

“Rhododendrons in Penn’s Woods”

ARS Eastern Regional Conference October 22-25, 2009

**Sponsored by the American Rhododendron Society Chapters of District 8
Greater Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Pine Barrens, Susquehanna Valley and Valley Forge**

All activities will be held at The Inn at Chester Springs in Lionville, Pennsylvania.

The conference committee has reserved a block of rooms at a special rate from Thursday, October 22, through Sunday, October 25. The conference rate is \$109 per day plus tax. You must contact the Inn directly. Be sure to ask for the ARS special rate. To be guaranteed the ARS conference rate, the Inn must receive your reservation by September 22. Free parking is available. **Note:** make your reservations as early as possible. Find complete updated information at our website: www.arsfall2009.org.

Hotel Accommodations and Reservations

The Inn at Chester Springs
815 North Pottstown Pike (Route 100)
Lionville, PA 19341
Phone: 610 363 1100 Fax: 610 524 2329 Internet: www.innatchestersprings.com

Inspiring Talks: The theme is Rhododendrons in Penn’s Woods, otherwise known as Pennsylvania

Great Gardens of the Philadelphia Region – Adam Levine and Robert Cardillo will present on the Great Gardens of the Philadelphia Region about which they have written an acclaimed book.

Rhododendrons on the Frontier – Joel Fry will speak about The John Bartram Garden and the legacy of the Bartram family’s founding of America’s first arboretum.

The Legacy of Joseph B. Gable, Pennsylvania Hybridizer – Don Hyatt, well known to most of us, will give us a background of the parentage and subsequent generations of many of the Gable rhododendrons that we know and love.

Rhododendrons of John C. Wister: Our Legacy at Tyler Arboretum – Robert Herald, who has been working on restoring the Wister collection at Tyler Arboretum, will talk about the Wister-Tyler heritage.

Hybridizers of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country – Tom Ahern, a local hybridizer, will tell us about hybrids and hybridizers in the Lehigh Valley and will show pictures of many of their blooms.

Companion Plants for the Woodland Garden – Sally and John Perkins, from the Massachusetts chapter, will present a lively show of companion plants for the woodland garden.

Plant Sale

A spectacular plant sale is on the agenda. The sale will feature an extensive collection of rhododendrons hybridized and grown in Pennsylvania. Many of the varieties are hard to find and are not available from other sources. A list of rhododendrons propagated for the plant sale will be published on the conference website prior to the conference. Companion plants will also be offered.

Live Auction

The conference committee has planned a live auction at Saturday’s Banquet. Several items will be offered including a rare plant or two.

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Registration Form

1. To attend any conference activity you must be registered.
2. Your registration form must be postmarked prior to September 15, 2009, to qualify for the early fee. Forms postmarked after September 15, 2009, must pay the late registration fee.
3. Make your checks payable to “**ARS 2009, Eastern Regional Conference.**” All checks must be made in US Dollars drawn against a US Bank.
4. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail or US mail, if no e-mail address is provided.
5. Send check with completed form to:

Linda Hartnett – Registrar
831 Foxwood Circle
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1646
215 233 0458

6. If you have any questions, you may contact the Registrar by phone or by e-mail at **lindahartnett@gmail.com**. If you communicate by e-mail, please use the words “**ARS 2009, Eastern Regional Conference**” in the subject line.

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(Please circle your name and title if you are an ARS Board Member, District Director or Chapter President)

1. In the spaces below, enter the names of your party, as they should appear on the name badges.
2. Use the corresponding name columns on the left side of the form to make your selections.
3. Multiply the number of checks by the price per person for each line and enter the result in the last column.
4. Add the amounts in the last column and enter the result as the Amount Enclosed/Total.

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| | | Item | Day | Event | Price | Total |
| | | Registration before September 15 | | | \$45 | |
| | | Registration after September 15 | | | \$60 | |
| | | Lunch | Friday | Board Luncheon | \$23 | |
| | | Dinner | Friday | Dinner Buffet | \$33 | |
| | | Lunch | Saturday | Lunch Buffet | \$23 | |
| | | Banquet | Saturday | Dinner Buffet | \$46 | |
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We will try to accommodate special diet needs. _____

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