

Feb 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

We have made it through the first month of 2021. I hope that you are doing well. While COVID continues to be a major threat, there is good news on the horizon with the various vaccines now available. I'm looking forward to things getting back to normal once a sufficient number of people are vaccinated.



As you are aware, the planned society convention was canceled due to two major venues cancelling out due to COVID concerns. This will be replaced by a virtual convention. More information is in my society president's letter and will be in the spring **Azalean**. Part of the convention will be virtual garden tours. All members are encouraged to submit video (or slide shows in the form of videos) for inclusion in the program. If you have any questions, please get back with me at rickbauer@cox.net.

Membership

We still have members who have not yet renewed for 2021. If you plan on renewing, but just haven't gotten around to it yet, please renew at your earliest possible convenience. If you do not plan on renewing, we would appreciate you bringing it to our attention and we will stop sending you reminders.

Our calendar for 2021 is on our chapter website at <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars> and in this message. You can see that we are planning to be back to normal operations in 2021 (at least in the second half of the year).

If you have already renewed, thank you. If not, you can do so do it online at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/>. Alternatively, you can call **Paul Beck** at (703) 860-5676 and renew over the phone with a credit card. We hope that you will take the time to renew now.

Chapter Meeting 21 March

The first chapter meeting of the year is scheduled for 21 March. Hopefully, we'll be able to conduct this meeting in person at Kirkwood Presbyterian, however that will depend on the COVID situation at the time. Regardless, we are planning on also broadcasting the meeting via Zoom.

New Members -

We'd like to welcome back **Lyn Moen**, Great Falls, VA to the chapter. We'd also like to welcome new members **Andrea Plumer** from Washington, DC. and **Jim Hassel** from Horseheads, NY. We hope to welcome them in person at one of our chapter events.

Seeds

Joe Klimavicz has offered deciduous and evergreen seed from his crosses. If you would like seed, send him an email at joeklim@gmail.com. Include what type and how many seeds you would like and provide a good mailing address.

Calendar of Upcoming Events -

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

Many activities continue to be canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19. Check the chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 21 1:30-4pm	Chapter Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Virtual or Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
April 15-18	ASA Convention "Carolina in My Mind" CANCELED	ASA	Charlotte, NC
April 24-25	Member Garden Visits	NV-ASA	Various
April 24 and/or 25	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 1 and/or 2	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
May 8	Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale		Vienna
May 15 9 am – 3 pm (Setup May 14)	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale (possibility of cancellation)	Green Spring Gardens	Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA
May 16	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	White's Nursery, Germantown, MD
May 20-23	Virtual ASA Convention Added	ASA	Details to be published when finalized
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	TBD

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 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 dianelynn@starpower.net or (301) 983-1098.

I hope you and your families are doing well and that we will be free of COVID this year.

Rick