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**<< Spring Meeting and Plant Sale  
Saturday, May 7th >>**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDWEST CHAPTER BOARD**

The Midwest chapter Board has scheduled an “in-person” Chapter meeting on Saturday, May 7th at 11 AM. Former president, John Golab will be hosting the meeting at his Inverness, IL home. John has one of the “premier” rhody gardens in the Chicago area featuring a blend of small leaf (lepidote) and large leaf (elepidote) rhododendron. His extensive collection is set within a framework of mature trees and perennials. We hope that an outdoor setting may alleviate your concerns regarding the virulency of the Covid virus. We wanted to give you advance notice now so you are aware of this upcoming meeting & note your calendar accordingly.

We urge you to reserve the time now particularly since we plan to include a **PLANT SALE** featuring a modest selection of 3 year old “liner “sized (6-10” high) large leaf rhododendrons. These plants will be made available to members and “guests” on a limited, “first come-first serve basis. We have a confirmed order with **VAN VEEN NURSERY**, Portland, Oregon for 60 plants: 12 cultivars selected for their hardiness at an average price of \$ 10.00 each. **(THE MIDWEST CHAPTER TREASURY WILL ABSORB THE SHIPPING COST—A 50% SAVINGS TO YOU!)**

The following cultivars have been selected for their bud hardiness and their demonstrated reputation as “good doers”: Album Novum, Calsap, Great Eastern, Haaga, Hawaii, Mary Belle, Minnetonka, Monaco, Spring Parade, Yaku Price, Yaku Princess and Yellow Eyes.

Spread “the word” among your friends about this Plant Sale and invite them to attend the meeting. Reserve your place today by contacting John (email: [e.j.golab@gmail.com](mailto:e.j.golab@gmail.com)).

*John Golab, Tom Horner & Roger Dunlap*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Spring Meeting & Plant Sale

Date: May 7, 2022—11 AM  
 Location: John Golab garden  
 1582 Bedlington Drive  
 Inverness, Illinois  
 Contact: John Golab  
 e.j.golab@gmail.com

The following new member has  
 joined the Midwest Chapter:

Andrew Howell  
 Thornton, IL

### The Midwest Chapter—ARS

Website: [www.midwestars.org](http://www.midwestars.org)

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## VAN VEEN HERITAGE GARDEN

Perhaps you have read the GOFUNDME “appeal” contained within the January 2022 RHODO-NOTES published by ARS “National”. The goal of “the appeal” is to raise money for the VAN VEEN HERITAGE GARDEN in Portland, Oregon. The new Garden is a reconstituted form of the original VAN VEEN NURSERY which has been a major retail/wholesale source for common and rare rhododendrons for decades. Many of us have purchased plants from VAN VEEN in the past or have utilized their specialized propagation services. In its new iteration, the Garden will continue to provide rhody propagation services but in addition, serve as unique Display Garden and a Center for Learning all in urban Portland. This was the vision of the late Kathy Van Veen. It was her death and disastrous weather damage to the greenhouses which inspired this ambitious project. Of course, restoring/improving the “facility” requires the aid of dedicated volunteers and money. The goal of the GOFUNDME campaign is to raise \$ 250,000.00.

The Midwest Chapter “Board” believes this a worthy endeavor and has donated \$ 500.00 to “the Campaign”. Many of us plan to make our private tax deductible donations as well. We urge you to consider making a donation. You can read more about their history, recent “challenges” and goals by logging onto <http://vanveennursery.com> or <https://GOFUNDME.com/f935c4d5>.



R. ‘Haaga’



R. ‘Yellow Eyes’