

Aug 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I hope that all of you are surviving the heat of summer. I've been getting up early, before the heat of the day, to engage in the endless battle against weeds. That, and watering the various portions of our garden, keeps me busy. I'm also busy putting cuttings for our 2023 joint ASA/ARS convention in the Atlanta area.



Cutting and Plant Exchange – 11 July

The recent cutting and plant exchange was the first in person, indoor function the chapter held since the holiday social in December 2019. It was great seeing old friends after such a long time. We had a great turnout. It was especially great to welcome back **John** and **Barbara Kirkwood** after their three years living in Australia.

Rick Bauer gave a slide show presentation on the recent Smoky Mountain trip organized by **Don Hyatt** and **George McLellan**. This normally annual event was not held last year due to COVID.

Paul Beck gave a presentation on the **Dwyer** azaleas. The **Dwyers** live in Vienna and are selling their house on one acre. The property has over 100 azaleas on it and they are offering the plants or cuttings to anyone in the chapter who is interested. Many of the plants are very large and few are labeled.

There were a large number of plants and cuttings available in the exchange. Many of our members were able to go home with a car full of azaleas.



l-r John and Barbara Kirkwood in discussions with new member Mike Mitchell and Joe Gutierrez photo - C Beck



l-r Carol Allen, Ralph Habegger, David Meadows, Dave and Leslie Nanney and Rick Bauer inspect some of the cuttings in the exchange – photo S. Bauer



As usual, we didn't go hungry – photo S. Bauer



Paul Beck discusses the Dwyer property – photo S. Bauer



Carolyn Beck and Mike Mitchell in deep discussion – photo R. Bauer



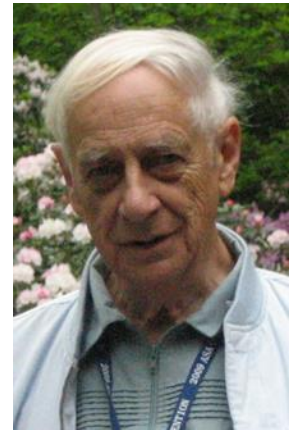
Some of the large selection of azaleas and cuttings available in the plant exchange – photo B. Sperling

Sad News – Phil Louer

We're sorry to report that long time society and chapter member **Phil Louer**, passed away at his home on 24 July after a period of declining health. **Phil**, and his late wife **Frances (Leslie Nanney's mother)**, were founding members of the Northern Virginia Chapter and original members of the Azalea Society. They were both fixtures at society conventions and **Phil** served as the convention committee chairman for the chapter's successful convention in Herndon, VA in 2009. One of **Bob Stewart's** azalea varieties was named after **Phil** in recognition of his contributions to the chapter and the society.

Services will be on 4 August at Grace Church, 7506 James Madison Hwy, Gainesville, VA 20155. The funeral will be at 12:30pm, followed by the graveside service at 2pm and reception at the church at 3pm.

Our condolences go to **Dave** and **Leslie Nanney** and the rest of **Phil's** family.



Fall Azalea Sale – Kirkwood Presbyterian Church 25 September

At this time we have no chapter activities scheduled for August. Our next event is our annual plant sale at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. As always, we hope to have a good turnout of

volunteers to help in setting up, tearing down and conducting the sale. More information will be in next month's **Azalea Clipper**.

Member Online Plant Sale

Many of our members have taken advantage of the online plant sale to add quality plants to their collection. The plant sale is available to members on the [chapter website](#). This is new software, and any bugs or glitches should be reported to **Paul Beck** at pabeck@gmail.com.

New Members – We'd like to welcome new members **Mike Mitchell** from Stafford, VA, **Lisa Gutierrez-Price** from Stevensville, MD and **Judith Quarrington** from York, PA. **Lisa** is the daughter of **Joe Gutierrez**. **Judith's** name may be familiar to some members. There is a **Stewart** hybrid named for her.

Calendar of Upcoming Events –

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

Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
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

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

Photos for The Azalea Clipper/Facebook – We are looking for pictures of your garden to share with other members on our chapter **Facebook** page and in the **Clipper**. Now is the time to show off a little. Send me your pictures at rickfbauer@gmail.com. We are also always looking for articles for **The Azalea Clipper**. They don't have to be long and can be on any azalea related subject (e.g., gardens (public or private), hybridizers, companion plants etc.). Pictures are also always appreciated. Please consider writing an article. Contact me at rickfbauer@gmail.com or 757-771-4446 if you have any questions. **Clipper** articles can also be the basis for later submissions to **The Azalean** (see below).

The Azalean – The editor of **The Azalean** depends on member submissions of articles of interest to the general **ASA** membership. If you have an article to share, send it to them at theazalean@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. Illustrations are highly encouraged and should be at least 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi.

I hope you have a great month and look forward to seeing you in September.

Rick