



**American Rhododendron Society
TAPPAN ZEE CHAPTER**

**United Methodist Church
130 Berthoud Street
Park Ridge, New Jersey**

**2:00 p.m. Saturday
September 29, 2007
12:00 p.m. for lunch**

SPEAKER: Richard Buckley

Richard Buckley is the Coordinator of the Plant Diagnostic Laboratory at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He was born and raised in Delaware, received his BS in Entomology and Plant Pathology from the University of Delaware, and an MS in Turfgrass Pathology from Rutgers. In addition to his responsibilities as Laboratory Coordinator, Richard is an instructor in the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School, teaching courses in diseases and insect pests of turfgrass and ornamental plants. He is also a frequent lecturer and invited speaker on disease and insect pest problems in turf and ornamentals, plant problem solving, and pest management techniques.

The title of his presentation is "Diseases and pests of Rhododendron and other Ericaceous plants." This lecture will cover the identification, management and control of the common insect, mite, and disease problems in Ericaceous landscape plants

SOIL TESTING: Richard will bring a few soil testing kits for anyone who desires to have the Rutgers lab test their soil for fertility (nutrients and pH with recommendations). The cost of the kit is \$15. He has also offered to carry your soil sample back to the lab if you bring it to the meeting. However, if you do this you must download the proper form from the Rutgers web site, www.njaes.rutgers.edu/services, read the instructions carefully, and make your check out to Rutgers Soil Testing Laboratory.

DUES: It is time to renew your membership in the Tappan Zee Chapter of the Rhododendron Society. Those of you whose memberships are due for renewal will find an envelope enclosed, which is conveniently addressed to our Chapter Treasurer, Irene Card. Please make your check out to Tappan Zee Chapter, ARS. Dues remain at \$35 for Individual, \$40 for Family, \$50 for Sustaining and \$8 for Associate memberships. If dues are not received in the ARS office by November 15 you will not receive the first issue of the Quarterly Journal.

GARDEN PARTY: The Chapter would like to thank Fran Morton for inviting new members along with interested prospects to her recently newly landscaped home to meet and talk to our current cadre of members. There were a total of 26 that attended and with Fran's hospitality and a helping hand from Bernie Golden for the procurement of food, the gathering was a great success.

NEW MEMBERS: The Chapter welcomes our most recent new member, Mr. Martin Hayes, a resident of Leonia, New Jersey. All new members receive a welcoming plant from the Chapter.

FROM THE ARS PROGRAM LIBRARY: A second DVD, Frank Fujioka's France Program, is now available to the ARS chapters for meeting programs and to chapter members. Information on the contents and purchase of the DVD will be provided on a handout for any one interested.

REFRESHMENTS - We encourage members to bring refreshments. However, if you intend to do so, please inform Marvin & Leah Klibonoff at 845-354-3421, so that they can coordinate what is brought.

PRE-MEETING DINNER – Please join us for a 12:00 noon lunch at Davey’s Locker on Kinderkamack Road just below the Railroad Station in Montvale. At our pre-meeting lunches, the total bill is divided equally among the group. However, alcoholic drinks are not allowed onto the totaled bill. Please pay for these separately.

TAPPAN ZEE 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Except for September and December, meetings at the Park Ridge Methodist Church will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The schedule is:

September 29	Member meeting
October 27	Member meeting
December 1	Member meeting
February 23	Annual luncheon meeting
March 22	Member meeting
April 26	Member meeting
May 10	The Annual Plant Sale
May 17	Garden tour, luncheon, and member flower show, to be hosted by Allan and Shirley Anderson
May (TBA)	A tour of Dr. Bill Zurich’s garden

WEB SITE: Remember to go to <http://www.tappanzee.org> to check our web site for posted information on activities.

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The next meeting will take place on October 27, 2007

For directions or any other inquiries call Lydia or Gus Cerini at 845-735-3475

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