

Apr 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Well, it is finally looking like spring. Many members have reported that they have experienced their first full flower of one of their azalea varieties. I'm looking forward to my azalea varieties blooming though I think some of the smaller plants will have few blossoms due to deer activity this winter. I have purchased some solar powered electronic devices with motion detectors which flash a strobe light and put out a sound not discernible to the human ear which supposedly scare off the deer. We'll see how it works next season.



This is prime time for our chapter and for azaleas. While COVID is still a concern, the warmer weather allows us to conduct more activities outdoors.

Garden Plant Sales

COVID continues to impact some of our planned events. We have been notified that the scheduled Ayr Garden Club and Green Springs Garden plant sales have been cancelled for this year.

We have not received any word yet from Meadowlark Gardens as to whether they will be sponsoring a plant sale this spring. We will update the chapter calendar and notify you by email when the status of the Meadowlark sale is finalized.

Member Garden Visits

A number of members will be opening their gardens for visits by chapter members in late April through early May. Below are the members who have already indicated they will open their gardens. Most gardens will not be in bloom until after mid-April. If no dates are shown, the dates are open ended.

Cosby Garden Visit – Rockville, VA 20 Apr 10am-2pm

Roy and Elizabeth Cosby have opened their garden to a chapter visit on 20 April. Their 79 acre property includes 11+ acres of azaleas and rhododendron. In the past few years they have planted a number of beds of Legacy varieties and have also expanded their collection of deciduous azaleas.



Cosby Garden - photo R. Bauer

Chapter members who are planning to attend should contact **Rick Bauer** at rickbauer@cox.net or 757 771-4446 by 17 April so that we know how many people will be attending. Members should bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair. We plan on eating outside in the garden. If the weather is projected to be inclement, we will notify registered attendees of an alternate date.

The **Cosby** garden is located at 18168 Dogwood Trail Rd., Rockville, VA 23146-1632.

Davis Garden – Richmond, VA 20 Apr

Landon and **Elizabeth Davis** are opening their Richmond garden for visitors the same day as the **Cosby** garden visit. This would be a good stop either on your way to or from the **Cosby** garden for many of our members.

Their garden is located at 7113 Pinetree Road Henrico, (Richmond) VA 23229.

Home 804-282-2119 Cell 804-338-6007.



Davis Garden - photo R Bauer

Nanney Garden – West Springfield, VA

Dave and **Leslie Nanney** have opened their garden for an extended period during the season. They have approximately 2,500 azaleas with 1,000+ varieties on 2 ½ acres of wooded gardens. Paths throughout make for easy access to all parts of the garden.

Families looking for portraits should come within the first couple of weeks as the early bloomers provide the best backdrop for family photos.

Masks and social distancing will be required.



Nanney Garden - photo unknown

Visitors should coordinate with the **Nanneys** before their visit. Their garden is located at 8646 Tuttle Road, Springfield, Va. Their contact information is 703-624-3754 or dnanney@cox.net

Bauer Garden – Yorktown, VA

Rick and **Susan Bauer** have opened their garden in Yorktown, VA. Those members wishing to visit should contact them in advance before visiting. The **Bauers** have a 2 ½ acre garden on Chisman Creek in York County, VA.

The garden is located at 115 Hunters Lane, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Contact is rickbauer@cox.net or (757) 771-4446.



Bauer Garden - photo R. Bauer

Sperling Garden – Alexandria, VA

Barry's garden is available for visits anytime, but email (bsperling@cox.net) or phone ahead (703-765-7062). Visitors are requested to wear a mask.

Dayspring is currently blooming here in late March, and he expects a peak bloom around April 21, or so.

The garden location is 7732 Schelhorn Rd., Alexandria, VA 22306



Sperling Garden - photo B. Sperling

Larson Garden – Fairfax, VA



Larson Garden - photos L. Larson

If you contact Lars at 703-277-3441 or lars.larson@cox.net he can let you know when azaleas are blooming. If you call or email in advance, **Lars** can be around, however that is not necessary.

Currently, he has 205 chapter plants of 102 varieties plus his own throughout the garden.

The **Larson** garden is located at 5785 Ladues End Court, Fairfax, VA 22030-4629.

Other Member Garden Visits – In addition to the visits mentioned above, we are continuing to solicit members to open their gardens to other chapter members. If you are willing to open your gardens for visit, contact Barry Sperling at (703) 765-7062 or bsperling@cox.net if you are in the Washington, D.C. area. All others should contact Rick Bauer at (757) 771-4446 or rickbauer@cox.net by 10 April. An updated list will be placed on the chapter website www.nv-asa.org by 15 April.

Azalea Webinars

The Alabamense Chapter of the ASA, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Davis Arboretum at Auburn University are conducting a series of webinars on azaleas. The first one dealt with evergreen and deciduous azaleas and was held on 25 March. This seminar was very interesting and highly recommended.

If you would like to view the last webinar, you can access it by clicking on [All About Azaleas Program - Spring 2021](#). There are three files there, the introduction by **Shane**

ALL ABOUT AZALEAS
Webinar Series

A FREE webinar series hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. In partnership with the Alabamense Chapter of the Azalea Society of America and the Davis Arboretum at Auburn University.

March 25, 2021	April 22, 2021	May 20, 2021	June 10, 2021
Introduction to Evergreen Azaleas Introduction to Native Azaleas	Planting Azaleas Care & Maintenance of Azaleas	Propagating Evergreen Azaleas Propagating Native Azaleas	Insects, Diseases, and Disorders Azalea Society Opportunities

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Harris of the Cooperative Extension System, a presentation by **Shane** on evergreen azaleas and finally, one by **Patrick Thompson** on deciduous azaleas.

A flier for the entire webinar series is located on the ASA website homepage www.azaleas.org.

If you would like to register for future webinars, you may do so at https://auburn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mg2-z7wITJKe-WIIFhS6A.

ASA Virtual Convention 20-22 May

The spring issue of *The Azalean* and the March issue of *The Azalea Clipper* announced the virtual ASA convention. It will be held 20-22 May in lieu of the Charlotte convention which had to be canceled due to COVID concerns by the main garden venues.

The virtual convention will include garden videos. If you would like to submit a garden video(s) the following guidelines are provided:

Garden Tour Videos

Preference is a narrated video presentation in standard format .wmv or .mp4. Other formats - get with **Paul Beck** (703) 860-5676 or treasurer@azaleas.org as to supportability.

Slide shows are also acceptable. Formats are the same as for the video presentations.

All tours should be narrated to explain what is being shown as you walk through the garden.

Background (color) commentary is also desirable (e.g., any background on the collection).

An alternative to a voiced narrative could be labeling of slides or providing explanation slides embedded in the video.

Videos should not violate any copyrights.

Videos will be transferred electronically. Procedures will be provided separately. If you are planning on submitting a video or have questions, contact **Rick Bauer** at president@azaleas.org.

Videos need to be submitted no later than 9 May. If this is a problem, contact **Rick Bauer**.

New Chapter Website

Paul Beck has been working hard to redesign the chapter's website using WordPress. The new website can be accessed through the same URL <https://nv-asa.org/>. Its focus will be solely on chapter activities, including plant sales. Some of the previous functions such as plant information have been migrated to the main ASA website.

The new website includes a feature which will let any chapter customer of our plant sales, past and future, to be able to pull up sales receipts for their purchases. This is a good resource if you're trying to fill in information on your personal plant inventories or labels.

You will need to register on the website in order to view past purchases or participate in the online plant sale, even if you previously registered on the old website or on the ASA website.

New Members –

We'd like to welcome back **Francis Urbany**, McLean, VA to the chapter. Additionally, we'd like to welcome **Mark** and **Cynthia Vogel** from Lancaster, PA. Finally, we welcome new associate member **Suzanne Medd** from Hendersonville, NC. We hope to welcome them in person at one of our chapter events.

Calendar of Upcoming Events –

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

Many activities continue to be canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19. Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates. **The calendar below reflects new cancellations.**

Date	Event	Organization	Location
April 15-18	ASA "Carolina in My Mind" CANCELLED	ASA	Charlotte, NC
April 17-24	Virginia Garden Week	Garden Club of Virginia	https://www.vagardenweek.org/
Late Apr/early May	Member Garden Visits	NV-ASA	Various
April 20	Cosby Garden Visit	NV-ASA	Rockville, VA
April 24 and/or 25	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale - TBD	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 1 and/or 2	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale - TBD	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 8	Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale CANCELLED		Vienna
May 15 9 am – 3 pm	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale CANCELLED	Green Spring Gardens	Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA
May 16	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	White's Nursery, Germantown, MD
May 20-22	ASA Virtual Convention	ASA	Virtual
June 3-6	ARS Convention	ARS	Nova Scotia, Canada
July 11 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
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 rickbauer@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 me at rickbauer@cox.net 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'm happy that winter is finally over and that we can get back out into our gardens. I hope you get the opportunity to visit some of our member gardens in April.

Rick