BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

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#6420
Rhododendron
Rhododendron fictolacteum
Behind Aberthau Mansion
49 16′ 19″ N, -123 12′ 18″ W

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EMAIL TO TREE #6420

Dear 6420 Rhododendron

Your elegant limbs
Inspire me
Reminds me
of dance
ageing with beauty.

— ANONYMOUS

RESPONSE FROM TREE #6420

Thank you for your message. It's my first one, so I really treasure it.

As a Rhododendron with beautiful blossoms, people tend to only notice me in the spring time. They walk down the concrete steps, see my foliage and light purple petals and are sometimes moved to take a photo. But once those petals have fallen, people rarely turn their heads towards me. But, YOU, you noticed my elegant limbs. I think they are my most beautiful feature with their graceful curving lines. The arborists have done a wonderful job making them more visible.

It's a special gift to find beauty in the everyday. Thank you for sharing it with me.

Warm regards,
Holly Schmidt on behalf of Rhododendron

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