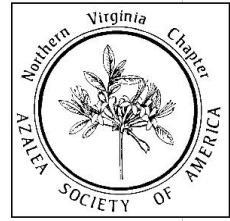


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The Garden In Winter

George McLellan

AND Plant Exchange!!

March 16 1:30 – 4:30

Potomac Community Center
Potomac, MD

Refreshments: **A – K**

Directions on P. 6



Camellia Sasanqua 'Yuletide'

Photo courtesy of **Don Hyatt**

March Meeting Notes

Paul Davis

Do you remember our November Clipper?

If you do, great, but if not we can refresh your memory! George McLellan was to be our feature speaker at that time and had to be rescheduled for our first meeting of the New Year. [Ed. Note: and thanks to Don Hyatt for ably filling in on short notice!] We are having a combined meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

George McLellan will be telling us how to fill our gray months of winter with color, fragrance and attraction. We need that after a long and cold winter!

George is a talented and sought after landscaping designer who lives in Gloucester, Va. He has a business called My Blooming Garden and during the 2016 Williamsburg Convention we will be touring some of the gardens he has designed.

At the meeting we will be having a plant exchange, so bring a few plants with you like small rhododendrons, azaleas or any companion plants that you want to share. In order not to make a mess, please bring the plants clean and properly packed.

The meeting will be held at the Potomac Community Center at 11315 Falls Rd. Potomac, Md. 20854. Directions are on p. 6 and the refreshments should be provided by the A-K members.



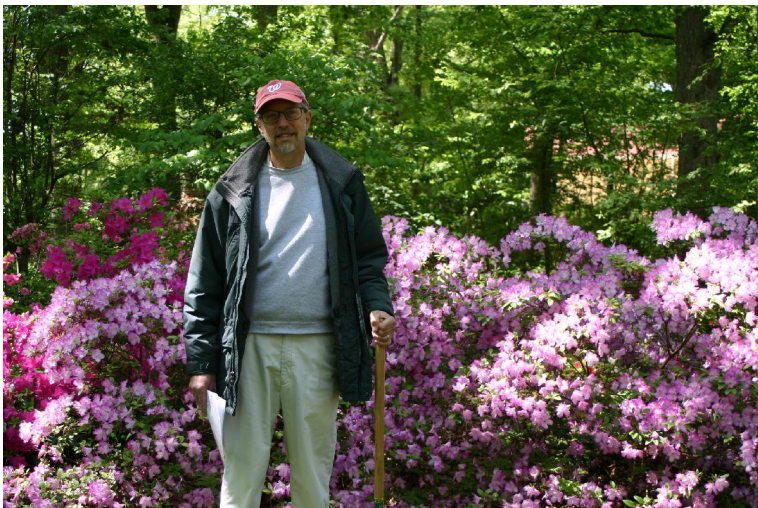
Milbrey Martin and Kay Jackson



Paul Davis, Ajit Thakur, Rod Hoioos



Left: Prunus Mume 'Kobai'
Right: Hellebore 'Silvermoon' ; both by **Don Hyatt**



President's Message

Lars Larson



I am honored to assume the office of chapter president and hope I can continue the exceptional efforts of **Rick Bauer** and other previous chapter presidents. They have set a very high standard and I hope I can meet expectations. I would like to personally thank Rick and the many others that have encouraged my participation and have shared their azalea knowledge with me over the years.

I continue to be amazed, humbled, and inspired by the talents and contributions of the members of this chapter. They are what make it a vibrant and exciting chapter of which to be a part.

With the amount of snow still on the ground as I write this, it is difficult to think spring is fast approaching with its start of a new growing season.

I would encourage those members who have not participated in the chapter activities in the past to make an effort to do so this year. It's a great way to increase your azalea knowledge, increase your collection of azaleas, and learn from some of the best folks you will ever meet. This year we have a number of exciting events and are ramping up for co-hosting the national convention in 2016. Come be part of the action!

Lars

Additional Photo Captions

p. 2 *bottom-left*: If you go to some of the **Open Gardens on April 27** you will be able to tell **Barry**

Sperling to stop obstructing the view of his Glenn Dale 'Fawn' hedge. Photo by **Carolyn Beck**

bottom-right: ASA National Treasurer **Dan Krabill**. This, the top 2 pictures on p. 2 and the above, **Rick Bauer** and **Lars Larson**, are from the Social.

Many of us have enjoyed **visiting other people's gardens** for the opportunity to view fine plantings and to see club members in their "natural setting". If the weather cooperates **April 27** would be a good date to make these visits, so if you would like to open your garden to others on that date, contact me and I'll compile a list for Rick to publish in his monthly email.

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Request for Participation in Providing Azaleas for the 2016 Convention

Carolyn Beck

We would like as many of our group to participate in the chapter's efforts to provide 2000 azaleas for the 2016 Joint Convention that will take place in Williamsburg. There is a wide range of activities, hopefully something for everyone.

1. Recommend individual cultivars that might be in demand. These are typically those that are new, difficult to find, unusual, and/or have great flowers and foliage. We plan to focus on the Legacy Program hybrids (Stewart, Klimavicz, McDonald, Holly Springs, Bowie Mills, Marshy Point, Glenn Dale, and a few others), but would also like to make other superior forms available. At the moment, we are focusing on this step, so it would be most helpful if you could send me your thoughts about azaleas that you would like to see included.
2. Provide cuttings (July through September 2014 for evergreen varieties; May-June for deciduous).
3. Help to process cuttings (July-September 2014 for evergreens; May-June for deciduous). This would involve preparing cuttings, placing them in medium, labeling, and bagging the pots. We could do this as a group.
4. Participate in a potting party. We will probably do several at our house during March and April 2015.
5. Care for plants after potting during the spring, summer, and fall of 2014 and 2015. This would include providing a site with afternoon shade, fertilizing with Holly Tone in March and June, regular watering, and pruning from March through June, as needed.
6. Provide space to overwinter some cuttings the first winter, and rooted cuttings the second winter (November-April). This would be a place like a cold frame, greenhouse, or inside your home near a window where a somewhat humid environment could be created.
7. Assist with transporting plants to the Williamsburg area in March and April, 2016. Also, delivering the azaleas to the convention site in late April.
8. Provide space for plants in the Williamsburg area during the month before the convention.
9. Assist customers or help with checkout at the convention plant sale.
10. Transport unsold plants back to the Northern Virginia area.

Finally, **please save 4", 3 quart, 1 and 2 gallon plastic pots for us.**

Please contact me at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or 703-860-5676.

The NV-ASA 2013 **Holiday Party and Meeting** was held at the home of Lars and Jean Larson on 15 Dec, with 19 members in attendance. Officers for 2014 are as follows: President - **Lars Larson**; Vice President - **Paul Davis**; Treasurer - **Paul Beck**; and Secretary - **Susan Bauer**. The 2013 donation approval granted the executive committee discretion to donate up to \$5,000 to four recipients: **Green Spring Title 1**; **Green Spring White Garden Intern**; **Friends of the National Arboretum**; and **Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) Azalea Garden**. A complete copy of the December 2013 business meeting minutes is available at www.nv.asa.org and donation information is at www.nv.asa.org/donations.

Susan Bauer

Website Update – www.nv-asa.org

Legacy Project Update, by Rick Bauer

Paul Beck has enhanced the Legacy Project portion of our webpage. We now have guidelines for the project posted as well as an abbreviated briefing. You can find them at <http://www.nv-asa.org/legacies>. We also have five Legacy Projects started. You can access the information by clicking on the green tabs at the top of the page. We would appreciate constructive feedback and suggestions. If you are interested in becoming a Legacy Lead or working on a Legacy Team, contact me at rickbauer@cox.net or 757-833-7737.

As part of the 2016 ASA/ARS Convention, we're propagating a large number of Legacy hybrids for sale at the convention plant sales. There are many ways in which you can assist so please see p. 4 for Carolyn's suggestions.

New Features on the Site, by Paul Beck

Our web site is now tracking your membership dues payments and when the membership expires. From now on, dues are payable to our treasurer, who will record them on the web site and forward payment to National. This reduces the workload on our National treasurer and provides us more insight into our member's status. When you login to the web site, you will note at the bottom of your profile a record of your dues payment. Those who have paid so far this year will see their payment recorded. Those who have paid for future years will have their payments show up as they renew.

Note that the web site for our joint 2016 convention in Williamsburg is now operational. There is a link to the 2016 convention web site from our chapter's web site, on the left menu column. Check it out!

Our web site is fairly mature at this point, but I'm always looking for suggestions for new things to add. Please contact me with any suggestions you might have. In addition, if you find anything which does not appear to be working correctly, please contact me right away so that it can be fixed. pabeck@gmail.com or 703-860-5676

Field Trip to White's Nursery

Paul and I are planning to go to **White's Nursery** at least once this spring. If there are others who are interested in joining us, we could make an outing of it, including a picnic lunch. The White's suggest Sunday as the best option, as the nursery is closed to the public and they could focus all their attention on our group. For plant inventory and pricing, you can visit their website: <http://www.whites-nursery.com/>. **Mike** and **Debbie** have offered to give us a discount on the day of our excursion. We will wait until the weather warms to select a date(s), but the peak bloom in their area is usually early May, The MAC ARS Chapter Meeting is the 2nd-4th, and the Green Springs Plant Sale is the 17th, so I am guessing May 11th might be the best day. Please contact **Carolyn** at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or 703.860-5676 if you would like more information as it becomes available.

Suggestions For the Plant Exchange

Please bring a few of your favorite plants to share if you would like to participate in the plant exchange. Along with each plant, please provide a description and your name so the recipient can get back with you if there are any questions. Pictures are always beneficial. Pots should be clean and the soil only damp.

Directions to the Potomac Community Center

- From the Beltway and **I-270 North**, stay in the **local lanes**
take Exit # **4B / Montrose Rd.**
for **1.7 miles**
Turn **Left** on **Falls Rd (MD-189)**
Continue **1.4 miles** to the Center (it will be on the **left**).

2014

March 16 Meeting with PVC-ARS
March 28-30 ASA Convention, Charleston
April 27 Visits to Open Gardens
May 17 Green Spring Gardens sale
July 20 Cutting Exchange, Beck's
Sept 20 Public Auction and Sale
Oct 11 Joint Meeting with ARS;
speaker: Harold Greer
Oct 26 Executive Comm. Meeting
Dec 7 Holiday Social/Meeting

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