

# A Guide to the Papers of the American Rhododendron Society

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## Scope and Content

This addition to the papers of the American Rhododendron Society, ca. 600 items (3 Hollinger boxes), ca. 1944-1948, 1965-1997, consists of minutes, in files and an early bound volume; by-laws; additions to the Chapter Notebook; the correspondence and memoranda of President Austin C. Kennell, correspondence of Kennell and the Chapters, and correspondence of Kennell and the Executive Secretary, Barbara Hall; correspondence with the Editors of the Journal of the American Rhododendron Society, Adele Jones and Sonja Nelson; records of the search committee to fill the editor position; files pertaining to the executive secretary position and its duties; financial statements of the American Rhododendron Society and the Seed Exchange Fund; policies of the Board; membership census; scheduling of the National Conventions; a video cassette tape recording discussing the history of how the organization started, sent by William Robinson to Barbara Hall; and a file on the International Rhododendron Union.

## Item Listing

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Unit Date** 1988-1997

**Container** Box 1

**Extent**

(4 folders)

**By-laws (Updates)**

**Unit Date** 1987-1996

**Container** Box 1

## **Chapter Notebook**

**Unit Date** 1981-1982

**Container** Box 1

**Extent**

(2 folders)

## **Chapter Notebook**

**Unit Date** 1983-1985, n.d.

**Container** Box 2

## **Correspondence of President Austin C. Kennell**

**Unit Date** 1990-1991

**Container** Box 2

**Extent**

(3 folders)

## **Correspondence of President Austin C. Kennell with Chapters**

**Unit Date** 1989-1990

**Container** Box 2

## **Correspondence of President Austin C. Kennell & the Executive Secretary, Barbara Hall**

**Unit Date** 1989-1990

**Container** Box 2

## **Correspondence with Editor Adele Jones**

**Unit Date** ca. 1989-1990

**Container** Box 2

## **Correspondence with Editor Sonja Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1990-1993

**Container** Box 2

**Extent**

(2 folders)

## **Correspondence with Editor Sonja Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1994

**Container** Box 3

## **Editor Search Committee**

**Unit Date** 1990

**Container** Box 3

## **Executive Secretary**

**Unit Date** 1989

**Container** Box 3

## **Executive Secretary - Duties & Information**

**Unit Date** 1965-1990

**Container** Box 3

## **Financial Statements**

**Unit Date** 1981-1994

**Container** Box 3

**Extent**

(2 folders)

## **Financial Statements - Seed Exchange Fund**

**Unit Date** 1986-1994

**Container** Box 3

## **Foreign Exchange Rate**

**Unit Date** ca. 1986-1990

**Container** Box 3

## **International Rhododendron Union**

**Unit Date** 1988-1996

**Container** Box 3

## **Membership Census by Chapter**

**Unit Date** ca. 1978-1988

**Container** Box 3

## **Memoranda of Austin C. Kennell**

**Unit Date** 1989-1990

**Container** Box 3

## **National Convention Scheduling, Correspondence**

**Unit Date** 1983-1987

**Container** Box 3

## **Policies of the Board**

**Unit Date** 1970, 1988-1996

**Container** Box 3

## **American Rhododendron Society Meeting Minutes, with some additional material in the front of the volume**

**Unit Date** 1944-1948

**Extent**

Oversize Volume

**"Old Timers Discussing the Start of the Rhododendron Society in Portland, Oregon. Filmed at the home of Herb and Betty Spady near Salem." Mike Stewart, Past President of Portland Chapter, American Rhododendron Society, is the Master of Ceremonies**

**Unit Date** 1993 Jan

**Extent**

Videocassette Recording

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