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Several articles in this issue will address the questions beginning gardeners often ask about growing rhododendrons in their gardens. The culture, or "how-to" aspect, of rhododendrons is addressed by two Tips for Beginners articles written by experienced gardeners Bill Stipe on the West Coast and Ted Stecki on the East Coast. For those beginners in the Midwest, Gordon Emerson tells of his fifty years of experience growing rhododendrons in Ohio's harsh climate.

Drawing on the experience of some of the first members of the American Rhododendron Society, this issue includes an excerpt of an article on rhododendron culture appearing in the *ARS Quarterly Bulletin* that covers summer tasks in the garden (author not listed). It is interesting to note, however, that there is still difference of opinion on whether or not to "deadhead" and whether or not to let up on fall watering. Expect to see more reprints of articles from the early publications of the *ARS* on rhododendron culture.

The Journal editor welcomes articles from current members on rhododendron culture. These articles can be feature length or simply short notes on practices that work for you. Don't be shy about sharing your experience. Everyone, including our old-timers, will be interested in knowing what works.

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