



# The Azalea Clipper

## Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event is the October meeting at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church from 1:30 - 4 pm on 24 October.

**No refreshments per Kirkwood COVID policy.**

## We're on the Web!

<https://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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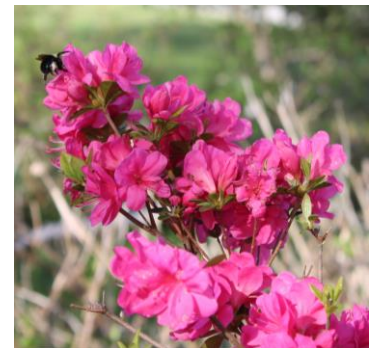
## Attracting Pollinators to the Garden

Our next meeting will be on 24 October from 1:30 - 4 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be **Larry Jones** from the Master Gardeners of Virginia. Larry will be giving a talk on "Attracting Pollinators to the Garden."

He will tell us how to put out the welcome mat for pollinators such as bees, birds and beneficial insects by providing an environment rich in plant diversity for food and habitat.

Extension Master Gardeners help you with plant lists and share techniques for attracting pollinators to your garden.

The presentation will also be broadcast via Zoom. Instructions for access are at the end of this newsletter.



## President's Message

It was great to see many of our members in person at our recent fall azalea sale. It took a lot of effort to plan, set up, conduct and tear down the sale. I continue to be amazed at how hard and well our members work together to complete a task. Thank you!

I'm looking forward to our October meeting and our speaker talking about pollinators in the garden. Like many of you, I not only enjoy the beauty of the blossoms and the foliage, but I also enjoy the butterflies, bees, birds etc. that the blossoms attract. This should be an interesting and informative presentation. I hope to see you there in person or, if not, via Zoom.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick".

## Fall Plant Sale – 25 September Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The Chapter held its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Plant Sale at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on 25 September. We had beautiful weather and a large number and variety of excellent plants available for sale.

This turned out to be our most successful fall sale to date. We had 29 customers (20 were non-members), we sold 160 plants for a total revenue of \$2,600. Finally, and most importantly, we signed up four new memberships. We thank the following chapter members for assisting with set up, tear down and/or running the sale: **Carol Allen, Rick and Susan Bauer, Paul and Carolyn Beck, Ralph Habegger, Susan and Jim Hedrick, John and Barb Kirkwood, Lars Larson, David and Patsy Meadows and Barry Sperling.**

**Dave and Leslie Nanney** also staged the plants, loaded them for transport and were prepared to assist on Saturday. Unfortunately, **Dave** had a medical emergency Saturday morning. **Dave** continues on the road to recovery.



Carolyn Beck, Eve and Bob Harrison inspect the plants



Chapter members set up the sale



Barb Kirkwood, Jeannie Gillen and Susan Bauer in front of a board showing the variety of azaleas available for sale



Customers shop for plants



Holly Springs azaleas ready for alphabetizing and placement for the sale



David Meadows, Carol Allen and Lars Larson place plants

## New Members

The chapter welcomes new members **Jesse Birkenstock** from Aldie, VA, **Song Chu** from Rockville, MD, **Matthew Silverman** from Rockville, MD and **Laura Angle** from Springfield, VA.

## Membership Renewals

While we're on the subject of memberships, we are approaching the end of another calendar year and the requirement for some of us to renew our memberships for 2022. We hope you will continue as a chapter and society member. Your membership expiration is shown in the membership database <https://www.azaleas.org/members/> (login required) or on the address label on the mailer for your copy of *The Azalean*.

Renewals can be accomplished online, telephonically or via the US Mail. More information is located at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/>. We encourage you to use the Yearly Automatic Subscription option which will automatically renew your membership annually until you cancel it.

Thanks for being a member of the society and our chapter.

## 2022 ASA Convention Lafayette, LA 10-13 March 2022

After having to cancel the last two conventions due to COVID, the society will meet once again next year in Lafayette, LA. The convention committee has done a lot of planning to promote the beautiful venues in and around Lafayette. It should be a wonderful convention and it will be great to see old friends from different parts of the country. More information on the convention and the various venues is in the summer and fall issues of *The Azalean*. Additional information on the convention is also available through the society website at <https://www.azaleas.org/convention-2022/>.

Registration can be accomplished online or by mailing in a registration form with your payment. A copy of the registration form is located on the last page of this newsletter. A link for online registration is on the society homepage or at <https://www.azaleas.org/convention-registration/?id=48&sh=inline>.

## Chapter Officers for 2022

As we approach the end of 2021, it's time to start thinking about the election of officers for next year. The elected officer positions for the chapter are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in running for any of these offices or would like additional information, contact **Rick Bauer** at [rickbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickbauer@gmail.com) or 757-771-4446 by 15 October.

## Calendar for 2021

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

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 24 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Fall Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 24 4:00 – 6 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Dec 5 1 – 4:30	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	At the Beck's home

## Devil Weed

Last month we had an article from our anonymous, periodic contributor, **California Rose**. We received feedback on the Devil Weed from chapter member **Ajit Thakur** and from **Kevin McCorkle**, President of the Central Carolinas Chapter of the ASA.

From **Ajit**:

“Devil Weed” aka Siam Weed and Bitter Bush, in the plant kingdom is called *Chromolaena odorata*. As the name implies, Devil Weed was somehow introduced in the New Worlds from Siam (now mostly called Thailand). It bears small clusters of off-white-to-light purple cluster of thistles like flowers with long stamens. It is one of the 100 most invasive plants in the world. In Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, etc. it is illegal to grow this plant. It is almost impossible, once established, to get rid of it unless one kills the entire area where it shows up with potent herbicides. Devil Weed has an unrelated friend which is as invasive but beautiful in foliage. It is the Chameleon Plant (*Houttuynia cordata*). These two plants compete against each other in terms of aggressiveness and invasiveness.



“Devil Weed” should not be confused with the plant called “Devil’s Weed” aka Thorn Apple and Jimson Weed (*Datura stramonium*), a member of the Nightshade family.

What a difference an apostrophized “s” makes!

From **Kevin**:

I’m of the opinion that it’s Mugwort (*Artemesia vulgaris*).

Editor: Are there any other opinions??

### Attending the Chapter Meeting via Zoom

Topic: NNASA Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 24, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440425969?pwd=Y3NGVFNuZUhvMHVsMWRBQU5Gc3h1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4042 5969

Passcode: 511678

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440425969?pwd=Y3NGVFNuZUhvMHVsMWRBQU5Gc3h1Zz09>

### Directions to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152, 703-451-5320 [Kirkwood.office@verizon.net](mailto:Kirkwood.office@verizon.net)

**From the East** : Rte **95** exit **169B**, **Franconia Rd West**, which becomes **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about 3 miles, passing **Irving Middle School**, to a **Right** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**  
Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

**From the West: Fairfax County Parkway** (Rte 286)

East on **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about **3.5 miles**, passing **Rolling Road**  
to **Left** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**; Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

**Registration Form for the 2022 National Azalea Society of America Convention  
Hosted by the Louisiana Chapter of Azalea Society of America March 10–13, 2022**

Convention registration is open to all members of the Azalea Society of America (ASA), non-members who join ASA and guests to promote the goals of the ASA. Registration fee is \$250.00 per person and is due by February 1, 2022. This registration fee includes a full buffet breakfast for two on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings for those staying at the host hotel and the Friday and Saturday lunches and evening buffet dinners. All the events will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites - Lafayette North.  
Refunds for cancelations are: 100% before February 10, 2022.

Convention lodging will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites – Lafayette North, 2219 NW Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501. The special rate is \$95/night (plus 12.45% tax and lodging fee). Reservations should be made under the name of the Azalea Society of America Convention. Parking is Free.  
Their phone number is (337) 706-8199. and their weblink is [www.holidayinn.com/lafayettenorth](http://www.holidayinn.com/lafayettenorth).

**Shuttle options to and from Lafayette Regional Airport 24/7: City/Dixie Cab (337) 235-7515  
Uber or Lyft: You must access Uber or Lyft options via a mobile phone app.**

**Registration Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	PRICE	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL
Registration fee per person	\$250.00		
ASA Membership fee	\$ 30.00		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			
<b>Friday Lunch Options: Check/Circle Your Choice Below All will include water and beverage.</b>			
Cajun Bayou Crawfish Etouffée (includes green beans, salad, bread pudding, beverage)			
Cajun Bayou Chicken Pasta (includes green beans, salad, bread pudding, beverage)			
Lunch Box with Fruit & Cookies** Chicken Caesar Wrap Box OR Turkey Club Wrap Box			

\*\*If more than one person is registering on this form, please circle both choices.

Please list any special needs (meals, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Names on Badges: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register online at [www.azaleas.org](http://www.azaleas.org) or mail check payable to ASA Louisiana Chapter. Thank You.**

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