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## Midwest Chapter to hold its "Spring meeting" in Saugatuck, Michigan

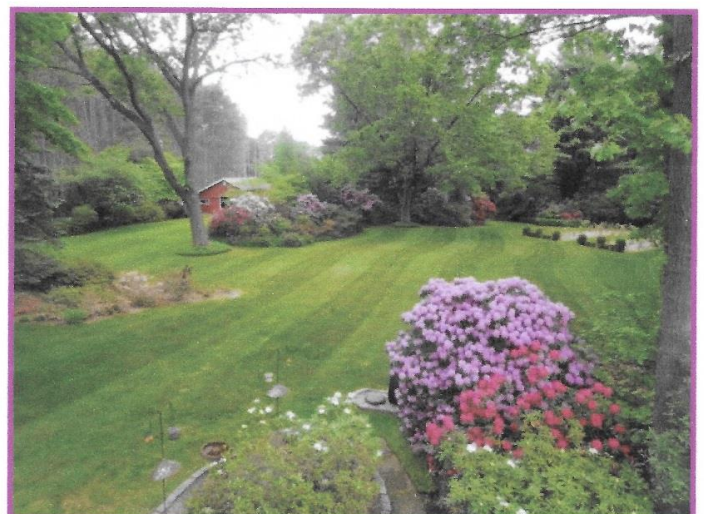
If a "lineup" combining a garden tour, a Rhody culture/propagation workshop, an informal barbeque and the opportunity to purchase new plants excites you, perhaps this upcoming "event" will interest you! On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> the Midwest chapter – ARS is holding its "spring meeting" at WOODLANDS NURSERY located in Saugatuck, Michigan. From 10 AM to approximately 4 PM, our host, John Migas will open his Nursery for the above mentioned activities. For those who have not toured John's Nursery before, a photo (or two) conveys "a thousand words" (See Below.)

WOODLANDS NURSERY comprises 15 acres of pine woodlands rooted in a sandy soil in southwest Michigan approximately 1 ½ miles from Lake Michigan. From a climate perspective, it is a relatively "benign" – Zone 6A (according to the USDA). John, a Chicago "transplant", acquired this property in its "raw" state 33 years ago and converted it to what it is today: a wonderful display garden of rhododendrons (and azaleas) in the Front and a commercial landscape nursery in the Back.

Avid visitors to our website: [www.midwestars.org](http://www.midwestars.org) may know John from the latest set of videos (Lessons 9A through 9H). So, if you're trying to determine "what-is-in-store", a "cyber visit" will give you a good idea. Of course, there is no substitute for an actual visit and that is why we encourage you to experience the close comradery that only Chapter members can provide. For our Michigan members in particular, the MIDWEST CHAPTER "reaches out to you"! We want to see and get to know you!  
TO REGISTER: EMAIL JOHN MIGAS—AZALEAJOHNS@YAHOO.COM. (Directions & Lodging options will be made available upon registration.)

*Hope to see you there!*

*Roger Dunlap*



**A Blooming Spectacle  
Awaits you at  
WOODLANDS NURSERY!**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Rhody 101 Workshop

DATE: May 6, 2018  
 PLACE: Tom Horner residence  
 25706 Malchine Road  
 Waterford, WI  
 TIME: 3:00 to 4:30 PM  
 CONTACT: Tom Horner  
 Email: psalmxl@aol.com

### Spring Meeting

DATE: May 19, 2018  
 PLACE: WOODLANDS NURSERY  
 6541 Bradley Road  
 Saugatuck, MI 49453  
 TIME: 10 AM TO 4 PM  
 CONTACT: John Migas  
 azaleajohn@yahoo.com

### Summer Meeting

(Details to be announced.)

### The Midwest Chapter—ARS

WEBSITE: MIDWESTARS.ORG

### 2017 Christmas Party

Sixteen “devoted”  
 “Rhodyphils”  
 met at the HAPP INN  
 located in Northfield, IL  
 on December 10<sup>th</sup> for a  
 season-ending  
 Luncheon sponsored by  
 the Midwest chapter.

### Midwest Chapter Officers (CURRENT)

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\* **UPDATE:** A Chapter member has stepped forward and agreed to serve as our next President in the near future. In fact, this individual will be introduced at our upcoming spring meeting in Saugatuck, MI on May 19th. Look for more details in THE ROOTBALL NEWS.

The guest list included Otto/Jutta Bodner, Bill Dietrich, Gerry/Betty Firak, Susan Garland, John Golab, Ken/Jean Kasza, Craig/Jill Kruckenberg, Becky/Bob Maganuco & Ted/Gidget Nyquist.

Following the Luncheon, a meeting ensued presided over by past Acting President, Susan Garland. Susan announced her official retirement as “Acting Chapter President” indicating that a replacement had not been found. In absence of a “sitting President”, Chapter affairs will be administered “by committee”. The committee members consist of Roger Dunlap, Susan Garland, John Golab, Tom Horner, John Migas and Ted Nyquist (all past Presidents of the Midwest chapter).

Susan reviewed the significant “events” of 2017:

- January – Chapter website upgraded.
- Spring – Several Rhody 101 Workshops (conducted at Tom Horner’s home.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Summer meeting & Garden tour hosted by Otto & Jutta Bodner, in Prospect Hts., IL.

November 7<sup>th</sup> – Tony Greco, former ROOTBALL NEWS editor/producer passes away.

Written reports submitted by Treasurer (Tom Horner) and Website/Newsletter/Communications “guru” (Roger Dunlap) were read. John Golab, our District # 10 Director gave his report on the Midwest regional activities and how they relate to ARS National.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Tom Horner & John Golab recognizing their contributions for creating and implementing several “Rhody 101 Workshops” conducted this past spring. Ted Nyquist was similarly recognized for the additional “How-To” videos he produced and which now appear on our Website. One member who prefers to remain “anonymous” (you know who you are) was recognized for “behind-the-scenes” work benefiting the Midwest chapter. Thank you to all! We need more people like you!

Festivities were concluded with a “raffle” (the prizes were provided by Susan Garland).