

# The Azalea Clipper

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**NEXT  
CHAPTER MEETING:**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 11:00 - 3:30**

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
AMERICAN RHODODENDRON  
SOCIETY**

Wildfire Restaurant, Tyson's Galleria

*Registration Deadline 10/4/ 2014*

*Please register early since the seating  
capacity at the restaurant is limited  
\$42 / person inc. tax and tip*

*<http://macars.org/oct14registration.html>*



***Harold Greer***

photo courtesy **Don Hyatt**



Greer hybrid 'Very Berry'

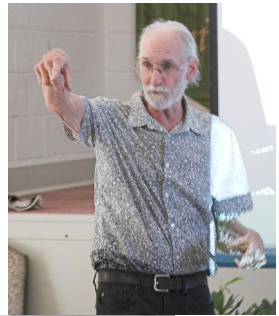
## ***Rhododendron Diversity***

For most of us in the rhododendron world, **Harold Greer** needs no introduction. He is undeniably one of the leading authorities on the genus. Many of us consider him the best! Having worked with rhododendrons and azaleas since early childhood, Harold has a depth of knowledge that few can match.

He and his wife **Nancy** own **Greer Gardens**, a wonderful nursery in Eugene, OR. Harold is a renowned author, a celebrated hybridizer, a phenomenal photographer, and a very entertaining speaker. We are thrilled to have him!

Harold will present one of his most popular programs, a multimedia PowerPoint presentation on ***Rhododendron Diversity***. Expect to be amazed with his overview of rhododendrons and azaleas including variations in flowers, foliage, and plant habits.





## President's Message

The chapter closed out the summer with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Sale and Auction held at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, VA on Saturday, September 20th. We were fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day that allowed the fixed price plants to be displayed outside where they were in view to the community. This effort would not have been possible without the many volunteers that pitched in to make it happen. Leading the effort were **Carolyn and Paul Beck**. Carolyn not only rode herd but labeled all the plants, organized the sale, organized photos and information and attended to a hundred other details large and small. Paul pulled together not only the video support for the auction but the IT support for the sale. Through his efforts we were able to scan the labels produced on the thermal printer (donated anonymously) and provide sales receipts by plant for our buyers. It was a marvel to behold!

Also lending a hand were former chapter members **Bob and Eve Harrison** who made the trip from their home in North Carolina for

the event, Bob serving as the ever popular and entertaining auctioneer.

Others contributing to the success of the event were: **Rick Bauer (advertising), Sam and Ginger Burd, Paul Davis and Pati Gabaldoni, Barbara and John Kirkwood, Dan Krabill, Phil Louer (azalea donations), Larry Martin, Lee and Carole McElvain, David and Patsy Meadows, Dave and Leslie Nanney, Andrea Scurlock (nee Beck), Barry Sperling, Jeanne White, Margaret Vogel and Jim and Susan Hedrick** (Members of the Hosta Society). What a great group of folks who left no task undone!

Our next event is the joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society at the Wildfire Restaurant in Tyson's II. Featured speaker will be **Harold Greer**. Details can be found at our website and elsewhere in this issue. Hope to see you there,

Lars

Earlier this month **Harold Greer** honored a request for a biography. He wrote back:

"I have had the privilege of being around the Genus Rhododendron world for 50 years. I have not done much in the end of all but have introduced many rhododendrons and azaleas into the trade.

My father, 50 years older than I am, retired from the insurance industry in Colorado when I was five. He moved to California and then Oregon when I was near six. He always liked plants and when in Oregon started collecting plants, among them were rhododendrons, including azaleas. I had no siblings to play with, so my interest went to plants.

My dad sold excess plants from 1954 and we were licensed in my name since then. Dad died in 1972 and since then I have made it a business, which though not that profitable, it is a joy. In 2015 we will develop our 14 acres, in the middle of Eugene, into an upscale retirement village and retirement arboretum (for people and plants). I will still live on the property and sell some plants."

**Captions** p. 1 Text and photos – Don Hyatt; p. 2 photos - Sperling

upper left: Eve Harrison, Bill Miller; upper right Bob Harrison, Paul Davis

middle: Bob Harrison

bottom left: Auction scene; bottom right: Ginger Burd, Sam Burd, Paul Beck



If the pictures below are in black and white you are not looking at the emailed pdf version of the Clipper. If you choose to take delivery that way then everything is in color and the Chapter saves the printing and postage. Let the editor know if you would like the change ...







**Captions**

Previous page: upper- left: **Lars Larson, Patsy & David Meadows, Eve Harrison, Jeanne White, John Kirkwood**; upper-right: Auction plants (both courtesy **Carolyn Beck**);

following photos by **Sperling** --- middle: **Carolyn Beck, Larry Martin, Leslie Nanney**; bottom: **Andrea Scurlock and Paul Beck; John Kirkwood** directing

This page: **Paul Beck, Dave Nanney; David Meadows, Paul Davis, Bob Harrison; Judith Quarrington, Joseph Gutierrez, David Meadows**

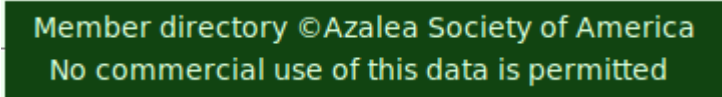
*From Webmaster Paul Beck* [www.nv-asa.org](http://www.nv-asa.org) [pabeck@gmail.com](mailto:pabeck@gmail.com)

Our chapter web site is in a constant state of upgrade and change. The most visible recent change was the addition of the full ASA membership listing. This listing will be kept current from now on, and will eventually be moved to the ASA web site. It will remain on the NV-ASA web site until its presence has been announced to the general ASA membership, and some time given for member comments and suggestions. If you haven't checked it out, please do. You will need to login to gain access. A few of the key features of the membership listing are as follows:

- Associate and Regular members are listed under separate tabs. For Associate members, their regular chapter is listed.



- Note the "No commercial use" restriction on use of the data.



- Default chapter selection is that of the logged in member.
- Picklists are available for the chapter and last name alphabet ranges



- Note that if you change the chapter or alphabet, you must click the Find button to see the new member listing.
- At the top of the member listing is a Printer Friendly link so that you can have a hardcopy to carry with you.
- If you click on the member name, you will be presented with a detail page for the selected member. The **Back** button will return you to the appropriate chapter listing.

- If you view your own record, you will notice an **Edit member data** button. This is for you to keep your own data correct and up to date.



- Note that you can opt out of having some of your data published to the members with the “Do not publish ...” check boxes. Only your name is required to be shown to the membership. Address, email and phone may be restricted from publication.

Do not publish address |

- Note also that if you are viewing your own record, you will see when you last paid your dues and when your current membership expires. Additionally, there is a log of all changes to your membership data at the bottom.

Some other recent changes have been unapparent to the general user and are aimed at making our plant sales easier to run and easier to account for plants sold and unsold. A considerable effort was made before this fall's sale and auction to automate the sale of the plants, with plant labels containing a bar code number which is then scanned when you check out with your purchases. This change was made in anticipation of the 2016 ASA Convention in Williamsburg, for which our chapter is one of four co-sponsors (with the three district 9 ARS chapters). There will be two more sales before the convention to shake out the remaining bugs in the system.

Part II of Paul's website discussion will appear in the next Clipper:  
**NVSA Planned Website Changes**

### **Directions to Wildfire Restaurant at Tysons II (Tysons Galleria)**

From the **Capital Beltway, I-495**, take the **Chain Bridge Road** exit onto **Rt. 123** toward **Tysons Corner**. Near the top of the hill, turn right onto **International Drive** and take the second right into the upper parking area for **Tysons Galleria**. The restaurant is located on the third floor *between Saks Fifth Avenue* and *Macy's*, but look for the convenient **outside elevator** that goes directly to the restaurant.

For public transportation, the **Tysons Corner** station of the new **Silver Line** of the **Metro** just opened. It is now a short walk from there to the **Galleria**.

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**Oct 11 Joint NV-ASA & PVC Meeting**

Wildfire Restaurant, Harold Greer speaking

**Oct 26 Executive Board Meeting**

**December 7 Holiday Social**

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