

Northern Virginia Azalea Society Meeting  
December 5, 2010

We met at the lovely home of Carolyn and Paul Beck for our Holiday Social. Our social hour included the Pot Luck dinner. Gardeners must also be excellent cooks because the variety of good food was excellent.

We did indeed have a meeting. The 2011 Budget was presented and accepted. (see attached). Concern was voiced on deficit spending. Treasurer's report was given for the year 2010 by Phyllis Rittman.

Ballots were passed out for election of 2011 officers. Elected were:

Rick Bauer – President

Carolyn Beck – Vice President

Mary Hoioos – Secretary

Paul Beck – Treasurer

Barry Sperling is the Corresponding Secretary which includes being the "Clipper" Editor.

Thanks was given to our retiring President, Eve Harrison. She and Bob are moving to Charlotte, N. C. but we hope to have them visit us often. We also gave thanks to Phil & Frances Lauer who retired as Publishers of the "Azalea Clipper".

We were reminded to pay our dues by Dan Krabill.

Don Hyatt gave information on the National arboretum. It seems a man named Scott Aker had make a decision to cut down acres of Ben Morrison's un-named hybrids on Mt. Hamilton because they are too popular and he lacks money to build facilities and parking. I believe many boxwoods were on the list too. The computer has been on fire because of this you may go to "Save the Azaleas.org" for more information.

We wish to have input on possible speakers. One suggestion was Barbara Bullock who is Curator of Azaleas at the National Arboretum perhaps a topic of "Use of Azaleas in the Landscape".

We adjourned to exchange gifts. Many wonderful and interesting gifts gardening related were received.

**Members Present:**

Bob & Eve Harrison

Dan & Barbara Krabill

Phil & Frances Louer

Lee and Carole McElvain

Larry & Milbrey Martin

Paul & Carolyn Beck

Rod & Mary Hoioos

Phyllis Rittman

Don Hyatt

Norma Merritt

Sam & Ginger Burd Kay Jackson

Kathy Andrews

Dave & Patsy Meadows Dave & Leslie

Nanney Barry Sperling

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