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Midwest Chapter
Considering ZOOM Technology
to improve communication!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Covid 19 Pandemic has rendered the vitality of our institutions “battered & bruised” - the Midwest Chapter has been no exception. We are trying to maintain our mission in spite of the continual challenges presented by the “Virus”.

In regard to Chapter “governance”, the term of our Chapter president, Richard Bara expired last year. Thank you Richard, for your leadership efforts during the past 3 years. Currently, the position remains “unoccupied”. Hopefully a willing member will take on the vision and leadership skills essential to the survival of the Chapter. Your willingness to serve in this capacity has never been more important. Additionally, the membership chairman’s position also remains open. This position requires emailing membership renewals in the Fall and tracking the Chapter membership roster throughout the year. It is our fervent hope that volunteers will respond to fill these positions. At the moment, Chapter affairs are being administered “by committee” i.e. by Board members John Golab, Tom Horner & Roger Dunlap. We are “spread very thin”. PLEASE! - Contact the undersigned to volunteer your time in a way which will enable us to continue as a functioning Chapter.

It is obvious that our membership is spread out geographically. To give you some insight into who and where our members are located, we have prepared a listing grouped by State. If you’re interested in contacting any of our members to compare rhodies and their culture, Roger can provide contact information.

We recognize the fact that face to face meetings are the glue which holds organizations together - the Midwest Chapter is no exception. Obviously “open” meetings have not been possible during the Pandemic. One bright spot however, has been the advent and increased adoption of ZOOM meeting technology which has made the conduct of business communication & schooling much easier. Our Board is exploring how the Midwest Chapter can adopt this communication technology for its collective benefit. Tips For Beginners, Chapter meetings, expert speakers & regional “Show & Tell” comparisons are just some of the possibilities. We will be testing this communication tool out on an experimental basis. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR INPUT TO GUIDE US. WHAT APPLICATION WOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU?

Remember to utilize our Chapter website. It is a good “standby” resource (available 24 hours a day), replete with rhody cultural information, videos & photos. As always, we would appreciate hearing your suggestions.

John Golab, Tom Horner & Roger Dunlap

RHODY BLOOMS

The “rhody” images presented here come from Tom Horner’s “naturalistic” country garden located in south, central Wisconsin town of Waterford). Although the winters can be harsh, Tom’s cultivars, selected for their hardiness, thrive on the naturally-occurring rich, organic soil. Their immense size & majestic blooms are a sight to behold:



Summer blooming azalea
(unnamed Holly Hills Nursery)
-20° F



'Wyandanch Pink'
-15° F



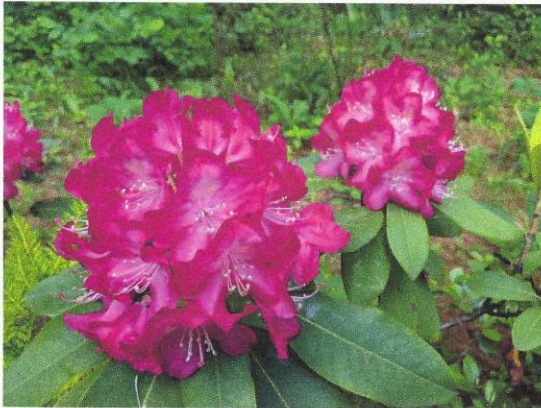
'White Peter'
-25° F

RHODY BLOOMS continued

Here are more “rhody” images from Tom Horner’s country garden. The flower bud hardiness of these cultivars ranges minus 15 to 20° F. If you desire further background information on these plants, feel free to email Tom directly (psalmxl@aol.com).



Katherine Dalton
-15° F



'Red River'
-20° F



Unnamed Elepidote
(from Holly Hills Nursery,
Evansville, Indiana)
-20° F

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IN PERSON EVENTS
SUSPENDED
INDEFINITELY DUE TO "VIRUS"

The following new members
have joined the Midwest Chapter:

Dan Gourley
West Bend, WI
George Hodakowski
Hinsdale, IL
Barbara Krieg
La Porte, IN
Cheryl Philstrom
Scandia, MN

The Midwest Chapter—ARS

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Tom Horner, Treasurer
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(Position Vacant)**

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Chapter Members Grouped By State

Illinois-

Ted Antle – Carol Stream
Kyle Bertrand. - Dunlap
Nina Buzyna. - Deerfield
John Golab - Barrington
Jane High - Gurnee
George Hodakowski. - Hinsdale
Jim McCarthy- Wilmette
Marcia Meggs – Olympia Fields
Maureen Thoren. – Elgin

Michigan-

Roger Dunlap – Traverse City
Connie L. – Hillsdale
Chieko R. – Traverse City
Pamela S. – Livonia

Wisconsin-

Dan Gourley – West Bend
Mike Heim – Hayward
Tom Horner – Waterford
Harvey Woehlick – Waukesha

Minnesota

Betty Ann Addison – Minneapolis
Ross Becker – Grasston
Deb Crotchett – Roseville
Cheryl Philstrom – Scandia
Pat Whittaker - Lambertton

Other States

Barbara Krieg – La Porte, IN
Pat Tatum – Terre Haute, IN
Dr. Paul Christensen – Ames, IA
Mark Widrechner – Ames, IA
Walter Behrendt – St. Louis, MO



Mrs. Peach

(R. maximum 'Roseum' x 'Skipper')
Dunlap garden—Traverse City, MI

June 20, 2021