

Aug 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Hopefully you're surviving this unusually hot summer. I know it has cut back on my time in the garden and restricted it to the early morning and late afternoon hours.

We had a couple of events in July.

Cutting Exchange 14 July -



Members view some of the azaleas available in the plant exchange

The first was our annual cutting (and plant) exchange and potluck. We had a great turnout with an excellent selection of dishes to sample and cuttings to exchange. Of particular note was we had a large selection of plants and mature azaleas (thanks largely to **Lars Larson** and **Carolyn Beck**) for chapter members. Additionally, we added a couple new chapter members (see below). We were also pleased to be joined by Associate Member **Robert Thau**.

Robert is from Jasper, Texas and is President of the Texas Forest Country Chapter.

Azalea propagation is a major feature of the Legacy Project and there were a large number of cuttings for Legacy cultivars. I encourage all of our members to try azalea propagation. It is not overly difficult and there are a number of propagation techniques on the society webpage under the Propagation tab.

Other pictures from the exchange are at the end of this message.

Meadowlark Gardens Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday 15 July -

Six chapter members braved the hot, humid weather to work to on the **Klimavicz Legacy Garden** at **Meadowlark Gardens** in Vienna. The work involved mainly pulling weeds, spreading mulch and removing dead and dying shrubs. Most of the work was done in a nearby area where we hope to start planting additional azaleas in the fall. We accomplished a lot in the three hours we worked. Thanks to **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck**, **Dan** and **Joanne Neckel**, **Rick Bauer** and **Dave Nanney**. The Legacy Garden really is in



Chapter members pose with the results of their hard work

great condition and reflects the hard work done by all of our chapter members during the multiple workdays we have held this year. I encourage our members to volunteer at a future workday. Additional photos are at the end of this message.

12th Annual Azalea Sale and Auction 28 Sep 1 - 4:30pm -

The subject sale and auction is an annual event which is always a lot of fun. Additionally attendees have the opportunity to buy or bid on some outstanding azalea varieties. This event also requires many chapter volunteers to set up, tear down and to run. A solicitation for volunteers will come out in early September. I hope that many of you will be able to assist.



Don Hyatt auctioning a Choptank azalea at the 2017 auction

More information on this event will be in next month's ***Azalea Clipper***.

New Chapter Members:

The chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members: **Carol Allen** is from Germantown, MD and **Linus Chen** is from Oakton, VA.

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
Sep 28 1-4:30pm	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.

Rick

2019 Cutting Exchange



Robert Thau, Susan Bauer and Barry Sperling enjoying the cutting exchange



No one went hungry



Members mingling at the cutting exchange

Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday
(Photos by Carolyn Beck)



Dan Neckel spreading mulch



Joanne Neckel raking debris



Paul Beck removing a tree



**Dave Nanney and Rick Bauer attempt an impossible task
(just kidding 😊)**