

The Azalea Clipper



New Editor

After ten years of producing the chapter newsletter, Barry Sperling has gone into a well-deserved retirement. We thank him for producing a quality newsletter over those many years.

Rick Bauer will be the new Corresponding Secretary and editor of *The Azalea Clipper*.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.nv-asa.org>

The Northern Virginia Chapter web page is a great source for late breaking news, such as weather related cancellations.

Next Chapter Meeting:

The December annual meeting will be held from 2-4 pm on 6 December.

It will be a virtual meeting so there will be no refreshment duties.

More information is contained in the main body of this newsletter.

Chapter Annual Meeting

Due to COVID restrictions, the chapter has cancelled its holiday social. The annual meeting, however, will occur and will be held from 2-4 pm on 6 December via Zoom. Instructions for joining the meeting are on page 8.

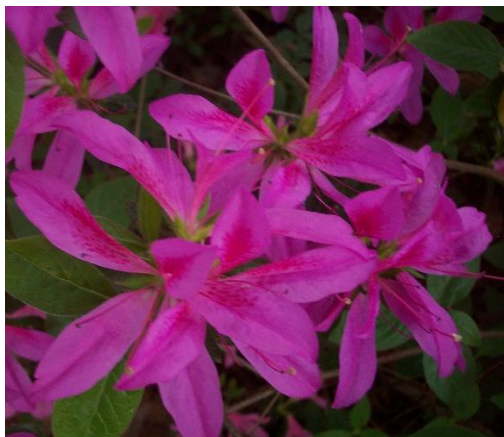
The chapter will be voting on a new slate of officers for 2021 (see page 2), approving the budget (see page 7) and approving donations for 2020 (see page 2).

Additionally, a presentation by Rick Bauer will be given on the Bowie Mill azaleas.

We hope you'll be able to join us!



Denise Ann



Tina's Whorled

Bowie Mill Azaleas

The Bowie Mill azalea hybrid group was developed by Buck Clagett in Derwood, Md.

Rick Bauer will give a presentation highlighting some of the hybrids which Buck has registered.

Bowie Mill hybrids are part of the Legacy Project and are frequently available at chapter plant sales.

Photos by Buck Clagett

President's Message

As we head into the last months of 2020, I look back on a very challenging year for all of us. The impact of the COVID19 virus has been well beyond what we had imagined and the end is hopefully not too far away. I have certainly missed the opportunities to meet and socialize with our chapter members. On a positive note it has allowed some additional time in the garden! With fall at hand it's time to survey the progress of our plants and see where some new azaleas might be added. The chapter has a good selection of plants due to the limited sales this year so please consider adding to your numbers!

We unfortunately will not be having our annual December Holiday Gathering but will have election of officers and business to attend to...details are in this edition. Please support the chapter by your participation. Lastly, I have appreciated the support you have provided me as president and look forward to the year ahead...it has to be better than 2020!

Lars

New Members

The chapter would like to welcome the following new members - Ryck Birch from Natick, MA, Mike Jones from Sebastopol, CA, Toshiko Uchiyama and Eleanor Hagerman from Annandale, VA and Mike Hudgens from Hayes, VA.

Slate of officers for 2021

The following members have volunteered to run for chapter offices for next year:

President – Rick Bauer

Vice President – Diane Marcus

Treasurer – Paul Beck

Secretary – Joanne Neckel

Recommended Donations for 2020

Despite COVID and cancellations of plant sales, the chapter did fairly well financially this year (see the Treasurer's report on page 6), though not as well as in the past. Last year's donation to Green Spring Gardens Title 1 program was not spent due to COVID so the Executive Committee deferred additional donations to Title 1 for this year.

The Executive Committee recommends the following donations for 2020:

\$2500 to Meadowlark Gardens to repair the irrigation system at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden

\$1000 to the Azalea Society of America. If approved, recommend it be made in the memory of our chapter associate member, Robert Thau, who contributed so much to the society and azaleas.

Chapter Legacy Project Activities and Donations - 2020

For many years, the chapter has been engaged in activities to perpetuate and propagate azalea hybrids developed by chapter members and area hybridizers. These activities were expanded upon and documented in the Legacy Project which was formalized in the chapter in 2014. In 2017 the project was expanded society wide in the Azalea Society of America. What started out as four hybrid varieties in the project has expanded to 21. Chapters throughout the United States are currently involved in Legacy activities, including the development of Legacy Gardens.

The chapter has been involved and continues to be involved in Legacy Project activities, including providing McDonald and Glenn Dale azaleas to the Norfolk Botanical Garden and establishing a Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA. Additionally, this year we assisted the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society by donating Marshy Point azaleas for their development of a Marshy Point Legacy Garden at Historic London Town and Gardens in Edgewater, MD.



Susan Bauer and Paul and Carolyn Beck load Holly Springs azaleas for delivery to Jenkins Arboretum

We also contributed a large number of Holly Springs azaleas to Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA for the establishment of a Holly Springs Legacy Garden. Dave and Leslie Nanney made a delivery of Holly Springs azaleas to Jenkins in September and Rick and Susan Bauer made a follow up delivery in October. We will continue to work with Jenkins in the development and completion of their garden. In addition, we have also provided Holly Springs, Klimavicz and McDonald azaleas to Jenkins in 2018 and 2019.

The chapter has planted a Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens and has plans for a future Bob Stewart Legacy Garden at the same site. The chapter entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with Meadowlark Gardens when developing the Klimavicz Legacy Garden where we agreed to provide a monthly level of maintenance for the garden. We are grateful to the chapter members who have participated in these workdays over the past year and we encourage other chapter members to join us in the future.



Klimavicz Garden workday - photos by Carolyn Beck

The irrigation system to water these azaleas is no longer operable and needs to be replaced. We hope our chapter members agree that this is a worthwhile expenditure of chapter resources to ensure the success of the garden(s).



Leslie Nanney and Eve Harrison helping at the Fall Plant Sale – photo Susan Bauer

Chapter resources are primarily obtained by plant sales. Additional funds are received from partial dues reimbursements by ASA National and donations. A lot of effort goes into propagating, raising, tracking these plants and planning and managing these sales. We give our deepest gratitude to Carolyn and Paul Beck for all of the effort they put into supporting the chapter and the society. They were recognized by the Society in 2016 when they received the Distinguished Service Award. We also want to thank all of the chapter

members who gave their time and effort in transporting plants, setting up and tearing down sales and assisting in plant sales. Not only have you helped support the chapter, but you have contributed to preserving some beautiful azalea varieties by introducing them to the general public.

A wrap up of chapter plants sale activities and plant donations is in the tables below. We had a successful year in spite of COVID-19. We hope 2021 is better with your help.

Fundraising Report 2020 (as of November 6)

Event	Number of Plants	Income	Expenses	Net Income
Bonsai Day	19	\$247.00		\$247.00
Fall Sale	79	\$1,068.00		\$1,068.00
Meadowlark Sale	29	\$457.00	\$77.55	\$448.00
Member Sale	357	\$5,790.00	\$52.00	\$5738.00
Total	484	\$7,562.00		\$7,432.45

Donation of Plants 2020

Donation To	Number of Plants	Group	Comment
Jenkins Arboretum, Pennsylvania	117	Holly Springs	For HS Legacy Garden
London Town Garden, Maryland	47	Marshy Point	14 to be used in their fundraising auction to support the Marshy Point collection
Total	164		

Calendar for 2021

Below is the schedule for the 2021. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>.

Monthly workdays will also be scheduled at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden. Dates and times will be published closer to the actual workday.

Many activities are still subject to being canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19, especially at the beginning of the year. Check the chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 21 1:30-4pm	Chapter Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Virtual or Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
April 15-18	ASA "Unconventional Convention"	ASA	Charlotte, NC
April 24-25	Member Garden Visits	NV-ASA	Various
April 24 and/or 25	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 1 and/or 2	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 8	Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale		Vienna
May 15 9 am – 3 pm (Setup May 14)	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale (possibility of cancellation)	Green Spring Gardens	Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA
May 16	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	White's Nursery, Germantown, MD
June 3-6	ARS Convention	ARS	Nova Scotia, Canada
July 11 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 25 1 – 4:30 pm	Fall Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 24 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Fall Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 24 4:30 – 6 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 5 1 – 4:30	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD

Treasurer's Report, January 1, 2020 – Nov 1, 2020

Balance as of 1/1/2020:

FVCB Savings.....	\$14,821.51
FVCB 5-yr CD.....	\$10,669.17
FVCB Checking	\$3,166.50
Total.....	\$28,657.18

Balance as of 11/1/2020:

FVCB Savings.....	\$15,850.41
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$10,838.27
FVCB Checking	\$4,776.37
Total.....	\$31,465.05¹

2020 Plant Sale Summary

Sale	Plants	Gross	Fees	Plant Cost	Net
2020 Member Sales	357	\$5,790.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$5,738.00
2020 Bonsai Members Sale	19	\$247.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$247.00
2020 Fall Sale	79	\$1,068.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,068.00
2020 Meadowlark	29	\$457.00	\$68.55	\$9.00	\$448.00
Total	484	\$7,562.00	\$68.55	\$61.00	\$7,432.45

Significant 2020 Items

The **Member-Only** sale this year was online for the first time, and was very successful. The **Fall Sale** was outside only, and was a scaled-down version with no auction. Plant sale revenue was approximately \$2,300 below budget, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The propagation expense was \$4,011.75 against a budget of \$4,800. Plants purchased from White's Nursery were \$1,008.00. There will be no plants purchased from White's in 2021, as he was unable to do cuttings for us in 2019. The suggested propagation expense budget for 2021 is therefore \$3,000 (supplies only).

The expenses for 2020 were significantly below budgeted, due to lack of plant sale expenses and significant reduction in printing expense for the Clipper. A member has volunteered to print the Clipper on his color laser printer, which produces a copy equivalent in quality to that produced by FedEx Office. The website domain was re-registered in 2020 for a cost of \$287.00. This expense is incurred every 3 years.

¹ Outstanding obligations of \$7,185 (NBG - \$1,230, Meadowlark signage - \$2,955, 2023 Convention, \$3,000).

2021 Proposed Budget

Category	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
INCOME	\$11,674.67	\$10,922.26	\$11,922.80	\$8,079.02	\$13,000.00	\$10,725.00
Savings						
Withdraw					\$2,500.00	
Interest						
Income	\$174.67	\$229.26	\$208.80	\$205.02	\$175.00	\$200.00
Dues	\$560.00	\$555.00	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Donations	\$270.00	\$136.00	\$30.00	\$312.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sales	\$10,670.00	\$10,002.00	\$11,169.00	\$7,562.00	\$9,800.00	\$10,000.00
Auction	\$5,057.00	\$5,538.00	\$5,667.00	\$1,068.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
Green Spring	\$1,869.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Bonsai						
Society	\$709.00	\$1,017.00	\$1,114.00	\$247.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Member Only	\$2,602.00	\$2,422.00	\$2,126.00	\$5,790.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Meadowlark				\$457.00		\$1,000.00
Ayr Hill	\$0.00	\$1,025.00	\$661.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Robbinsville	\$433.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Convention			\$146.00			
EXPENSES	\$8,074.47	\$9,485.61	\$13,803.15	\$6,299.58	\$13,000.00	\$10,725.00
Convention	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Administrative	\$532.11	\$497.71	\$308.08	\$538.87	\$450.00	\$475.00
Mailings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$12.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$240.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Website	\$387.78	\$146.61	\$184.66	\$455.52	\$200.00	\$200.00
CC/Bank Fees	\$131.94	\$110.68	\$123.42	\$72.45	\$150.00	\$150.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Clipper	\$326.26	\$501.46	\$119.35	\$55.00	\$600.00	\$250.00
Donations	\$3,500.00	\$4,315.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Hospitality	\$202.03	\$157.55	\$193.38	\$26.88	\$250.00	\$250.00
Insurance	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Programs	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Honorarium	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Auction	\$533.53	\$540.50	\$531.25	\$9.53	\$270.00	\$270.00
Flyers, Photos	\$37.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.53	\$70.00	\$70.00
Purchases	\$296.25	\$340.50	\$331.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Room Rental	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Ayr Hill	\$0.00	\$51.50	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Bonsai Society	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$130.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Green Spring	\$436.85	\$65.00	\$204.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Purchases	\$156.50	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commission	\$280.35	\$65.00	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Meadowlark				\$68.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commission				\$68.55	\$0.00	\$150.00
Member Sales	\$457.50	\$122.00	\$171.00	\$112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Sales	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Purchases	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

Attending the Annual Meeting via Zoom

Topic: NV-ASA Annual Meeting

Time: Dec 6, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**** If you would like to test your access prior to the meeting, we will be holding a test session Saturday, Dec 5th, from 4-5 pm EST. Follow the instructions above to insure you can gain access. If you have any difficulty accessing the site, contact Paul Beck at (703) 860-5676.**

Azaleas Available

Dave and Leslie Nanney have azaleas available. If you are able to give a good home to any of the varieties listed below, contact them at dnanney@cox.net or (703) 664-5651.

CL 95-10 and LS 91-42 are two Klimavicz hybrids he chose not to name. They are 2' x 2'.
Janet Flick (Kerr)