

Northern Virginia Azalea Society Meeting

October 30, 2011

The refreshment table was enjoyed as usual.

At 1:45 pm our meeting was called to order with President Rick Bauer introducing returning members Jim and Jan Baggette. Pete Vines has rejoined as a Northern Virginia Chapter member. (Point of interest Pete named one of his Azaleas Jim Baggett). Minutes were read by Secretary Mary Hoioos and approved as read.

Treasurers Report was given by Paul Beck. Balance on 1/1/2011 - \$20,296.48

10/30/2011 -\$21,549.82

Net Profit for Green Springs Sale was \$797.81

Old Business – None

New Business

Dues should be sent to Dan Krabill. They are due now (\$25)

Dave Meadows announced White Horticultural Farm needs help. See him if you'd like to help.

Dan Voss spoke about the "Azalean". This summer issue should reach us soon. We need a new editor though the present editor agreed to finish 2011.

Dave Nanney suggested we get reservations for the convention in Ashville May 4-8 as soon as possible

Glenn Dale Azaleas

Barbara Bullock (curator of Rhododendrons and Azaleas at the National Arboretum) was introduced. She gave us the following history and the significance of Glenn Dale Azaleas.

Benjamin Morrison was a Landscape architect. He started his first crosses in 1929. His goal was to produce versions of southern Indian Azaleas which would be hardy in Washington D.C... The subspecies were oriental in origin. He did much more *as* his hybrids bloom early and later and additional flower color, statures and other useful attributes were added. 75,000 seedlings were grown and from survivors in the Washington D.C. climate 454 were named...

Marcus Jones (curator of Woody plants at Norfolk Botanical Gardens) was introduced. He was here to share the NBG goals. He listed the Glenn Dale Plants they currently have. He thanked us for our help.

Carolyn Beck handed out the voting papers with lists of favorite Glenn Dale Azaleas. Dan Krabill led the discussion as Don Hyatt showed slides of the Azaleas. It was a beautiful show and very hard to pick favorites.

After compiling votes from many sources, next stop will be to acquire the Azaleas through gifts and purchase for NBG.

With thanks to all participants Rick Bauer closed the meeting. Plant Exchange followed. Present:

Rod & Mary Hoioos

Dave & Patsy Meadows

Jane Newman

Jim & Jan Baggette

Barbara Bullock

Phil & Frances Louer

Larry Martin

Paul & Carolyn Beck

Bonnie Pattie

Marcus Jones

Rick Bauer

Phyllis Rittman

Dave & Leslie Nanney

Don Voss

Billie Trump

Dan Krabill

