

## **Jan 2021 Message to Members**

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year. I look forward to 2021 being a better year than 2020. With the available vaccine, we should start getting back to normal by the middle of the coming year. Since I'm now the Corresponding Secretary and produce the chapter newsletter, ***The Azalea Clipper***, this "monthly" message will only be published the months when there is no ***Clipper***.

### **Membership**

This is the time of year when we are asking our members to renew their memberships in the chapter and the society. If you haven't done so already, we hope you renew your membership. While 2020 curtailed our activities somewhat, we weren't totally dormant. We continued with plants sales and we instituted an extremely popular and successful online application for our members to safely order azaleas.

We continued to be busy with the Legacy Project. We had member workdays at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens, in Vienna. We also made two deliveries for a total of 117 Holly Springs azaleas to Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA for the development of a Holly Springs Legacy Garden.

We did have one virtual meeting in 2020. While we expect to return to live meetings sometime in 2021, the virtual meeting went so well that we will continue to broadcast our meetings virtually for those members who are unable to attend in person.

At the national level, the society will be holding an "unconventional convention" in April in Charlotte, NC. The theme is "Carolina in My Mind." It has been designed to adhere to COVID safety guidelines with social distancing and masking. They are offering visits to some beautiful gardens, both in the Raleigh and the Charlotte areas and will have an excellent selection of plants in the plant sale. More information is in the winter issue of ***The Azalean*** which is [currently available online](#) and should be in your mailboxes in the next couple of weeks.

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.

If you have already renewed, thank you. If not, you can do so 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.

### **Annual Meeting – 6 December**

The Holiday Social was cancelled this year due to COVID. The Annual Meeting was held remotely using Zoom. The members in attendance elected to officers for 2021, approved the budget for 2021 and approved the donations for 2020.

Below are the officers for 2021:

President – **Rick Bauer**

Vice President – **Diane Marcus**

Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

Secretary – **Joanne Neckel**

Donations of \$2500 to Meadowlark Gardens to repair the irrigation system at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden and \$1000 to the National Society (in the memory of associate member **Robert Thau**) were also approved.

After the business meeting, **Rick Bauer** gave a presentation on the Bowie Mill azaleas.

## **New Members** –

We would like to welcome new members **Mark** and **Karen Gunnell**, from Frederick, MD. We'd also like to welcome back **Linus Chen**, from Oakton, VA to the chapter.

## **Facebook**

I have recently become an administrator on the chapter Facebook page. If you are on Facebook and haven't done so already, please "Like" the chapter Facebook page. I will try to keep it updated with photos of azaleas and items of interest to our members. If you have anything you think would be of interest and would like it posted, please email it to me at [rickbauer@cox.net](mailto:rickbauer@cox.net).

## **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](mailto: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 <a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
April 15-18	ASA Convention "Carolina in My Mind"	ASA	Charlotte, NC
April 24-25	Member Garden Visits	NV-ASA	Various
April 24 and/or 25	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA</a>
May 1 and/or 2	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA</a>
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	<a href="#">Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA</a>
May 16	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	White's Nursery, Germantown, MD
June 3-6	ARS Convention	ARS	Nova Scotia, Canada
July 11 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Sep 25 1 – 4:30 pm	Fall Plant Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 24 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Fall Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 24 4:30 – 6 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Dec 5 1 – 4:30	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD

## Other Activities/Notes –

### Miscellaneous –

**Carolyn Beck** is looking for any information, description, or photos, of the following azalea varieties. If you have anything to share, please send it to **Carolyn** at ([carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com) or (703) 860-5676).

Amoena Red  
Delicious, Hager  
Fairy Tale  
Girard's Caroline  
Girard's Kelly Marie  
Gold Piece, Hershey  
Kiwa Amoena  
Leon's Amy  
Neil Goza, Goza  
Nuccio's Blue Ice  
Penco, labeled as a Pennington  
Pink Clusters  
Ring's Kiusianum  
Rose Bengal  
Shin-no-Noe, Kurume  
Strawberry Delight, Kohli  
Tee Pee

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

I hope you have a great New Year.

Rick