

## Aug 20 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I hope that you are doing well so far this summer. COVID-19 continues to impact on all our activities, including our chapter events. An updated chapter calendar is in this message and can be found on our website <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Auction and Sale – 26 September**

The 13th Annual Azalea Auction and Sale will be held this year without the auction. COVID-19 social distancing requirements made the auction infeasible. We will, however, be holding the plant sale outside of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. More information will be provided in next month's message and in ***The Azalea Clipper***. I hope you're able to attend and to volunteer in setting up and tearing down the event.

### **Klimavicz Legacy Garden**



Carolyn pruning - photo P. Beck

Access to the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens has been extremely restricted this year, primarily due to Meadowlark being closed until recently due to COVID-19. **Paul and Carolyn Beck** recently went to check on the garden and do some work (mainly weeding and pruning). They report that, except for a couple of dead plants (which will be replaced), the plants look particularly good.



Paul weeding - photo C. Beck

Chapter workdays have commenced again. Volunteering to help at Meadowlark is a good opportunity to get out of the house and work in the fresh air while maintaining social distancing.

### **Member Gardens**

Thanks to chapter members who continue to share pictures of their gardens with other chapter members. Please continue to send your photos to me and I will publish them in future monthly messages.

**Laura Grant Garden, Ontario, Canada** – **Laura's** garden is a little under one acre, located on Niagara Escarpment, 500 feet above Lake Ontario. **Laura** describes it as follows:

"The front garden has a sunken courtyard with a lily pond 20' x 30' and is enclosed by a 5' high wall of roses interplanted with clematis. Most roses are Kordes with a few David Austin introductions. Within this courtyard are my most treasured collections of South African and South American bulbs, peonies, orchids, lilies, water lilies and bog plants.

The flowering meadow is in the back garden and has several thousand Sir Winston Churchill narcissus in the spring as well as other bulbs and perennials later in the season. The fruit orchard is also at the back and has a collection of rare fruits interplanted with azaleas. There is a vegetable garden, fig house and several Lotus bogs. The west side of the property has a collection of the oldest rhododendrons, some tender varieties, and camellias. On the north side of the building is a collection of dwarf conifers and other trees and shrubs."

All photos were taken by **Laura**.





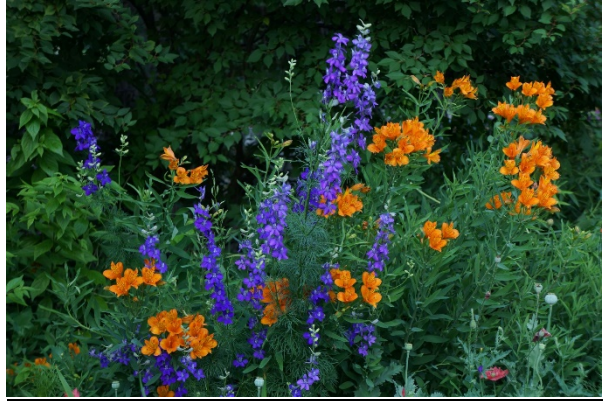
Thyme and Roses



Wall Garden



Crape Myrtle



Alstroemeria & larkspur



Wall of Roses



Finch Flowers



Double Red Poppy



Lavender in Front Yard



### Beck Garden (all photos by Carolyn Beck)

The **Beck** garden includes a large number of Legacy varieties as well as Satsukis. A benefit of the Satsukis is that they bloom in the early summer after many other varieties have completed flowering.



Zuishi (Satsuki)



Young Dorothy (Marshy Point)



Wee Willy (Robin Hill)



Dottie OP (Warner)



Yamato (Satsuki)



Wako (Satsuki)

### Klimavicz Hybrids

**Joe Klimavicz** continues to actively hybridize new varieties. While his focus was originally on evergreen varieties, he has been making deciduous azalea crosses since 2009 using mostly Sunny Side Up, Chetco, and Golden Solitaire in different combinations and back crosses

**Joe** is very particular in evaluating his crosses. He's looking for a bright yellow color which pops from a distance. It can have white, orange, or pink mixed in, but he's looking for a great yellow. Frilly edges are an added bonus. Flowers of great substance are another



discriminator. He has grown 1700 plants from seed from his crosses and he expects to have one or two "really great" plants from this group.

Here are pictures of some of **Joe's** latest crosses (all photos are his).



CO-15-7 (Chetco Open Pollinated 2015)



CH-9-14 (Chetco Open Pollinated 2009)



SS-15-67 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)



SS-15-104 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)



SS15-137 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)



SS-15-173 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)



SS-15-176 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)



SS-15-182 (Sunnyside Up x Golden Solitaire)

### **New Editor for *The Azalean***

The editor of ***The Azalean***, **Barb Stump** and the designer (and past editor) **Pam Fitch** have decided to retire after 70 issues and a combined 17½ years of service to the society. I personally will miss working with them and appreciate the quality publication they produce four times a year.

We are looking for a new editor/designer. An email went out to all society members last month with the job description for the position. The compensation is \$1800 per issue. The society will consider splitting the task as was done with **Barb** and **Pam** (in which case the compensation will be split), if two members agree to collaborate and are qualified. In that case, each contract will be contingent on the other contract remaining filled.

If you have the necessary skills and are interested in applying for this position, send your resume to [president@azaleas.org](mailto:president@azaleas.org) by 1 September 2020.

### **National Convention 2021 – Charlotte, NC**

You are all aware of the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 virus. This is especially a problem with events which require advanced planning and financial commitments. This is the case with the upcoming convention in Charlotte.

Planning continues on the convention, however given the uncertainties of the virus, it will be different in significant ways from previous conventions in order to facilitate social distancing. One of the planned venues, Bartlett Research Arboretum is featured in the summer issue of ***The Azalean***. At this time they are working with the organizers of the convention to come up with alternative ways of visiting the venue, while maintaining safety.

The society is continuing to plan on holding its convention in 2021. You will be kept apprised of any new information.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events -**

Below is the schedule for the 2020. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>. **Many activities are being canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19.** Check the chapter calendar for the latest updates.



Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sep 19 9 am – 5 pm	White's Nursery Open House	<a href="#">White's Nursery</a>	22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, Maryland 20876
Sep 26 1-5 pm <b>Changed</b>	Fall Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 25	Fall Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 25	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Dec 6	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting		Paul and Carolyn Beck's Home

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [dianelynn@starpower.net](mailto:dianelynn@starpower.net) or (301) 983-1098.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing many of you at our sale in September.

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