holly Doppel in Lenhartsville, Jim and Kay Gears in West Chester, Win and Anne Howe in Downingtown, Robert and Helene Huber in Salford, Eva and Noel Jackson in Radnor, Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, Brian and Cathy Keim in Rydal, Howard Kline in



Bernville, Longwood Gardens, the Moyer Garden in Bethlehem, Mount Cuba Center in Wilmington, Rarefind Nursery & Garden in New Jersey, Pauline and Francis Raughley in Delaware, Ralph and Elizabeth (Liz) Schumacher in Gulph Mills, Robert and Barbara Tiffany in Point Pleasant, Tyler Arboretum in Media, Fred and Barbara Winter in Pottstown, Winterthur in Delaware, and Bill Zurich in New Jersey. Speakers included: Dick Murcott, Henry (Hank) Schannen, Jim Barlup, Kenneth Cox, Bill Steele, Dr. Gary Moorman, George Woodard, Steve Kristoph, George McLellan, Paul James, Harold Sweetman, Ed Collins, Dick Gustafson, Ted Stecki and Jerry van de Sande.

2002 **Clarence Rahn**, our highly respected long-time member and Bronze Medal winner, celebrated his 90th birthday on April 9, 2002. The photo to the right of Clarence with Joan Warren was taken on May 6, 2004, at the dedication of the Evelyn Rahn memorial bench. Margaret Fawcett took this photo. The bench was given by the Valley Forge Chapter of the ARS in memory of Evelyn, and it has a plaque on it saying that it was donated to the arboretum by Evelyn's friends at the Valley Forge Chapter of the ARS. Clarence was really pleased to see the bench and to have lunch with us, though he told us that Evelyn would never have expected so much.



2001 **Dr. Harold Sweetman**, Valley Forge Chapter, becomes Chairman, Research Committee: which fosters and encourages research in the rhododendron field. This committee serves as a clearinghouse to receive and evaluate research proposals. This committee works with the Rhododendron Research Foundation.

2001 **Wister Estate**, Tyler Arboretum received \$2.7 million from the estate of John and Gertrude Wister. Some of this money is designated for the restoration of the Rhododendron Collection that was planted by the Wisters fifty years ago.

1998 **Jim Gears**, a member and former president of the Valley Forge Chapter of ARS, received the "Stanley Murray Award for Volunteer Service" (Volunteer of the Year) Award from the Asheville, North Carolina-based Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy at their 25th Annual Meeting on June 19 at the USFS Corpening Training Center in Crossnore, NC.



1998 **Jenkins Arboretum** was described in the Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania) newspaper, "The Morning Call," as having a rhododendron and azalea collection equivalent to Longwood Garden's orchid collection. Credit goes to Harold Sweetman for the development and maintenance of the arboretum, to those who volunteer their time and expertise and the American Rhododendron Society Valley Forge Chapter which has donated many plants to the collection. (From "Bob's New Branch" (the president's message) Valley Forge Chapter Newsletter, September 1998)



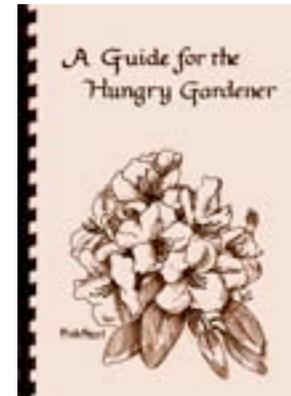
1997 **Hank Schannen** received the ARS Gold Medal at the annual meeting in Vancouver, BC. Besides being a frequent visitor at Valley Forge meetings, Hank operates Rarefind Nursery in New Jersey and has held numerous posts in the American Rhododendron Society. He is our chapter auctioneer for plant auctions. His prize hybrid is Solidarity (right), a popular plant on the East Coast.



1991 We held our first solo **Flower Show** on the Conservatory Fern Floor of **Longwood Gardens** (previously held jointly with Philadelphia Chapter at Tyler Arboretum) on Sunday, May 12 (Mothers Day). This fabulous exhibit, with over 400 entries and educational posters, was seen (and photographed!) by thousands on Longwood's busiest day of the year. The winner of "Best in Show" was first-time exhibitor Sally Novello with 'Narcissiflora', a beautifully groomed deciduous yellow azalea, for which she received a watercolor painted by Helene Huber especially for this occasion.

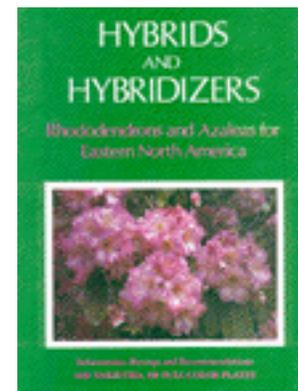
- 1988 **Lehigh Valley Chapter** is started. Bruce Keyser becomes their first president.
- 1988 **Plant Sale** held at Jenkins Arboretum for the first time. Previously it had been held at Tyler Arboretum and later at Valley Forge Methodist Church.
- 1986 **Harold Sweetman** becomes the Executive Director of the Jenkins Arboretum. A biologist by training, he has worked for over two decades developing Jenkins' extensive collection of species and hybrid rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as providing a showcase for the full range of native flora. Dr. Sweetman maintains a poisonous plant collection for the purpose of student field study.

- 1984 **A Guide for the Hungry Gardener**, A collection of Favorite Recipes Plus Helpful Gardening Hints from the Members of the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, was published. Barbara Winter was Chair of the Committee, Helene Huber was the artist and calligrapher, and Francis Raughley compiled the horticultural information, with focus on rhododendrons and azaleas. The impetus to the cookbook was the Bourbon Slush served by Barbara Winter whenever the Annual Meeting and Picnic or any other function was held at her and Fred's house.



- 1982 **Gertrude S. Wister:** was presented the ARS Gold Metal for her contributions as a speaker and an author and for her leadership in numerous foundations.

- 1978 **"Hybrids and Hybridizers"** is published by Phil Livingston and Dr. Frank West. It features Charles Dexter, Joe Gable, Ben Morrison, Guy Nearing, Tony Shammarello and many younger hybridizer and their plants. It is dedicated to Dr. John C. Wister. "a unique record of hybridizing rhododendrons in the eastern United States. ... It is an enduring account of an American Revolution in garden rhododendrons designed to replace the mid-nineteenth century hybrids of the British" from the Introduction by David G. Leach.



- 1976 **ARS Convention is at Valley Forge.** Valley Forge, Princeton and Philadelphia co-host. Garden tours include: Tyler Arboretum, John & Gertrude Wister's, Joe & Doris Becaes', Swiss Pines, Charlie & Ethyl Herbert's, G. Dave Lewis's, Tom Koenig's, and Mrs. Luenenschloss's.

- 1973 **Heman Howard** announces names for many Dexter plants that were formerly only known by the garden where they were grown and a number. For example SW12507-12 at Swarthmore becomes Acclaim.

- 1972 **Test Garden at Tyler** established by Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters. The area was about one fourth planted, by springtime with over one hundred plants. Dr. John C. Wister was the first director of Tyler



Arboretum (1946-1968). The arboretum itself started in 1825 when two brothers, Jacob and Minshall Painter, set aside land to systematically plant more than 1,000 varieties of trees and shrubs. In 1944 descendant Laura Tyler bequeathed the property to be a nonprofit arboretum. In 2001 Tyler Arboretum received \$2.7 million from the estate of John and Gertrude Wister. Some of this money is designated for the restoration of the Rhododendron Collection that was planted by the Wisters fifty years prior.

1972 **First Annual VF ARS Banquet**, Nov 5, 1971: Having an enthusiastic membership and a healthy treasury as the result of several successful spring plant sales, the officers, and directors concluded that the chapter should hold it's first annual banquet and program. The colonial era Seven Stars Inn was chosen as the site. At seven o'clock pres Bob Huber welcomed the members and the guests. The invocation was read by Mr. Herbert. After an excellent dinner Dr. West introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. Robert D. McDonald, the director of the John .J. Tyler Arboretum. Mr. McDonald is also the director of the Plant Records center of the American Horticultural Society. Lew Bagoly presented framed and newly mounted to Mr. Charles Herbert his Bronze Medal Citation. Table decorations of chrysanthemums, and several hundred rhododendrons were distributed as door prizes. An informal decision to return next year was met with approval.

1971 **ARS Convention** is at the Ben Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia. Garden tours included: George & Betty Arrington's, Princeton Display Garden at Hun School, Jo & Leon Heuser's Indian Run Nursery, Fred & Ernesta Ballard's, Al & Mary Martin's, George & Elizabeth Henny's, Charlie & Ethyl Herbert's, Frank & Alice West's, Jack & Gertrude Wisters and Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore, and Tyler Arboretum. Ernesta Drinker Ballard, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Alfred S. Martin, the first Eastern Vice President of the ARS, organized the convention with the aid of the Valley Forge, Princeton and Philadelphia Chapters. The Philadelphia chapter met at The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society headquarters for many years. Mrs. Ballard was a colorful person in the history of the ARS:

**Ernesta Drinker Ballard** (1920-August 11, 2005) was a founding member of the National Organization for Women and a horticulturist. Ballard marched on Washington, lobbied for the Equal Rights Amendment, and raised money for female political candidates. She also was a founding member of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), and served as chairwoman of the organization from 1989 to 1991. She to co-founded "Women's Way" an umbrella support group that funds a host of women's groups, including Women Organized Against Rape, The Women's Law Project, Women Against Violence. Ballard closed a successful horticultural business in 1964 to head up the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and supervise its annual extravaganza, the Philadelphia Flower Show. She expanded the flower show from four staffers to more than 100 employees.

**Alfred Martin** was involved with King Fifth Wheel, a Pennsylvania based manufacturer of engine parts for the aircraft industry. He had previously served as President of the Philadelphia Chapter and later became President of the ARS.

1968 **Bronze Medal** introduced as highest award presented by a Chapter.

- 1967 **Charlie Herbert** and 15 friends found the **Valley Forge Chapter**, American Rhododendron Society on March 1. At the May, 1967 ARS Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC, ARS President Edward B. Dunn welcomes Valley Forge Chapter. It is the 23rd chapter. The Valley Forge chapter comes in with 16 members and 10 associate members, that is members of other chapters who desire to be affiliated with the new group also. The officers are: Pres. Charles W. Herbert, Phoenixville Pa.; Vice Pres. - Oscar F. Krebs, Norristown, Pa., and Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. Ruth Amenda, Perkiomenville, Pa.
- 1967 **Edward W. Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Greer, Henry A. Schannen, and Bruce G. Keyser** join the ARS
- 1962 **Dr. John C. Wister**, Swarthmore, receives the ARS Gold Medal at its annual meeting at Winterthur. He was head of the Dexter Study Committee since its inception in 1945.
- 1962 **Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Bagoly** of Phoenixville join the American Rhododendron Society.
- 1961 **Lloyd E. Partain** and **Francis H. Sholomskas** join the American Rhododendron Society.
- 1959 **Guy Nearing** receives the Gold Medal at the International Rhododendron Conference in Portland, OR, for his furthering the hybridization and propagation of the Rhododendron genus.
- 1959 **Ross Davis** of Wayne joins the American Rhododendron Society.
- 1958 **Dr. John C. Wister**, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, received the first American Horticultural Society Liberty Hyde Bailey Great American Gardener Award for his contributions to American horticulture.
- 1957 **Philadelphia Chapter** is formed on November 11, 1957 at Morris Arboretum. It is the 12th chapter.
- 1953 **Joe Gable** receives the ARS's second Gold Medal for 30 years of accomplishments in the investigation and hybridization of the Rhododendron genus.
- 1952 **Charles Herbert** of Valley Forge joins the American Rhododendron Society.
- 1952 ARS presents its first **Gold Medal** for outstanding contributions to the genus Rhododendron to ARS President Sersanous.
- 1951 ARS by-laws establish **chapters**. Seattle, California and Middle Atlantic become the first three chapters.
- 1947 ARS publishes first issue of the **American Rhododendron Society Quarterly Bulletin**.
- 1945 On January 9, 1945 the articles of incorporation of the **American Rhododendron Society** were signed. All board members were from Oregon and Washington. No charter members were from Pennsylvania. The first annual meeting is held in Portland, Oregon, and featured an extensive collection of blossoming plants and cut trusses.

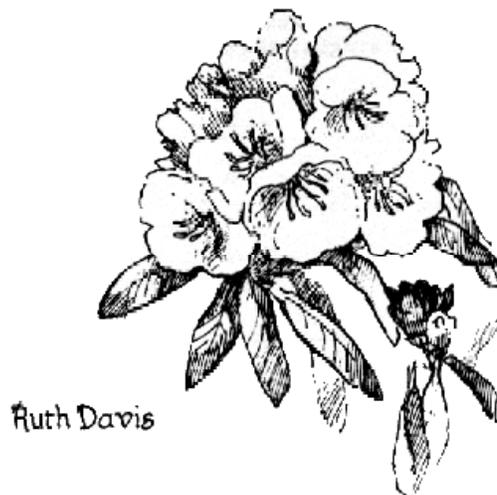


**ARS & Valley Forge Chapter Memories**  
**As Recorded In The ARS Quarterly Bulletin and elsewhere**  
*Some of the sadder moments ...*

- 2007 **Barbara Ludwig** died recently. Barbara was a long-time and loyal member, who shared her talents in numerous capacities. She served most notably as Chair of the Truss (Flower) Show Committee. In 1991, when the Chapter decided to hold the show on the Conservatory Fern Floor of Longwood Gardens on Mother's Day, Barbara met the challenges and set up and chaired the show there until 1999. For this alone, she was a deserving recipient of the Chapter's Bronze Medal.
- 2005 **Margaret Fawcett**, died May 27, 2005, after a long battle with cancer. The Valley Forge Chapter lost a good friend. She fought valiantly against the cancer that finally took her life, and two days before her last brief hospitalization she was out planting flowers. For 15 years, Margaret actively served the chapter as a board member, program chair, membership chair, volunteer at annual plant sale fundraiser, and was always ready to take part in any chapter event. Among other activities, and along with her close companion, Frank Brouse, she attended the Southern Highlands Conservancy meetings in North Carolina, garden tour bus trips, and native plant study group. Last November she mustered up the energy and enthusiasm to go on a two-week garden and sightseeing tour to Italy with Frank and with Tony and Penny D'Alessandro. The four close friends had a marvelous time together. As a board member, hers was always the voice of reasonableness and encouragement. She never had an unkind word to express about another or any situation. She also had a keen sense of humor, and two months before her death, she showed off her returning hair, lost to chemo, to some of the balding men of the chapter. Margaret was a bright and engaging woman with an untiring enthusiasm for life. She never lost that positive attitude...even at the end. We will all miss her. [Frank Brouse]
- 2004 **Evelyn Rahn**, On May 6, 2004, Clarence Rahn, his sister-in-law and niece went to the Jenkins Arboretum to tour the gardens and for the dedication of a special bench for his wife, Evelyn. The plaque on it reads that it was donated to the Arboretum on behalf of her friends at the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.
- 2001 **Ruth W. Davis**, Valley Forge Chapter, died recently. A desirable rhododendron was named for her. She and her late husband, Ross, were early members of the Society. (2001)
- 2001 **Virginia S. Jefferis**, (Mrs. Raymond P. Jefferis), Greater Philadelphia Chapter, died recently. She was a founding member of Philadelphia Chapter. Mrs. Jefferis raised dwarf rhododendrons and donated a number of them to Longwood Gardens.
- 2000 **Ross Davis**, Valley Forge Chapter, died earlier this last spring (2000). He was an early and long-time member of ARS. He was a recipient of the Chapter's Bronze Medal. He was a unique individual, a consummate plantsman who could always be counted on to tell it like it is.
- 1999 **Frank Kunze**, Valley Forge Chapter, passed away on February 7, 1999. He was an ARS member for over 25 years and a past President of the chapter. He was especially interested in azaleas and loved to share his experiences and knowledge.

- 1999 **John Fawcett**, Valley Forge Chapter, passed away on February 8, 1999, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.
- 1999 **Louise Gable**, daughter of the late Joseph Gable and mother of Valley Forge member Judy Allison, passed away recently.
- 1999 **Gertrude McMasters Smith Wister**: Mar. 24, 1905-Jul. 13, 1999 Editor of *National Gardener* and author of numerous books. For more than 25 years, Mrs. Wister served on the board of trustees of the Tyler Arboretum in Lima, Delaware County. She also served as assistant and then acting director there from 1944 to 1977. Mrs. Wister was also assistant director of the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College from 1955 to 1960 and with her husband, John C. Wister, created Wister Garden, now part of the Scott Arboretum. John Wister died in 1982.
- 1998 **Ethel M. Herbert**, Valley Forge Chapter, passed away on September 25, 1998 at age 94. Her husband, Charles Herbert, was a founding member of Valley Forge Chapter. Early chapter meetings were held in the Herbert's living room.
- 1996 **Walter Kern**: 1905 - May 29, 1996. Walter and his wife Elaine sent \$20 to Edmund de Rothschild in the early 50's and requested they send him an assortment of Exbury Azalea seed. From this humble beginning, Walter expanded from his Exbury seedlings to his own hybrids. Walter and his wife Elaine were founding members of both the Philadelphia Chapter and the Valley Forge Chapter. Walter received the ARS Bronze Medal.
- 1990 **Lloyd E. Partain**: 1909 - Mar. 10, 1990. Lloyd was a charter member of the Philadelphia chapter and active in the Valley Forge and Potomac Valley Chapters. A native of Arkansas, a soil and plant scientist, Lloyd was instrumental in introducing the Glenn Dale azaleas. He received many metals including the Bronze and Silver Medals of the ARS.
- 1986 **Guy Nearing**: January 22, 1890 - March 19, 1986. He was a brilliant student and star athlete at the University of Pennsylvania. He almost went blind and contracted tuberculosis. After a career in advertising he established himself as a nurseryman. Nearing invented the Nearing Frame and created the rhododendron hybrids Ramapo, Purple Gem, Windbeam, Wyanokie, Brandywine, Chesapeake, Delaware, Hockessin, Lenape and Montchanin in his Ridgewood, NJ. He received the ARS Gold Medal in 1959.
- 1986 **G. Albert Reid** 1911 - February 17, 1986. While Al was working for Fischer's Greenhouses, he decided to hybridize the beautiful greenhouse azaleas for hardiness. He created the Linwood Hardy Azaleas, in Linwood, NJ. He registered over 50 varieties of Linwood Hardy Azaleas, all double, semi-double, or hose-in-hose. He eliminated all azaleas that were single.
- 1983 **Orlando S. Pride**: 1905 - October 25, 1983. Lanny Pride of Butler, PA hybridized many hardy azaleas, rhododendrons and hollies. His greatest achievement was breeding evergreen azaleas that would survive in NW Pennsylvania. The best known are Marjorie, Nadine, Vicky and Mary Holman. They survived a winter with temperature down to -30F. Some of his super hardy rhododendrons are Blazen Sun, Charles Robinson, and Cloud 12. His super hardy deciduous azaleas include Pink Peppermint, Yellow Bird, and Coral Queen. Not many are in the commercial trade. He received the ARS Gold Medal in 1979.

- 1982 **Dr. John Caspar Wister:** 1887-December 27, 1982. After graduating from Harvard in 1909, he had made major contributions with rhododendrons, roses, peonies, daylilies, iris, lilacs, daffodils, magnolias and many others. Dr. Wister had received gold medals from the Mass. Hort. Society, Garden Club of America, American Daffodil Society, and American Rhododendron Society. He served as director of the Scott Foundation at Swarthmore University and Tyler Arboretum. At age 66 he began a rhododendron-hybridizing program to create July blooming rhododendrons. Dr. Wister and his wife Gertrude were the first husband and wife to both receive Gold Metals from the ARS.
- 1982 **Tony Shammarello:** 1903 - October 10, 1982. After a devastating winter at his Ohio nursery, Tony began hybridizing very winter hardy, compact rhododendrons. Tony produced 29 such plants ranging from Besse Howells, Holden, Lavender Queen, Rocket, Sham's Candy, Spring Parade, Yaku Angel, Yaku King, Yaku Prince, Yaku Princess, and Yaku Queen. He received the ARS Gold Medal in 1973.
- 1978 **Charles Herbert:** Feb. 12, 1901-Nov. 26, 1978 A founder of both the Philadelphia Chapter and Valley Forge Chapter. See Charlie's Obituary
- 1972 **Joe Gable:** 1886-July 20, 1972. Joe started his long relationship with rhododendrons after returning from England after World War I. He subscribed to the 1923 Rock Expedition being organized by Arnold Arboretum. In return he received many packets of seed Dr. Rock found in China. The best plant was *R. vernicosum* but it was very slow to bloom. Joe hybridized native plants with his Chinese species and came up with many hybrids still in the trade including: Albert Close, Atrier, Annie Dalton, Atroflo, Beaufort, Bosutch, Cadis, Caroline, Catagla, Catfortcampy, Conemaugh, Conewago, Conewago Improved, Conestoga, County of York, David Gable, Disca, Dr. Rock, Frazzles, Freckles, Gretchen, Haag's Choice, Henry Yates, Katherine Dalton, Kentucky Cardinal, Ladifor, Madfort, Mary Belle, Maxhaem Yellow, Milo, Moon Shot, Pink Twins, Pioneer, Robert Allison, Red Sox, Sir James, Skylark, Strawberry Swirl, Tom Thumb, and Vernicosum. He received the ARS Gold Medal in 1953. His daughter Mary Caroline Gable carried on the family nursery until her death in February of 1998. The family nursery in Stewartstown, PA no longer exists.



## Valley Forge Chapter Founding Members, March 1, 1967

Amenda, Mrs. Ruth  
Perkiomenville, Pa.

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard  
Perkiomenville, Pa.

Ansell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Bagoly, Lewis and Emily  
Phoenixville, Pa.

Bieberfeld, Herbert, M  
Harleysville, Pa.

Bussell, G, Ralph  
Phoenixville, Pa.

Davis, Lewis W.  
Warminster, Pa.

Herbert, Mr.& Mrs. Charles (Ethel)  
Phoenixville, Pa.

Huber, Robert R.  
Deer Run Nursery  
Salford, Pa. 18957

Kern, Mr. & Mrs. Walter (Elaine)  
Woodlyn, Pa.

Keyser, Bruce G  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Krebs, Oscar F  
Norristown, Pa.

Reese, Dr. Whildin A. Nursery  
Pennsburg, Pa.

Richman, Earl  
Warminster, Pa.

Ritschard, George  
Valley Forge, Pa.

Saddington, Jay  
Warminster, Pa.

## Valley Forge Associate Founding Members:

Beury, Mr. and Mrs. James (assoc)  
Margate, NJ

Chambers, Mrs. W.E. (assoc)  
Merion Sta., Pa.

Clause, Charles W. (assoc)  
Newtown Square, Pa.

Davis, Ross B. Jr. (assoc)  
Wayne, Pa.

Jackson, H. Gordon (assoc)  
Jenkintown, Pa.

Kelius, Betsi (assoc)  
Levittown, Pa.

Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson A (assoc)  
Media, Pa.

Sholomskas, Francis J (assoc)  
Norristown, Pa.

Tietjens, Max (Marie) (assoc)  
Blue Bell, Pa.

West, Franklin H. M.D (assoc)  
Gladwyne, Pa.

## Valley Forge Chapter New Members - 1967-1972

### April 1968

Royer, Jr. C. R.  
Doylestown, Pa.

### July 1968

Way, John, W.  
West Chester, Pa.

Rachinsky, Michael R  
Conshohocken, Pa.

### April 1969

Mitsch, Frank  
Jarrettown, Pa.

### July 1970

Rosewarne, Charles  
Pottstown, Pa.

Seeburger, Mrs. Rhoda  
Berwyn, Pa.

Thorn, John  
Berwyn, Pa.

### Jan 1971

Cordy, E. W  
Halifax, Pa.

Spotts, R. L  
Coatesville, Pa.

### July 1971

Rahn, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence (Evelyn)  
Douglasville, Pa.

Siegel, Mr. & Mrs. William  
Norristown, Pa.

### October 1971

Dougherty, John  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Moll, Wilford P.  
Norristown, Pa.

### January 1972

Icelow, Mr. & Mrs. R. J.  
Reading, Pa.

Schuetz, Thomas J.  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

### April 1972

August's Rhododendron Nursery  
Boiling Springs, Pa.

Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. A. W.  
Bluebell, Pa.

Wise, Glenn E.  
Boiling Springs Pa

Wolf, Richard P.  
Media, Pa.

### July 1972

Brock, Charles N .II  
Newtown Square, Pa.

Clifford, Thomas A  
Pottstown, Pa.

Habecker, Charles N  
Lansdale, Pa.

Henning, Mr. & Mrs. Steve M (Darlene)  
Fleetwood, Pa.

High, Mr. & Mrs. Lester J (Carol)  
Pottstown, Pa.

Raab, Enid F.  
Elkins Park, Pa.

Somerville, Mr. & Mrs. E  
Washington, VW.

## Valley Forge Chapter -- The First 5 Years

- March 1967 The Valley Forge chapter comes in with 16 members and 10 associate members, that is members of other chapters who desire to be affiliated with the new group also. The officers are: Pres Charles W. Herbert, Phoenixville Pa.,; Vice Pres- Oscar F. Krebs, Norristown, Pa., and Sec-Treas.; Mrs. Ruth Amenda, Perkiomenville, Pa. ARS President Edward B. Dunn welcomes Valley Forge Chapter at the annual meeting in Asheville, NC.
- July 1970 Lewis Bagoly new President from Herbert
- Jan 1971 ARS CONVENTION --- In Philly in May, Valley Forge and Princeton co-sponsor. Herbert's garden is on tour.
- July 1971 New president Robert Huber --  
Charles Herbert received the Bronze medal from ARS President Carl Phetteplace at annual Philly Meeting from Philadelphia Chapter.
- Jan 1972 First Annual Banquet, Nov 5, 1971  
Having an enthusiastic membership and a healthy treasury as the result of several successful spring plant sales, the officers, and directors concluded that the chapter should hold it's first annual banquet and program. The colonial era Seven Stars Inn was chosen as the site. At seven o'clock pres Bob Huber welcomed the members and the guests. The invocation was read by Mr. Herbert. After an excellent dinner Dr. West introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. Robert D. McDonald, the director of the John .J. Tyler Arboretum. Mr. McDonald is also the director of the Plant Records center of the American Horticultural Society.  
Mr. McDonald's presentation -----  
Lew Bagoly presented framed and newly mounted to Mr. Charles Herbert his Bronze Medal Citation. Table decorations of chrysanthemums, and several hundred rhododendrons were distributed as door prizes. An informal decision to return next year was met with approval.
- April 1972 Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters to establish display and test garden at Tyler. Area about one fourth planted, by springtime over one hundred plants.

### Charlie Herbert, a founder of the Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters

Charlie and Ethel joined the ARS in 1952. In 1952 there weren't any local chapters. Charlie helped found the Philadelphia Chapter in 1957 and was the second president of the Philadelphia Chapter.. In 1967, The Philadelphia members living in the Valley Forge area didn't want to travel to meetings in Philadelphia at 325 Walnut St., the Penn Hort Bldg. So on March 1, 1967, Charlie started the Valley Forge Chapter and was its first president. There was some disappointment in the Philadelphia chapter because many of the Philadelphia members went with Charlie to Valley Forge. But this was soon overlooked and the Philadelphia Chapter recognized Charlie with the Bronze Medal on May 14, 1971. The two chapters work on many things together still to this day. [from information from Ted Stecki and Laura Grant]

## Philadelphia Chapter Bronze Medal Citation

### CHARLES HERBERT

WHEREAS, you possess a great enthusiasm and an extensive knowledge of the genus *Rhododendron* and have used these attributes to the benefit of the genus in a number of ways, to wit; the collection of many valuable species and hybrids, the dissemination of plants, cuttings, pollen and seed nationally as well as locally:



*Dr. Carl Phetteplace presents the ARS Bronze Medal to Charlie Herbert at the 1971 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia*

WHEREAS, you have had a vast influence on many other people in relation to the genus in numerous ways, to wit; you have kindled their interest in using the genus in their landscapes, you have inspired them to great productive efforts and provided counsel and facilities for their work, you have accumulated your own excellent color slides and have not only used these in many presentations but have made them available for others, you have willingly shared your great storehouse of knowledge of the genus:

WHEREAS, you have demonstrated your interest in the society in several ways, to wit; by being a charter member and a past president of two chapters and by providing the present meeting place for one;

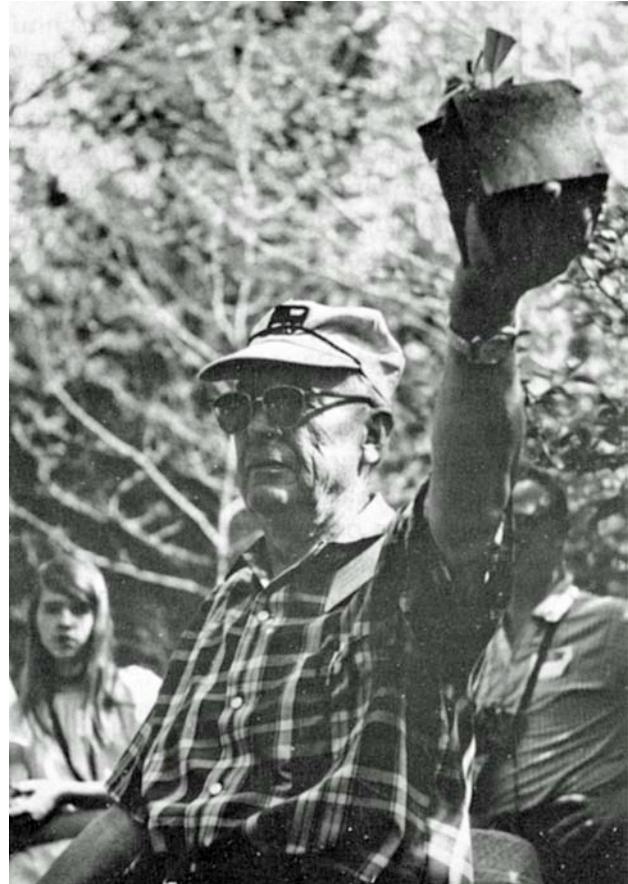
BE IT THEREFORE KNOWN that the Philadelphia Chapter hereby confers upon you, Charles Herbert, the Bronze Medal Award of the American Rhododendron Society on this fourteenth day of May, 1971. [ from the January 1972 ARS Quarterly]

**Charles Herbert**  
**Feb. 12, 1901 - Nov. 26, 1978**  
**by Lew Bagoly, Valley Forge, PA.**

On November 26, 1978 the American Rhododendron Society lost a uniquely dynamic force, and those of us privileged to know him, an irreplaceable friend. Charlie Herbert died at the age of seventy-seven.

Charlie started what was to become a life long affair with rhododendrons back in 1925. As the story goes, he chanced to see a child with some beautiful flowers unfamiliar to him. Never one to wonder about things without positive action, he soon discovered the source of the blossoms. It turned out to be a rhododendron, and the love affair was on.

In the ensuing years Charlie searched for the meager information then available on rhododendrons. Sought out fellow enthusiasts, located sources of plant material and started gathering plants. The collection grew slowly at first. The Depression interfered, and there really was little available other than the Eastern species and a few English hybrids. In 1945 his activities brought him into contact with Joe Gable. The two men became lasting friends and through this association Charlie's interests were expanded to include raising of plants from seed and hybridizing. In 1961 he and his wife Ethel moved, what was by now, an extensive collection to "Stony Acres", a wooded hillside at the edge of Valley Forge. There, through Charlie's untiring efforts and loving care, the garden developed into its present form.



Stony Acres certainly mirrors the nature of the man who created it. It is natural, unpretentious, and reflects his intense dedication in the great variety of its contents. The more than 7,000 plants represent perhaps the most comprehensive collection of rhododendrons suitable for growing on the East Coast.

Charlie was a mover, a doer, and was active to the end as all of us close to him knew he had to be. He was a founder and charter member of the Philadelphia Chapter; he was the founder and, until his death, the cornerstone of the Valley Forge Chapter. Charlie made things happen – plant sales, banquets, a local seed exchange, picnics, bus trips, cutting exchange, test gardens, truss shows, and study groups. Among his many hybrid creations are over twenty registered clones including Schuylkill, French Creek, Ethel M., Beechwood Pink, Pikeland, Powder Mill Run, Aldham, Antigua, Leon Rind and others. Through his great generosity, many of these have found their way into the gardens of friends and acquaintances.

He was unstinting in sharing his knowledge, plant material, cuttings, seedlings, and above all, his infectious enthusiasm.

The foregoing is a brief objective summary of one man's dedication to an ideal. I would like to close with a subjective reflection on a personal loss.

Good-by my friend, God be with you  
As you pass through life's final door.  
I am the richer for having known you  
The world more beautiful than before.

## Registered Hybrids of Valley Forge Chapter's Founders

ALDHAM	GARY HERBERT [photo]	ROBERT HUBER [photo]
ANTIGUA [photo]	GAY PRINCESS [photo]	ROCKY WHITE
BAGOLY'S BEAUTY	GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE	RUTH DAVIS [photo]
BEECHWOOD PINK [photo]	GOLD MOON	SCHUYLKILL
BONNIE BRAE	HELENE HUBER [photo]	TERRY HERBERT
BRIDGE NORTH	KELLEY [photo]	TINKER HILL
CAROL HIGH	KIMBERTON	TWINS CANDY
CHARLESTOWN [photo]	LAVENDER	VALLEY CREEK [photo]
CHARLIE HERBERT	MARIE TIETJENS	VALLEY FORGE [photo]
DUXBURY [photo]	NEW HOPE	WHITE GULL
ETHEL-MAE	PICKERING [photo]	WHITE QUEEN
FORTWILLIAM	PIKELAND [photo]	YELLOW SPRING
FRENCH CREEK	POWDER MILL RUN	Unregistered Hybrids

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- degronianum ssp. yakushmanum 1/2
- ALDHAM
- catawbiense 1/16
- Atrosanguineum-
- Atrier
- unknown 1/16
- griersonianum 1/8
- Gable's Flamingo
- decorum 1/8
- Dechaem-
- haematodes 1/8

1.5ft(.45m) -5F(-21C) M Flowers 3in(7.6cm) across, 6 lobes, pink with rosy red throat, in trusses of about 12; plant as wide as tall; leaves 4.7in(12cm) x 1.5in(4cm). Lewis Bagoly, cross 1969; raiser, C. Herbert; reg. 1980.

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- catawbiense 1/16
- Atrosanguineum-
- Atrier-
- unknown 1/16
- griersonianum 1/8
- Mary Belle-
- decorum 1/8
- Dechaem-
- haematodes 1/8
- ANTIGUA
- Dexter's Apricot--unknown 1/2



5ft(1.5m) -5F(-21C) M 3/3 Flowers of azalea pink shading to Naples yellow, base of throat blood red, dorsal blotch; corolla openly funnel-shaped, 5 lobes, 3.25in(8cm) across. Lax trusses of 10. Plant as wide as tall. Joe Becales, cross; Charles Herbert, reg. 1977. [Photo by Dr. R. Gustafson]

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- griffithianum 1/4
- Mars-
- unknown 1/4

BAGOLY'S BEAUTY -

- Koichiro Wada (degronianum ssp. yakushmanum) 1/2

3ft(.9m) -10F(-23C) M Rose red buds open to flowers roseine purple; ball truss of 16. Elliptic leaves, pale beige indumentum; plant broad. Bagoly, cross 1966; Marie Tietjens, reg. 1986.

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- catawbiense 1/4
- Atrosanguineum-
- unknown 1/4

BEECHWOOD PINK-

- fortunei 1/2

6ft(1.8m) -15F(-26C) M 4/3 Flowers bright fuchsia pink in large trusses. Joe Gable, cross; C. Herbert, reg. 1962. A.E. 1960. [Photo by Steve Henning]



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- Scintillation--unknown 1/2

BONNIE BRAE

- catawbiense 1/8
- Atrosanguineum-
- Red Head (Gable)-
- griersonianum 1/4
- unknown 1/8

6ft(1.8m) -5F(-21C) ML Flower 4in(10.2cm) wide, 7 lobes, fragrant, orchid pink, edges darker, yellowish green blotch; trusses of 17. Leaves 7in(17.8cm) x 3in(7.6cm). Herbert, reg. 1977.

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- wardii Litiense Group 1/4
- Henry R. Yates-
- unknown 1/4

BRIDGE NORTH

- caucasicum 1/4
- Boule de Neige-
- unnamed hybrid-
- catawbiense 1/8
- unknown 1/8

4ft(1.2m) -5F(-21C) ML Flowers openly funnel shape, six lobes, of Neyron rose, fading lighter, throat spotted gold; ball shape trusses of 14. C. Herbert, cross 1968; W.A. Reese, reg. 1977.

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- Elizabeth-
- forrestii Repens Group 1/4
- griersonianum 1/4
- CAROL HIGH
- fortunei ? 1/4
- French Creek-
- unknown 1/4



5ft(1.5m) -10F(-23C) EM Very fragrant white flowers, with chartreuse spotting; trusses 6in(15cm) wide, of 14 flowers. Plant upright, broad; new growth bronze green. C. Herbert, reg. 1979. [Drawing by Helene Huber]

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- fortunei ? 1/2
- CHARLESTOWN
- unknown 1/2

6ft(1.8m) -5F(-21C) M Flowers in shades of pink, with chartreuse throat, fragrant; corolla 7-lobed, 4in(10cm) wide. Trusses 8in(20.3cm) across, hold about 16. C. Dexter, cross; S. Everitt, raiser; C. Herbert, reg. 1976. [Photo by Dr. R. Gustafson]



- griffithianum 1/8
- Mars-
- Captain Jack-
- unknown 1/8
- facetum 1/4

CHARLIE HERBERT

- degronianum ssp. yakushimanum Exbury form 1/2

3ft(.9m) x 4ft(1.2m)(18yr) 0F(-18C) M Widely funnelcampanulate flowers with 5 wavy-edged lobes; deep purplish pink buds open pale purplish pink outside. Dome-shaped trusses 5in (12.7cm) wide hold 17. Leaves with undersurface coated with plastered hairs, moderate yellow green. Charles Herbert, cross 1970; Clarence & Evelyn Rahn, reg. 1990; described by Robert Huber.

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- caucasicum 3/32\*
- Jacksonii- -caucasicum\*
- Nobleanum-
- arboreum 1/32
- Goldsworth Yellow
- Goldfort- -campylocarpum 3/8\*
- fortunei 1/4

DUXBURY

- campylocarpum\*
- unnamed hybrid-
- williamsianum 1/4



6ft(1.8m) -10F(-23C) ML Buds amber yellow and salmon open to flowers light primrose yellow, in 7in(17.8cm) trusses of 7-11. Plant tall, as wide as high; leaves very dark green. L. Bagoly, cross, 1970; Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Lawson, reg. 1986.

- minus var. chapmanii 1/2

ETHEL-MAE

- mucronulatum 1/2

4ft(1.2m) -10F(-23C) E Lepidote. Terminal inflorescence of 3-4 buds, each with 10 bell-shaped flowers of lavender pink. Plant broad, well-branched. C. Herbert, introduced 1965; reg. 1977. [Drawing by Helene Huber]



- fortunei 1/2

FORTWILLIAM

- williamsianum 1/2

3ft(.9m) -5F(-21C) ML Flowers 4in(10cm) wide, light pink with darker pink stripes and a yellow throat, in trusses of up to 12; fragrant. Charles Herbert, reg. 1967.

- fortunei ? 1/2

FRENCH CREEK

- unknown 1/2

5ft(1.5m) -15F(-26C) ML Upright plant, moderate branching; medium-sized leaves held 3 years. Flowers 3.5in(9cm) across, pink fading white; large trusses of 23. Herbert, reg. 1977.

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GARY HERBERT (form of vernicosum R 18139)

4ft(1.2m) -5F(-21C) M Fragrant flower of shaded salmon tones, openly funnel-shaped, 3in(7.6cm) wide, ruffled; flat trusses of 7. Plant rounded, moderately branched; glossy leaves held 3 years. New growth showy; burgundy red bracts. Rock, collector, 1929; J. Gable, selection; Charles Herbert, reg. 1976. [Photo by Jim Willhite]



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-catawbiense 1/8  
-Atrosanguineum-  
-Atroflo- -unknown 1/8  
-flocigerum 1/4

GAY PRINCESS

-unknown 1/2

5ft(1.5m) -5F(-21C) ML Synonym PINK PRINCESS. Plant upright, well-branched; long narrow leaves. Flower medium fuchsia purple, paler on edges; throat and reverse with grayed yellow orange blotch, about 3in(7.6cm) wide; trusses of 18. C. Herbert, reg. 1979. [Photo by Steve Henning]



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-Scintillation--unknown 1/2  
GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE

-catawbiense 1/8  
-Atrosanguineum-  
-Atrier- -unknown 1/8  
-griersonianum 1/4

6ft(1.8m) -5F(-21C) ML Plant as wide as tall, well-branched; large, glossy, rounded leaves, held 3 years. Fragrant flower, openly funnel-shaped, 4in(10cm) wide, Neyron rose tinged with glowing orange, light green throat, chartreuse green dorsal spots. Large conical trusses of 15-17. Charles Herbert, reg. 1976.



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-Pygmalion--unknown  
KELLEY

-haematodes  
-unnamed hybrid- -fortunei  
-Wellfleet-  
-decorum

6ft(1.8m ) 0F(-18C) M Flowers strong purplish red with darker spotting, lower lobes medium purplish red; spherical trusses of 10. Olive green foliage. Dexter, cross; raised and named by C Herbert, Gertrude Wister, reg. 1983. [Photo by Steve Henning]



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-unknown 1/2  
KIMBERTON

-wardii 1/4  
-Crest- -fortunei ssp. discolor 1/8  
-Lady Bessborough  
-campylocarpum Elatum Gp 1/8

5ft(1.5m) -5F(-21C) ML Fragrant flowers of rhodamine pink, chartreuse green dorsal blotch, the reverse spirea red, 3.5in(8.9cm) wide, 6 wavy lobes; trusses of 12. Plant rounded; glossy leaves held 2 years. L. Bagoly, cross; C. Herbert, reg. 1979.

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-decorum 1/4  
-unnamed hybrid-  
-griffithianum 1/4

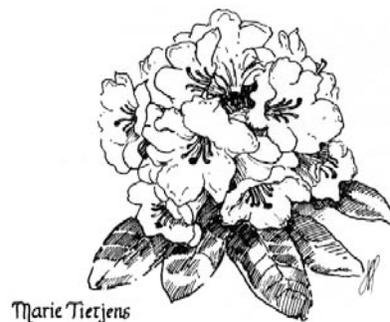
LAVENDER

-catawbiense 1/4  
-Purpureum Elegans-  
-unknown 1/4

6ft(1.8m) -5F(-21C) ML Large leaves, 7in(17.8cm) by 2.5in(6.4cm). Flowers pale pink, shadowed with lavender, a small dark blotch, the reverse much deeper; trusses of about 14. J. Gable, cross; Charles Herbert, reg. 1976.

-vernicosum 1/2  
MARIE TIETJENS

- wardii 1/8
- Crest -fortunei ssp. discolor 1/16
- Lady Bessborough-
- Full Moon -campylocarpum 1/16
- griffithianum 1/32
- George Hardy-
- Mrs. Lindsay Smith -catawbiense 1/32
- Duchess of Edinburgh (unknown) 1/16
- Harvest Moon -campylocarpum 1/16
- unnamed hybrid-
- unknown 1/16



3ft(.9m) -10F(-23C) ML Flowers soft spirea red, unmarked, 3.5in(8.9cm) broad, 7 wavy-edged lobes; ball trusses of 7. L. Bagoly, cross 1969; Marie Tietjens, raiser; reg. 1976. [Drawing by Helene Huber]

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- degronianum ssp. yakushimanum 1/2
  - NEW HOPE- -elliottii 1/4
  - Kiev- -thomsonii 1/8
  - Robert Fox- -arboreum 1/16
  - Glory of Penjerrick
  - griffithianum 1/16

3ft(.9m) -5F(-21C) EM Flowers of dark pink fading lighter to center, darker pink spotting on upper lobe, funnel-shaped, 3.25in. (8.3cm) across, reverse dark pink; trusses of 10. Plant rounded, as wide as high; felted fawn indumentum underneath. Seedling from James Beury; raised and introduced by Charles Herbert. Charles Herbert, reg. 1976.

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-catawbiense var. album Glass, Catalgla  
1/2  
PICKERING

- fortunei 1/4
- unnamed hybrid-
- campylocarpum 1/4

6ft(1.8m) -5F(-21C) ML Trusses of 8-10 flowers, light rose with deeper edges, 3 upper lobes pale yellow with darker spotting, throat yellow; corolla widely campanulate, to 3in(7.6cm) wide. Free-flowering. Plant slightly wider than tall; glossy leaves. Charles Herbert, reg. 1977. [Photo by Randell Jesup]



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-keiskei 1/2  
PIKELAND  
-campylognum, Tower Court form 1/2

1ft(.3m) -5F(-21C) EM Lepidote. Plant rounded, as wide as tall; leaves 2.25in(5.7cm) long, scaly below, held 3 years. Flower pale rose with darker edges and spotting, 1.25in(3.2cm) across, 5 lobes; inflorescence of about 6 trusses, each 6 to 7 flowers. Free flowering. Charles Herbert, reg. 1976. [Photo by Sally Perkins, www.rosebay.org]



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-degronianum ssp. yakushimanum 1/2  
POWDER MILL RUN  
-griffithianum 1/4  
-Mars  
-unknown 1/4 (Possibly Corona)

3ft(.9m) -5F(-21C) ML Leaves long and narrow. Flowers deep pink, shading to white in center; ball-shaped truss of about 24. Bagoly, cross; C. Herbert, reg. 1976.

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-Everchoice--unknown 1/2  
ROBERT HUBER  
-unknown 1/2

4ft(1.2m) -5F(-21C) M Probably a cross of 2 Dexter hybrids. Dark pink buds opening to orchid pink flowers, with darker pink edges, spotting of Spanish orange; spherical trusses of about 14. Upright plant, almost as broad as tall; glossy, yellowish green foliage. S. Everitt, cross; Charles Herbert, reg. 1979. [Photo by Sally Perkins.]



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-catawbiense var. album Glass, Catalga 1/2  
ROCKY WHITE  
-fortunei 1/2

5ft(1.5m) -10F(-23C) M Fragrant white flowers without marks; light lavender on opening; new growth copper color. C. Herbert.

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-degronianum ssp. yakushmanum 1/2  
RUTH DAVIS  
-degronianum ssp. heptamereum (metternichii) 1/2

2.5ft(.75m) -10F(-23C) M Cherry red buds open to white flowers, reverse pink until fully open, held in ball-shaped trusses of 17. Semi-dwarf plant, broader than tall with distinctive winter foliage, glossy dark green. Joseph Gable, cross; Ross B. Davis, Jr., reg. 1978; registration published 1988. [Drawing by Steve Henning]



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-catawbiense ? 1/2  
SCHUYLKILL (Possibly a natural hybrid)  
-decorum ? 1/2

2.5ft(.75m) -5F(-21C) EM Leaves 5.75in(14.6cm) long. Pink flowers fading to creamy white, some darker pink spotting; a pink stripe down center of each lobe; rounded trusses of 18. C. Herbert, reg. 1977.

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-minus Carolinianum Group 1/2  
TERRY HERBERT  
-augustinii 1/2

4ft(1.2m) -5F(-21C) EM Small foliage; flowers 2in(5cm) wide clear orchid without markings, in terminal inflorescence to 5 buds, of up to 12 flowers each. C. Herbert, reg. 1977.

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-catawbiense 1/2  
TINKER HILL

-decorum 1/8  
-unnamed hybrid-  
-Lavender Charm- -griffithianum 1/8  
-Purpureum Elegans- -catawbiense 1/8  
-unknown 1/8

5ft(1.5m) -5F(-21C) EM Plant upright, well-branched; leaves glossy, dark yellowish green, 4.25in(10.8cm) long. Magenta buds, opening to Neyron rose flowers with ruby red blotch and dorsal spotting, 4in (10.2cm) wide, fragrant, 7-lobes; spherical trusses of 13. Charles Herbert, reg. 1977.



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-degronianum ssp. yakushmanum 1/2  
WHITE GULL  
-unknown 1/2

3ft(.9m) -5F(-21C) ML Plant rounded, wider than tall; glossy, convex leaves with tan indumentum, held 3 years; new growth tomentose. Buds of light pink open to frilled white flowers with faint touch of pink at edges, chartreuse green dorsal spotting, 2.75in (7cm); spherical trusses of 20. C. Herbert, reg. 1979.  
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-fortunei ssp. discolor 1/2  
WHITE QUEEN  
-campylocarpum 1/2

5ft(1.5in) -5F(-21C) ML Leaves 6.5in x 3in) (16.5cm x 7.6cm). Flowers 4in(10.2cm) across, white spotted deep chocolate on upper petal, 7-lobed, in trusses of 10. C. Herbert, reg. 1967.  
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-keiskei 1/2  
YELLOW SPRING  
-racemosum 1/2

Parentage is the same as Mary Fleming, except reversed

1ft(.3m) -5F(-21C) EM 3/3 Leaves of dark yellowish green, scaly beneath. Flower 1in(2.5cm) wide, 5-lobed, strong Neyron rose edges shading to yellowish white; terminal inflorescence of 8-10, each 3-5 flowered trusses. C. Herbert, reg. 1976.  
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## **OTHER HYBRIDS WHICH AREN'T REGISTERED**

### **ELEPIDOTES:**

BLUSHING BRIDE: Light pink. C. Herbert

MT. JOY: Pink Twins x forrestii. C. Herbert

PENNYPACK: (wardii x discolor) x Lackamas Cream x campylocarpum. Pale yellow. C. Herbert, 1974.

SCARLET OAK: Good red with twisted leaf. C. Herbert

STONY ACRES: Catalga x discolor. Creamy white. C. Herbert

UNAMI: yakushmanum x Flamingo. Pink. Lewis Bagoly cross, raised by C. Herbert.

### **LEPIDOTES:**

CHERRY BLOSSOM: racemosum x keiskei. Raised and named by C. Herbert

### **EVERGREEN AZALEAS:**

ARTIC FLAME: unknown Glenn Dale seedling, 1958. Hose-in-hose, red, dwarf, early May, 0F.  
Introduced in 1967 by C. Herbert

PHOENIXVILLE: unknown seedling, nice red. Raised and named by C. Herbert

ROYAL BLAZER: unknown seedling, imperial purple. Raised and named by C. Herbert

### **DECIDUOUS AZALEAS:**

FORT KNOX: Lemon Rind x Kern's #344. Large golden yellow. C. Herbert

GRANDFLOWER: Large flower. C. Herbert

LEMON RIND: Natural hybrid, possible arborescens x bakeri, collected on Gregory Bald.  
Yellow with yellow leaves in winter. Raised and introduced in 1975 by C. Herbert

PINKIE: Shaded pink with yellow blotch. C. Herbert

ROYAL FLUSH: Compact plant, large flower, large truss, medium yellow. C. Herbert

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