

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society



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PLANTS FOR MEMBERS IS FINALLY HERE – After a year of the dedicated group sticking, potting up, and generally fussing with the cuttings, it's finally time for all of the rest of us to bring lots of money and buy them up. There's going to be a good selection so you're not going to want to miss this. Come on Sunday, September 13th, at **11:30 A.M.** to the Widener Education Center of Morris Arboretum. We will be meeting early because there is another event happening in the space (wedding) and we will need to plan to vacate the space at 1:30 to allow the next group to set up. Come a little early for refreshments, conversation with fellow members, and to review the offerings. We will start pretty promptly and get right on with it.

This is the twenty-third sale to members, long enough for some of the cuttings to be second and third generation plants. The Individual plants cost \$4.50 each or \$12.00 for three selections. As usual, meeting attendees will receive numbers, to be drawn in random groups of six to shop for three plants; after each person has had an opportunity to select three plants, remaining plants are offered to all without limit.

Plant lists will be available after September 1st. Those of you who receive your newsletter electronically will automatically receive a copy via e-mail. If you prefer a paper copy in advance of the sale please contact Karel Bernady directly (610-827-0113) and he will mail it out one week before the sale. Copies of the list will also be on hand at the sale.

We want to express our great appreciation to all who have helped make our Plants for Members Program possible. A dedicated group of propagators have been working hard for more than a year to make an interesting variety of healthy plants to us.

OCTOBER MEETING – Actually, there is no October meeting this year and the reason why is that we want you to come to The District 8 Regional Conference on October 23, 24 and 25, instead. Check the website for conference information. (www.ARSfall2009.org) We need volunteers for lots of things. Two immediate needs are to work at the

Registration Table on Friday or Saturday (10/23 & 10/24), and to help with the plant sale. Set-up for the sale will happen during the day on Friday, and the sale will be open on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Contact Linda Hartnett (phone number in the box above) and tell her what you are interested in helping with. She will pass your name on to the appropriate person and you will be contacted directly.

This should be a great event and we would love to see everyone attend.

BOARD MEETING REMINDER – The next two board meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 15th and Tuesday, November 17th, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Betts Layman. RSVP to Linda Hartnett or Betts Layman.