Pat Ryan Native Azalea/ Rhododendron



Gorgeous fragrant blossoms!

Rhododendron 'Pat Ryan' (Aromi hybrid)

- <u>Use:</u> With gorgeous flowers that light up and fill the garden with a wonderful spicy aroma, the Pat Ryan Aromi Azalea is a deciduous Aromi hybrid that Heat and humidity tolerance, vigor, fragrance, and unique color all come together for an absolutely stunning color display and delicious aroma in the spring garden!
- Exposure/Soil: Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. You just need to water it during times when it isn't raining enough. Plant them shallowly and mulch well to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Grows best in moist, well-drained, organic soils with a pH range from 4.5 to 6.0. "Well-drained" is the key. Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.
- <u>Growth</u>: Moderate grower to 6 to 8 ft. tall, 4 to 6 ft. wide in an upright habit. The
 flower buds develop in summer for the following spring's display, so prune shortly after flowering, if necessary. Ideally, plant them where they will not require
 pruning.
- Hardiness: Zone 6-9; Shrub
- Foliage: Deciduous. Leaves up to 4" long, light green leaves.
 - **Flower:** Produces abundant clusters of fire-red buds that open to exquisite, large, spicy-sweet scented flowers with ruffled, multi-color petals in shades of peach, pink, orange and golden yellow. The flower buds develop in summer for the following spring's display, so prune shortly after flowering, if necessary.