

Jan 20 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season. This is a slow time of year for the chapter, however we have a full schedule starting in March. The [calendar](#) is shown below and is also on our website.

Holiday Social 8 December

Thirty chapter members gathered at the home of **Lars** and **Jean Larson** to celebrate our annual Holiday Social. As usual, we had a wonderful selection of different dishes provided by the chapter and our members.



Members select from delicious food options - photo B. Sperling

In addition to our Holiday Social, this was also our annual business meeting. We elected our slate of officers for 2020.

President – **Lars Larson**
Vice President – **Diane Marcus**
Secretary – **Joanne Neckel**
Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

As you can see, there was no change to our list of officers. All the 2019 officers agreed to serve another term. Our thanks go out to all of them for all the work they do for the chapter. We are always looking for more folks to get involved in chapter leadership positions. If you would like more information on how you can participate as an officer or assist in other positions (such as hospitality), get back with me or any of the officers.



Lars conducts the business meeting - photo B. Sperling

The members also approved the budget for 2020 and approved the allocation of donations for 2019. The total amount of

money donated is a function of how successful our fund raising was. 2019 was another successful year for the chapter with a net \$9,765.25 made through chapter plant sales. After much discussion, the chapter approved the following donations for 2019:

Meadowlark Gardens (support of Klimavicz garden) - \$2000
Green Springs Title 1 Program - \$1500
ASA General Fund - \$1000

New Members –

The chapter is pleased to welcome **Jimmy** and **Shannon Yang**. The week before the Holiday Social, **Jimmy** contacted us for more information on the society. He and **Shannon** came to the social and joined the society. They live in Warrenton, VA.

Membership Renewal –

It is a new year and time to renew your membership in the ASA if you have not already done so. We hope that you have enjoyed being a member of the chapter and the society. You should have already received a reminder from the ASA with information on the various means of renewing. This information is also available on the society's website at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/>.

We hope that you continue to enjoy your membership in the chapter and the society by renewing in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please get with me at rickbauer@cox.net or **Paul Beck** at pabeck@gmail.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events -

Below is the schedule for the 2020. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/calendars>. Many of the events marked "Tentative" are dependent upon weather and plant conditions. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar early (Tentative)	NC Nursery Trip		Various
Mar 12-14	ASA Convention	ASA	Houston, Texas
Mar 29	Combined spring meeting with ARS-PVC	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Apr 12	Easter		
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Klimavicz Garden Dedication	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Meadowlark Plant Sale (bloom time dependent)	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Member Gardens Open	NV-ASA	
April 29-May 3	ARS Convention	ARS	Portland, Oregon
May 2/3 (Tentative)	Meadowlark Plant Sale (bloom time dependent)	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
May 2/3 (Tentative)	Member Gardens Open	NV-ASA	
TBD	MAC ARS Meeting	MAC-ARS	
May 9	Ayr Hill Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Vienna
May 10	Mother's Day		
May 15/16	Set up and Green Springs Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Alexandria

May 17 (Tentative)	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	
May or June	Bonsai Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Becks
July 12	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 12	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 25-27	ARS Fall Conference	MAC-ARS	Gettysburg, PA
Oct 4	PVC Picnic	PVC-ARS	
Oct 25	Fall Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 25	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Nov 7	PVC ARS Banquet	PVC-ARS	
Dec 5	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting		Paul and Carolyn Beck's Home

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

Carolyn Beck has a lot of 3 – quart pots she's willing to share. If you'd like some, please contact her at (carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or 703.860-5676).

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

I look forward to another successful year for the chapter. Thanks to all the chapter members who contributed to our success in 2019.

Rick