

Apr 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I'm sending this message out a little early since we have two events coming up this weekend, the chapter meeting on the 31st and the Klimavicz Legacy Garden workday on 1 April. Hopefully you will be able to join us at one or both of these events.

ASA National Convention – Summerville, SC 14-16 March

We just finished another great society convention. This year we met in Summerville, SC, near Charleston. The Rev. John Drayton Chapter of the ASA was once again the sponsor (they last sponsored a convention in 2014). 26 members and associate members of the Northern Virginia Chapter enjoyed the beautiful gardens, a very interesting tour of the only tea plantation in the United States, delicious local cuisine and some entertaining, and thought-provoking speakers. Many of us also expanded our collections of azaleas (and camellias) by visiting the plant sale (multiple times). An article on the convention will appear in a future issue of ***The Azalean***. More photos from the convention are at the end of this message.



Middleton Place, SC

Chapter Meeting 31 March 1-4:30 pm



Charlie Andrews among the calendulaceum on Roan Mountain, TN/NC

Our first meeting of the year will be on 31 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This will be a joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS). Chapter associate member **Charlie Andrews**, Vice President of the ASA and former president of the Azalea Chapter of the ARS will be giving a talk on native azaleas titled "American Azalea Natural Hybrids." **Charlie** is an expert on native azaleas and recently won the "Best Article" award for his two-part article in ***The Azalean*** titled

"American Azaleas." Refreshment duties are L-Z. There will also be a plant exchange which is always a good opportunity to share your extra plants and to obtain new varieties. More information is in ***The Azalea Clipper*** which was sent out last week.

Klimavicz Garden Planting, Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA – 1 April 10am – 2:30 pm (rain date 8 April)

As part of the Legacy Project, the chapter has been working with Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA to establish a garden of **Joe Klimavicz's** azaleas. The beds have been prepared and the plants have been procured. Now it's time to plant the azaleas. A workday is scheduled for 1 April with a rain date of 8 April. **Tools will be provided. Bring a lunch and a lawn chair.** If you are able to participate, please contact **Carolyn Beck** at (703) 860-5676 or carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com.



Brenda Marie - photo Joe Klimavicz

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale 11 May 8am-1pm

The Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale will take place in Vienna on Saturday, May 11th, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Set up will begin at 7:00 AM. Please contact **Carolyn Beck** at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or (703) 860-5676 if you are able to help.

Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale 18 May 9am-3pm



Chapter tent at 2017 Green Spring Gardens Sale

The chapter has participated in this event for several years. We've had a good response from a large number of chapter volunteers in the past. Unfortunately, this year many of the usual volunteers have calendar conflicts which preclude their participation. We would like to find out who would be willing to volunteer to help. We are prepared to scale back the scope of our participation based on the number of members who volunteer. If you want more information on the sale or

are interested in volunteering, please contact **Lars Larson** at Lars.Larson@cox.net or (703) 505-5733.

White's Nursery Open House 19 May 9am-5pm

Chapter members **Mike** and **Deb White** will be holding their annual open house at their nursery on May 19th. They will have end of season inventory reduced prices. This is always a good time to get some beautiful azaleas and rhododendron and the **Whites** have a large selection of quality plants.



One of the White's Nursery Greenhouses

For more information contact: **Deb White** (301) 471-5958 or whiteaz@verizon.net Or **Mike White** (301) 788-3293 or check out their website www.whites-nursery.com.

New Chapter Members:

We'd like to welcome new chapter members **John** and **Bonnie Patterson** from Hamilton Square, NJ. A number of us had the opportunity to meet them at the recent convention. Hopefully they will make the trip down I-95 to join us at a future chapter event. We'd also like to welcome **Denise Acquista** as an associate member. We first met **Denise** at the Little Rock convention and again in Summerville. **Denise** lives in Crossville, TN and is a member of the Vaseyi chapter.

We're pleased to welcome **Pete Vines** back to the society and the Northern Virginia Chapter. Many of you may have a number of **Pete's** Holly Springs hybrids in your garden. While formerly a resident of Springfield, VA, **Pete** currently lives in Amelia Island, FL. Welcome back **Pete**!

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for 2019. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 31 1-4:30pm	Joint Meeting with Speaker Charlie Andrews	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Apr 1 Rain date Apr 8	Klimavicz Garden planting at Meadowlark	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
Apr TBD	Potting Party	NV-ASA	Beck House
May 4-5	Member Open Gardens	NV-ASA	Various - gardens to be announced in May message
May 11	Plant sale in Vienna	NV-ASA	Ayr Hill Garden Club
May 16-19	ARS Convention	ARS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 18	Green Spring Gardens Plant sale	NV-ASA	Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA

May 19 9am-5pm	White's Nursery Open House and Sale	White's Nursery	White's Nursery 22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, MD 20876
Early to mid-June TBD	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ARS/ASA	Various Locations in the Smoky Mountains
Jul 14 1-4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 28	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 27 1-4:30pm	Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

Photos for *The Azalea Clipper*/Facebook – Barry is 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 your pictures to **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net.

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 **Barry** if you have any questions bsperling@cox.net or 703-765-7062. ***Clipper*** articles can also be the basis for later submissions to ***The Azalean*** (see below).

The Azalean – The editors of ***The Azalean*** depend 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.

Speakers – We continue to strive to provide speakers on topics of interest to our members. If you have heard, or are otherwise aware of, speakers who might be of interest to our chapter, please contact **Diane Marcus** at dianemarcus@starpower.net or (301) 983-1098.

It was great to see many of you at the ASA convention in Summerville. I hope to see a large turnout at our meeting on 31 March and at the **Klimavicz** planting at Meadowlark Gardens on 1 April.

Rick

1 Enclosure – Photos of 2019 ASA Convention

ASA Summerville Convention 14-17 March 2019



Middleton Place, SC



Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, SC



Mepkin Abbey, SC



Convention attendees at Middleton Place, SC - photo Kirk Brown



Middleton Place, SC - photo Susan Bauer



Cardinal at Middleton Place, SC - photo John Perkins

Photos by Rick Bauer unless otherwise noted.



Basking in the sun at Middleton Place - photo Susan Bauer



Pond at Middleton Place



Path at Middleton Place



Spring House at Middleton Place - photo Susan Bauer



Crucifix carved from tree trunk - Mepkin Abbey, SC



Ernest Koone speaking to the attendees at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, SC



Becks and Nanneys at the plant sale – photo Susan Bauer



Joanne and Dan Neckel at Middleton Place – photo Susan Bauer



Path at Middleton Place, SC - photo Susan Bauer



Azalea Park, Summerville, SC



Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, SC



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