

A Guide to the American Rhododendron Society Papers

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Any quotations from the records and volumes of the American Rhododendron Society (10,553-d-e) in any media must be approved in advance by the Society. The Records of the Middle Atlantic Chapter and Le-Mac Nurseries (10,553-f) are unrestricted. Contact Curator for details.

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Acquisition Information

The American Rhododendron Society records and volumes (10,553-d-e) were given to the Library through Ms. Paula L. Cash, the Executive Secretary, of Tigard, Oregon, and Mr. Harry L. Wise of Charleston, West Virginia, on June 3, 1987. The Middle Atlantic Chapter Records and Le-Mac Nurseries Records were given to the Library by Dr. Sandra McDonald of Hampton, Virginia, on July 20, 1987.

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Scope and Content

This collection consists of ca. 2,800 items (12 Hollinger boxes, 4 linear feet), 1931-1987, records of the American Rhododendron Society, the Middle Atlantic Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, and Le-Mac Nurseries, Hampton, Virginia.

The American Rhododendron Society series contains correspondence, financial records, chapter-related materials, minutes of the National Board of Director's Meetings, records of the Awards and Publication Committees, membership lists, newsletters, and printed material.

The correspondence of the American Rhododendron Society includes that between various chapters and the national headquarters and the correspondence of several past national officers, such as Dr. J. Harold Clarke, Edward B. Dunn, Fred C. Galle, Ruth Hansen, August Kehr, A. S. Martin, Dr. Carl H. Phetteplace, George W. Ring, III, and Dr. Robert L. Ticknor.

Prominent topics in the first series include: the controversy concerning the transfer of Research and Education Funds to the Research Foundation Account, the International Rhododendron Conference (1961), National Conventions (1966-1971, & 1980), the Pacific Conference of 1970, the Pollen Bank, the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust, the Quarterly Bulletin, the rhododendron rating project, the rhododendron species glossary, the seed exchange, and the test garden of the American Rhododendron Society in Portland, Oregon.

Series II consists of ten bound volumes of financial record books of the American Rhododendron Society, including a membership record book and an advertising record book.

The third series contains the records of the Middle Atlantic Chapter, chiefly the records of the Secretary-Treasurer, membership lists, and correspondence. The correspondence files include those of Kenneth McDonald, the Denmark Chapter, with political figures, the controversy over the transfer of Research and Education Funds to the Research Foundation Account, the formation of the Middle Atlantic Chapter, the Gold Medal nominations, and newsletter ideas.

The Le-Mac Nurseries Records comprise the fourth series. These papers consist of two folders concerning Azalea Flower Spot Disease (*Ovulinia Azaleae Weiss*), and correspondence between Le-Mac Nurseries and Joseph Gable, Fred Lee, Tony Shammarello, Bellingrath Gardens, B. Y. Morrison, Neil W. Stuart, and Sam

Ensweller. Kenneth McDonald served as the chairman of the Virginia Nurserymen Association Committee concerning Azalea Flower Spot Disease control in the late 1940's.

All newsletters have been removed from this collection and placed in the open accession 10,553-c.

Organization

These records are arranged into four series, with individual folders in alphabetical order within each series: 1) American Rhododendron Society Records (Boxes 1-7); 2) American Rhododendron Society Bound Volumes (Boxes 8-9); 3) Middle Atlantic Chapter Records (Boxes 10-12); 4) Le-Mac Nurseries Records (Box 12).

Container List

Series I: America Rhododendron Society Records

American Horticultural Society

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 1

Awards Committee

Unit Date 1954-1976 & 1986

Container Box 1

Bills Paid

Unit Date 1960-1971

Container Box 1

Birmingham Chapter

Unit Date 1969-1970

Container Box 1

Chapter Correspondence & Related Material

Unit Date 1955-1987 & n.d.

Container Box 1

Extent (4 folders)

Chapter Information

Unit Date 1964-1971

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Chapter President and Secretary Lists

Unit Date 1967-1977

Container Box 2

Clarke, Dr. J. Harold

Unit Date 1960-1969

Container Box 2

Extent (2 folders)

Committees

Unit Date 1969 & 1973-1974

Container Box 2

Controversy re Transfer of Research & Education Funds to the Research Foundation Account

Unit Date 1982-1983

Container Box 2

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Unit Date 1982-1983

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Unit Date 1959-1962

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Dunn, Edward B.- Correspondence

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Unit Date 1979

Container Box 3

Hansen, Ruth- Correspondence

Unit Date 1960-1964

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Insurance Policies

Unit Date 1962-1971

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Martin, A. S.- Correspondence

Unit Date 1960-1962 & 1969-1983

Container Box 3

Membership by Chapters

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Container Box 4

Membership, Non-Chapter

Unit Date 1967-1969

Container Box 4

Extent (2 folders)

Middle Atlantic Chapter Correspondence

Unit Date 1960-1971

Container Box 4

Extent (2 folders)

Minutes of the National Board of Directors' Meetings

Unit Date 1944-1948

Container Box 4

Minutes of the National Board of Directors' Meetings

Unit Date 1949-1986

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Extent (8 folders)

Minutes of the National Board of Directors' Meetings

Unit Date 1987

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Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1956-1980

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National Conventions

Unit Date 1966-1971

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National Convention of 1980

Unit Date 1980

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Pacific Conference of 1970

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Container Box 6

Phetteplace, Dr. Carl H.- Correspondence

Unit Date 1966-1969

Container Box 6

Plant Hunting in China- Book Orders

Unit Date 1969 & 1980

Container Box 6

Policies of the Board

Unit Date 1985

Container Box 6

Pollen Bank

Unit Date 1980-1983

Container Box 6

Printed Material

Unit Date 1954-1981 & n.d.

Container Box 6

Publication Committee

Unit Date 1961-1977 & n.d.

Container Box 6

Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust

Unit Date 1967-1969

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Quarterly Bulletin

Unit Date 1968-1974

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Registrar

Unit Date 1979-1981

Container Box 7

Rhododendron Rating Project

Unit Date 1965-1970

Container Box 7

Rhododendron Species Glossary

Unit Date n.d.

Container Box 7

Ring, George W. III- Correspondence

Unit Date 1980-1983

Container Box 7

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Unit Date 1969-1983

Container Box 7

Extent (2 folders)

Show Records

Unit Date 1946-1950

Container Box 7

Taxes

Unit Date 1945, 1950-1952 & 1967-1970

Container Box 7

Test Garden of the American Rhododendron Society, Portland, Oregon

Unit Date 1950-1954

Container Box 7

Ticknor, Dr. Robert L.- Correspondence

Unit Date 1969 & 1974

Container Box 7

Series II: America Rhododendron Society Bound Volumes

Advertising Record Book

Unit Date 1961-1964

Container Box 8

Financial Record Books

Unit Date 1944-1961

Container Box 8

Extent

(6 volumes w/ over-lapping date ranges)

Financial Record Books

Unit Date 1959-1970

Container Box 9

Extent

(2 volumes w/ over-lapping date ranges)

Membership Record Book

Unit Date 1947-1951

Container Box 9

Series III: Middle Atlantic Chapter Records

Controversy re Transfer of Research & Education Funds to the Research FoundationAccount

Unit Date 1982-1983

Container Box 10

Correspondence

Unit Date 1981-1983

Container Box 10

Correspondence of Kenneth McDonald

Unit Date 1949-1964 & n.d.

Container Box 10

Extent (2 folders)

Correspondence re the Formation of the Middle Atlantic Chapter

Unit Date 1952-1953

Container Box 10

Denmark Chapter Suggestions re Payment of Dues Increases

Unit Date 1985

Container Box 10

Gold Medal Nominations

Unit Date 1981-1983

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Joint Regional Meeting

Unit Date 1980

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Unit Date 1976-1980

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Middle Atlantic Chapter Newsletter Ideas

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Middle Atlantic Chapter Newsletter Ideas

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Political Correspondence

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Quarterly Bulletin Reviews

Unit Date 1981-1982

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Secretary-Treasurer Records

Unit Date 1975-1977

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Extent (4 folders)

Secretary-Treasurer Records

Unit Date 1978-1981

Container Box 12

Extent (4 folders)

Series IV: Le-Mac Nurseries Records

Azalea Flower Spot Disease

Unit Date 1934-1951

Container Box 12

Extent (2 folders)

Correspondence with Joseph Gable

Unit Date 1931-1955

Container Box 12

Correspondence with Fred Lee, Tony Shammarello, and Bellingrath Gardens

Unit Date 1947-1961

Container Box 12

Correspondence with B. Y. Morrison, Neil W. Stuart, and Sam Ensweller

Unit Date 1947-1950

Container Box 12

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