

As it was first known ...named for his wife.

OLIVE W. LEE

MEMORIAL

GARDEN

The time is somewhere around the 1960's and 1970's. These are George's slides!



The Beautification ladies helped him with his garden, especially when he was having his annual 'Mouse Trap Nursery' Plant Sales.



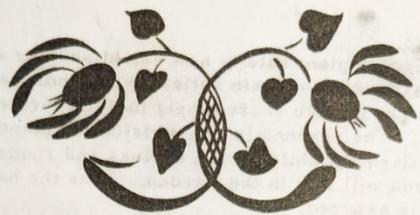
George's Mouse Trap Nursery



1975

JCW

Mary Jane
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GEORGE S. LEE, jr.

PRESENTS

FOR THE

GARDEN CENTER OF NEW CANAAN, INC.

ANOTHER

SPRING PLANT SALE

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

AT

THE OLIVE W. LEE MEMORIAL GARDEN

89 CHICHESTER ROAD

NEW CANAAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1975

TEN TO THREE O'CLOCK

(RAIN DATE: MAY 8)

FEATURING

AZALEAS, RHODODENDRON, PERENNIALS

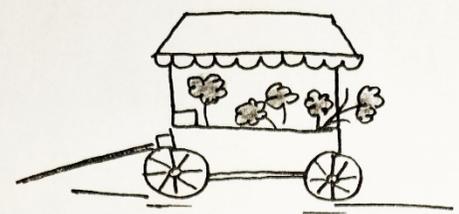


BRING A GARDEN BASKET OR CARTON

WEAR COMFORTABLE FLAT SHOES

PARK ON TOQUAM ROAD OR WASUSSE COURT

1977



George S. Lee, jr.

presents

for the Garden Center of New Canaan, Inc.

another Spring Plant Sale

for members and their friends

at the Olive Lee Memorial Garden, 89 Chichester Road
Wednesday, May 9, between 10 and 3 (rain date—May 10)

featuring

Rhododendrons: five varieties—

- Bess Howells—a red shamarello hybrid
- Scintillation—a pink, one of the most famous Dexter hybrids
- Boule de Neige—white
- Nova Zembla—red
- Roseum pink—pink

Azaleas: the three best hybrids of Joseph Gable—

- Louise Gable—pink
- Rose Greeley—white
- Stewartsonian—red

also the ever popular Polar Bear—white, and Lorna—pink, in small sizes and a limited quantity of three new exbury deciduous azaleas—

- Gibraltar—orange
- Peach sunset—yellow
- Klondyke—yellow

Perennials: dwarf iris, primrose, and shortia, dug to order by the committee—bring your garden basket.

These plants have all been selected by Mr. Lee especially for this event. Well established, having survived the rigors of New Canaan winters, specimens of all should be in full bloom in the garden for the prospective buyers to see. Parking on Toquam Road and Wasusse Court.

Mr. Lee will be present to offer planting advice.

Plant Sale Day

Azaleas- 2.50

A bucket of
pachysandra- 1.00



Azalea purchases



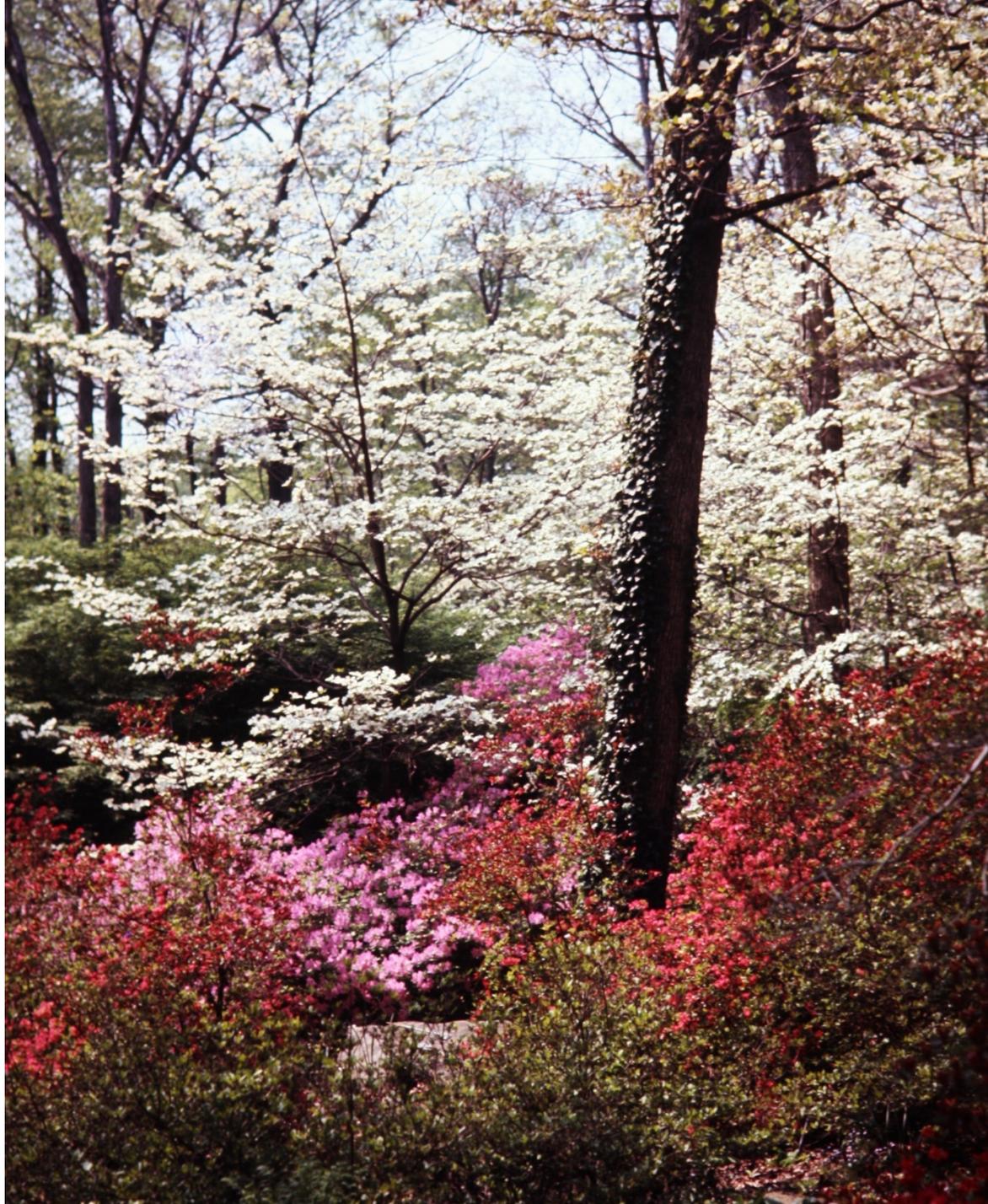
Dressed for a plant sale!



The hill of red Stewartstonian azaleas, his favorite.



Dogwood
blooms
floating above
the azaleas



Along Wood Road the main path



The old entrance, about 20 ft to the left of today's gates.



He was a daffodil lover and president of the Daffodil Society. There's a commemorative plaque on Wood Road given to him by the Daffodil Society.



Being a retired accountant for the railroad, his notes were quite precise. He left copious lists of all the daffodils that were added to the garden... but never subtracted ones that failed or died out. The increase in the tree canopy probably had something to do with fewer and fewer daffodils. We do still add some. Narcissus being longer lived.



Planting



He loved primroses and yes was in the Primrose Society.





Primula x ...

George and
Olive on the
patio.

She was not a
gardener, but he
designed the
garden to be seen
from the patio for
her.



View from the road, before the parking lot was built.



The view from Olive's Way



The Boulder Drift– pretty much the same today







Wood Road looking toward the street



Epimediums along the trails



Baltic Ivy! The same pest it is today.

Azaleas blooming



Rhodos in bloom



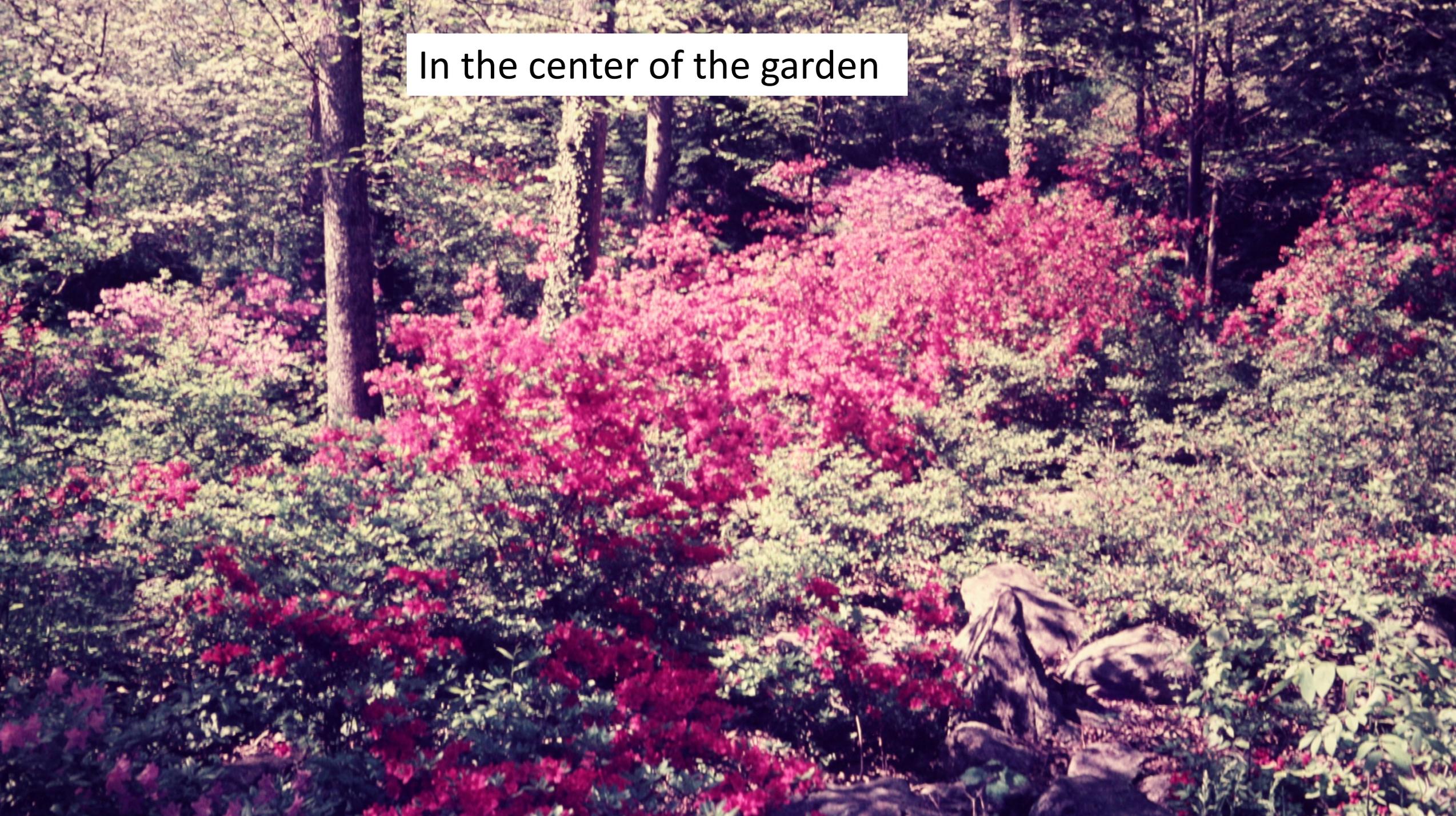
Looking down from Olive's Way..





Stewartstonian red azalea, taken May 1962

In the center of the garden

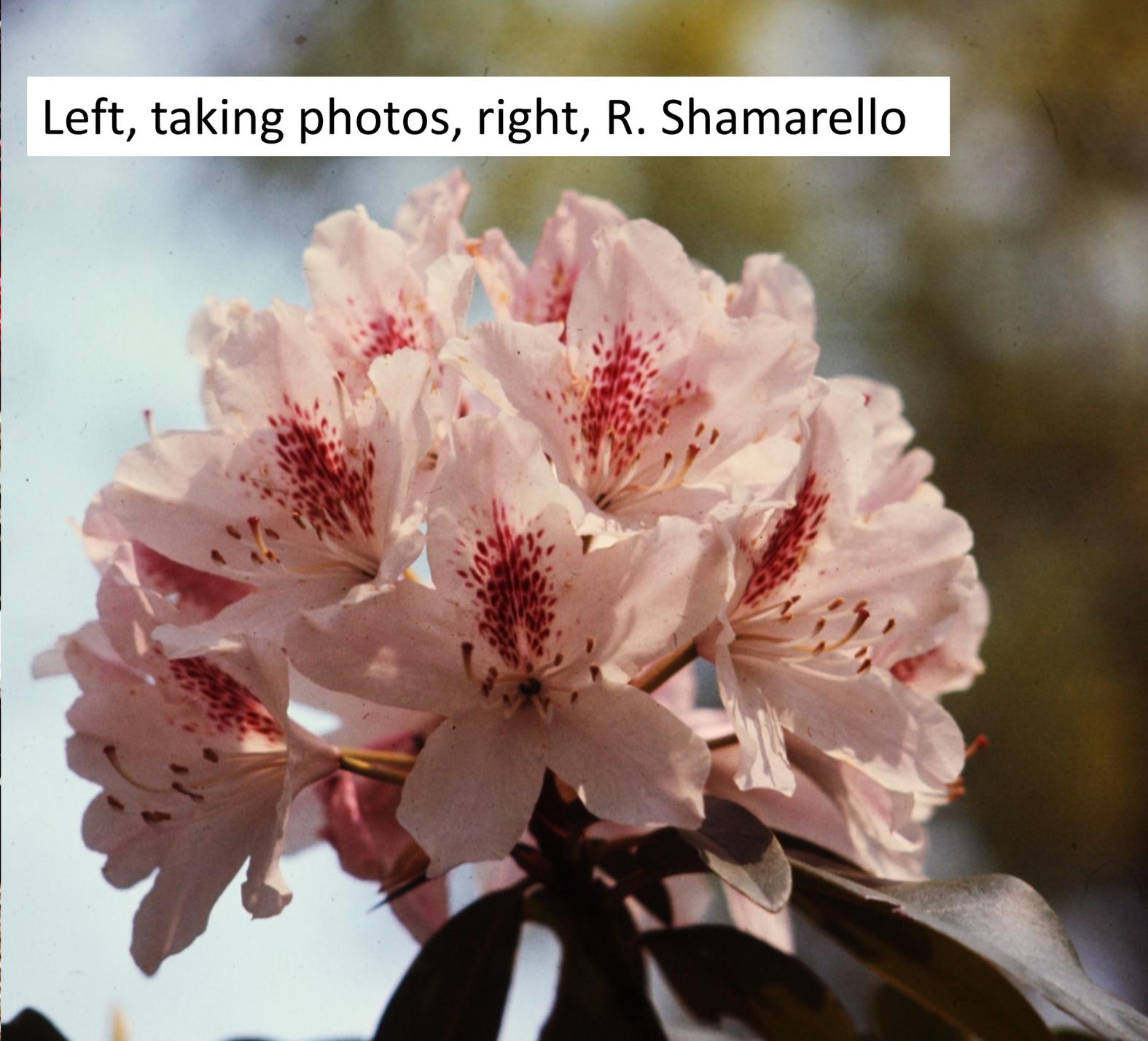




Rhododendron vasei behind the tool shed



Left, taking photos, right, R. Shamarello



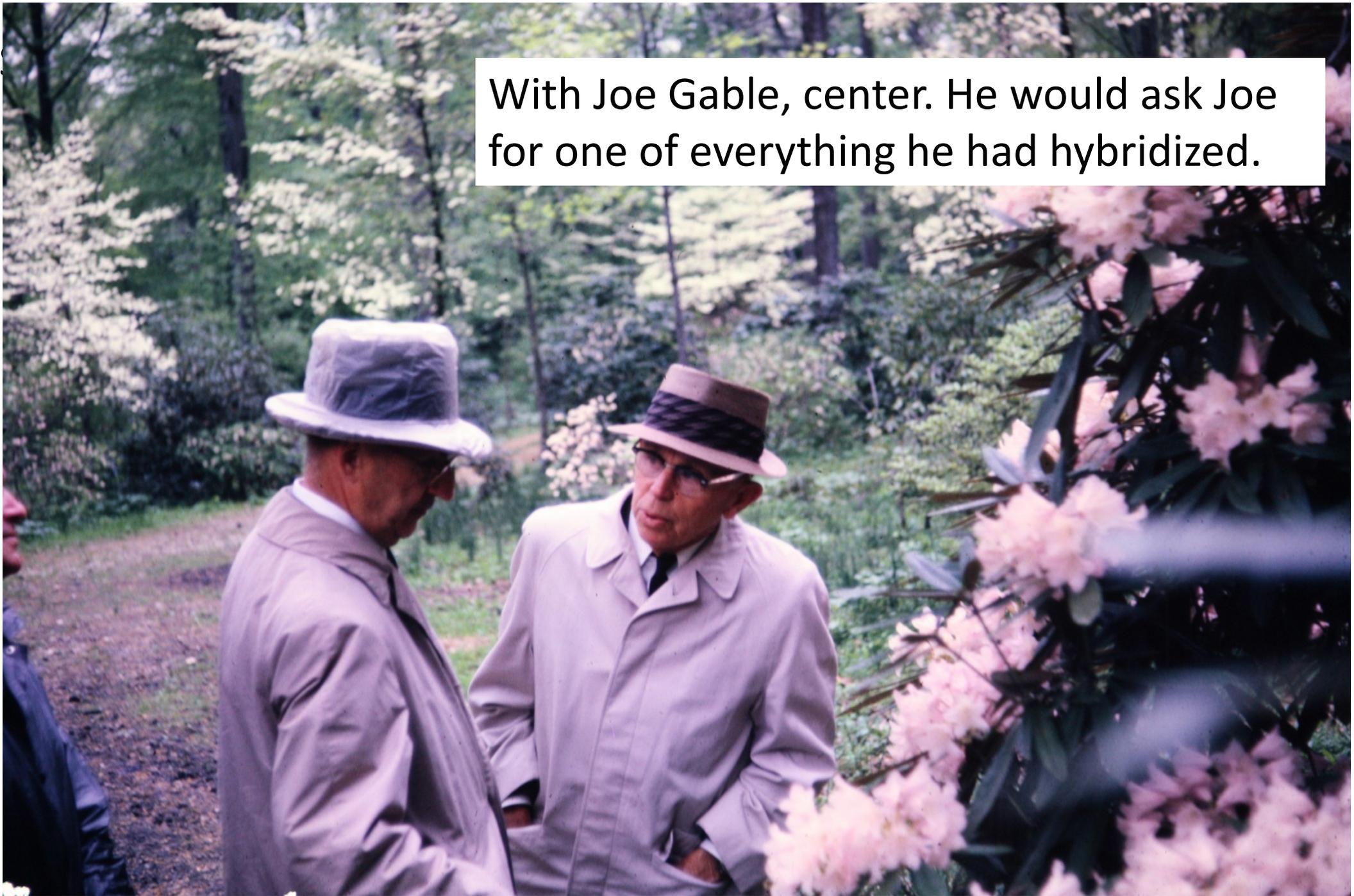
R. Rimini, or Fortunei.



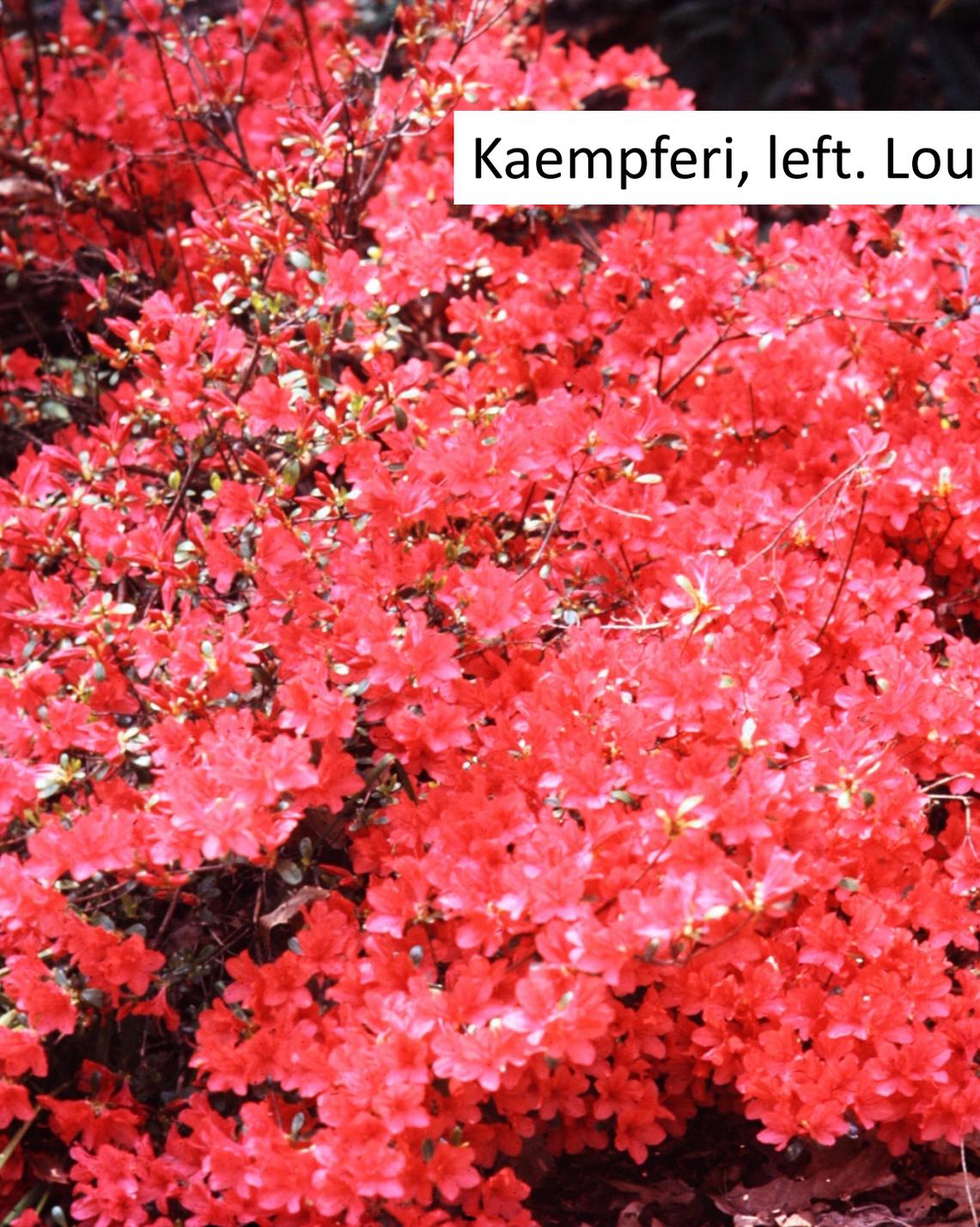


Rhodo Big Joe, named after Joe Gable

With Joe Gable, center. He would ask Joe for one of everything he had hybridized.



Kaempferi, left. Louise Gable, right



A. Gibraltar, orange, and A. Mary Dalton.



Double pink Anemone, left and Yellow Trillium



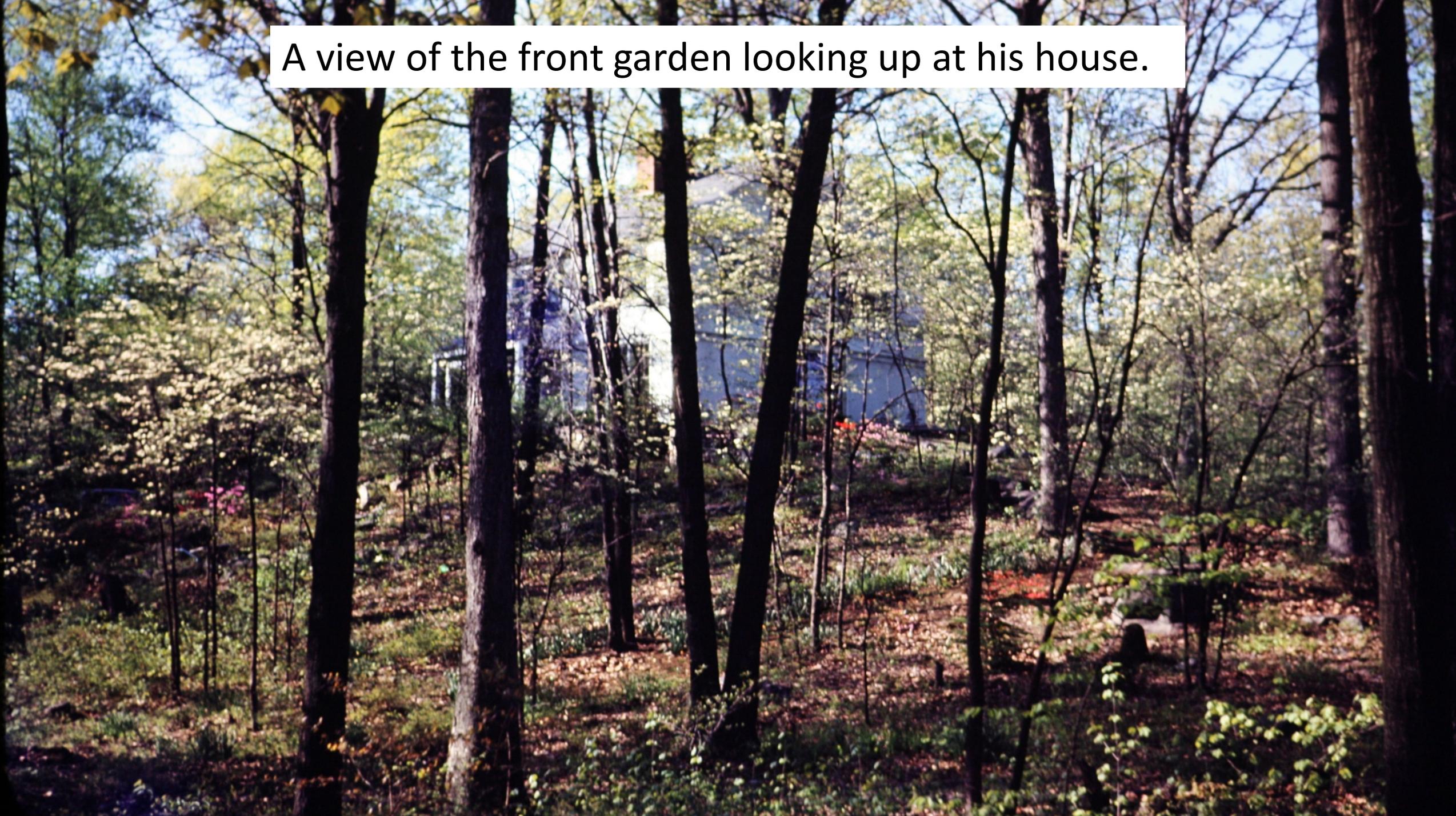


Bloodroot, a native. One of the first bloomers.

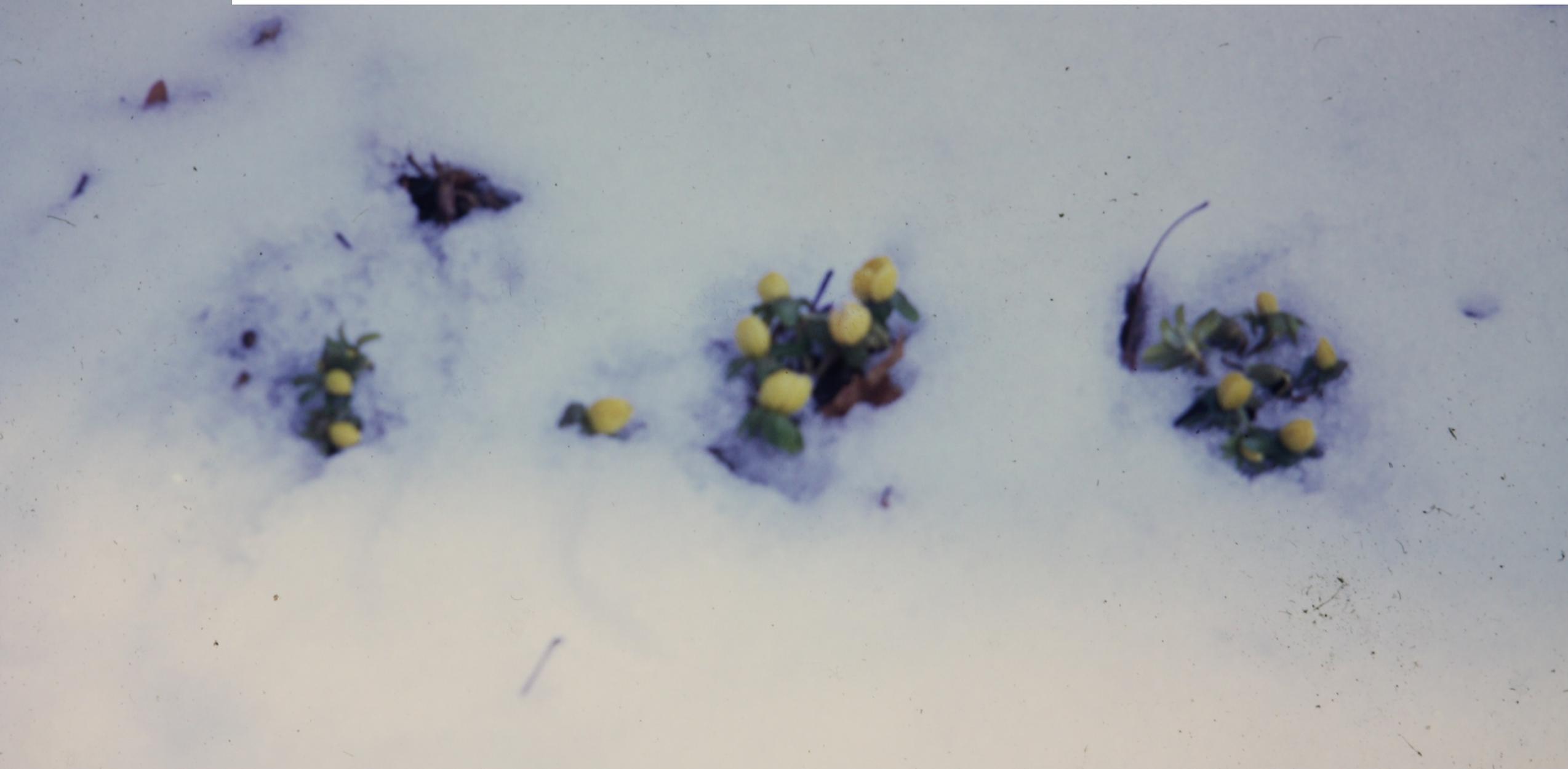
Ferns.



A view of the front garden looking up at his house.



Winter aconite— Eranthus, blooming through the snow.



Thank you, George for taking us
through your garden!

This was a visiting dog,
not George's.

