



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Meeting:

The March chapter meeting will be at 2 pm 21 March.

Due to COVID, it will be a virtual meeting so there will be no refreshment duties.

Instructions for accessing the meeting via Zoom are on page 6.

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.

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Chapter Meeting Speaker

The speaker for the 21 March meeting will be David Underwood, owner of Chesapeake Irrigation and Lighting. He will be talking about "How Landscape Lighting and Irrigation Can Enhance Your Property." Many of us have spent a lot of time developing beautiful gardens. Unfortunately, they are only visible during daylight hours. David will explain to us how we can extend the viewing of our gardens into the evening hours using landscape lighting. He will also discuss different methods of irrigation.



President's Message

As I come to the end of my two terms as Society president, I'm happy to be back as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter. While we have a number of very good chapters in the society, we are certainly one of the most active. I'm especially pleased with all the work we have done with the Legacy Project, the most impressive being the creation of a Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA. We also continue to support Legacy efforts at other gardens/arborescences, including Norfolk Botanical Garden in Norfolk, VA and Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA, among others.

With the end of COVID in sight, I'm looking forward to us getting together again in person. Certainly, as the weather gets warmer, we'll be able to meet in outdoor venues where the transmission risk is minimal. Until that time, I hope you all remain safe and that you'll be able to join us virtually on 21 March.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Membership

Hopefully, you have all renewed your society memberships by now. If not, you will likely miss out on the Spring issue of ***The Azalea*** and future chapter news and activities. If you still need to renew, please contact Paul Beck as soon as possible at (703) 860-5676 and renew over the phone with a credit card.

Member Garden Visits

Every year members of our chapter open their gardens at the end of April/beginning of May. Specific dates and gardens are not normally determined until later in the spring, based on projected bloom times. We have two gardens already identified for visits.

Nanney Garden - The following message was provided by Dave and Leslie Nanney: The Nanney garden will be open for visitors from April 17 through the end of May, depending on the blooming season. Because of COVID (where have you heard that before) we won't host our annual open house. Our garden is large enough to host a number of visitors at a time, so we plan to allow visitors throughout the blooming season to distribute the crowds yet show off the incredible amount of improvements during the last couple of years. Retirees might target visits during the work week so working folks can visit on the weekend. This is the third year of our deer fence which, to date, has worked perfectly. We have approximately 2,500 azaleas with 1,000+ varieties on 2 ½ acres of wooded gardens. Paths throughout make for easy access to all parts of the garden.



Leslie Nanney among azaleas in the Nanney garden - photo C. Beck

Families looking for portraits should come within the first couple of weeks as the early bloomers provide the best backdrop for family photos.

Masks and Social Distancing will be required, even though we hope many of us will have begun to get the promised vaccine. Please come as we miss you all.

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Cosby Garden – Roy and Elizabeth Cosby have opened their garden to a chapter visit the end of April (around the 20th). The specific date will be announced as we get closer to the date, based on expected peak bloom. When we have established the date, you will be notified via email. Additionally, the date will be posted on our website, www.nv-asa.org. If you do not have access to a computer and are interested in participating, contact Rick Bauer and he will notify you when the date is established.

The concept right now is that members will make their own travel arrangements to the Cosby Garden and bring their own picnic lunches. More details will be provided at a later date.



Many chapter members have already had the opportunity to visit the garden during previous chapter outings or as part of the Richmond tours during the 2016 ASA/ARS Williamsburg Convention which we co-sponsored. An article on the garden was published in the Winter 2014 issue of *The Azalean*. The garden has since been expanded to include a number of Legacy and deciduous varieties.

The Cosbys have generously donated their garden to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond where it is now known as the Lewis Ginter Nature Reserve.



New Members

The chapter would like to welcome the following new members – James Hassell from Horseheads, NY, Andrea Plummer from Washington, DC and Associate Member Sylvia Green from Stone Lea Farm in West Grove, PA.

2021 ASA Virtual Convention

The Winter issue of *The Azalean* included an article on the 2021 convention which was planned for Charlotte. You should all be aware by now that we had to cancel the convention. The cancellation decision was made after the issue was finalized.

A suggestion was made by a member of the ASA Board of Directors to hold a virtual convention. He had seen this done by another plant society. The board decided to try this approach. The virtual convention is scheduled

for 20-22 May. An agenda will be published in advance of the event once the content is finalized.



Hoioos Garden -photo R. Bauer

Garden tours are a key component of any convention and we plan on this convention being no different. We are planning on a number of slide shows/videos of public gardens as well as private gardens. For the latter, we are soliciting members to provide videos of walks through their gardens. These can be slide shows or films as long as the product meets the formats specified below. It is desirable to have accompanying narration or textual descriptions of what is being presented. All society members are invited to provide videos.

Garden Tour Videos

Preference is a narrated video presentation in standard format .wmv, .mp3, .mp4. Other formats - get with Paul Beck (703) 860-5676 or treasurer@azaleas.org as to supportability.

Slide shows are also acceptable. Formats are the same as for the video presentations.

All tours should be narrated to explain what is being shown as you walk through the garden. Background (color) commentary is also desirable (e.g., any background on the collection). An alternative to a voiced narrative could be labeling of slides or providing explanation slides embedded in the video.

Videos should not violate any copyrights.

Videos will be transferred electronically. Procedures will be provided separately. If you are planning on submitting a video or have questions, contact Rick Bauer at president@azaleas.org.

Videos need to be submitted no later than 9 May. If this is a problem, contact Rick Bauer.

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
April 15-18	ASA "Carolina in My Mind" CANCELLED	ASA	Charlotte, NC
April 17-24 ADDED	Virginia Garden Week	Garden Club of Virginia	https://www.vagardenweek.org/
April 24-25	Member Garden Visits	NV-ASA	Various
End of April (TBD) ADDED	Cosby Garden Visit	NV-ASA	Rockville, VA
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
May 20-22 ADDED	ASA Virtual Convention	ASA	Virtual
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	At the Beck's home

Attending the Chapter Meeting via Zoom

Topic: NV-ASA 21 March Chapter Meeting

Time: Mar 21, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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