

Jun 20 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Well we're entering a new month and we're still practicing many of the safe practices recommended to contain the spread of COVID-19. I'm hoping that you all are staying safe. The situation with COVID-19 is still impacting the chapter's activities. An updated calendar is in this message and can be found on our website <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>.

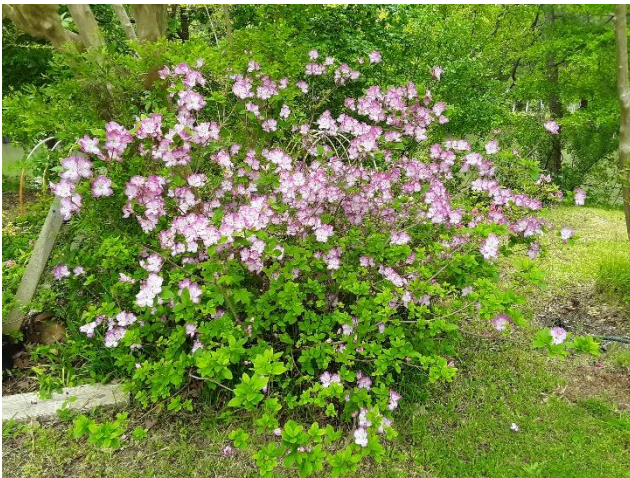
Jane Newman

Don Hyatt is editor of the Potomac Valley Chapter (PVC) of the American Rhododendron Society's newsletter. He published an article on long time member **Jane Newman** in a recent PVC newsletter. I thought it might be of interest to chapter members who are not members of PVC and **Don** has graciously agreed to share it in this message. It is attached as an enclosure.

Member Garden Photos

Last month we shared photos from a number of member gardens. This month we have additional photos to share. If you have any photos you're able to share, please email them to me at rickbauer@cox.net.

Bauer Garden – Yorktown, VA (photos R Bauer)



Martha Hitchcock (Glenn Dale) – given to us several years ago by Lars Larson. I think the deer got the lower blossoms.



Tri-lights (Northern Lights) – purchased in 2011 at the Evansville ASA convention. Normally zone 3-7. We're zone 8. First time it bloomed this year.



Knockout Roses



Eclectic Collection of Plants

Larson Garden – Fairfax, VA (photos L Larson)



Marshy Point Lavender Miss



Dreamsicle (McDonald)



Pink Ice (Belgian Glenn Dale)



Mrs. Mildred Kinder (Schroeder)

Neckel Garden – Fairfax Station, VA (photos C Beck)



RBS 189 'Joanne Neckel' /RBS 174 'Dan Neckel'



Honeysuckle

Thakur Garden – Springfield, VA (photos C Beck)



R ripense Makinoi species selection



Saotome R. indicum

Beck Garden – Oak Hill, VA (photos C Beck)



Aromi Sunstruck



Chetco x Yellow Pompom (Schild)



Denise Ann (Bowie Mill)



Wee Willie (Robin Hill)



Beck Garden



Dawn Elizabeth (Holly Springs)

Plant Propagation

I have found that one of the most enjoyable part of being a chapter member is obtaining cuttings from the large collection of azalea varieties owned by chapter members. While I started slow in propagation (i.e., poor results for several years), I have had much greater success recently.

In my President's Message in the summer issue of *The Azalean*, I promote azalea propagation. I'm curious as to how many of our chapter members actively propagate azaleas and if not, how many are interested in getting involved in propagation.

Please just drop me a quick note at rickbauer@cox.net if you are in either category (you can simply say "I propagate azaleas" or "I'm interested in propagating azaleas.")

July Azalea Clipper –

If you have any input for the July *Clipper*, please provide it to **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net by 23 June. He is looking to include pictures of your gardens, so please send them along as well.

New Members

We welcome **Mike Jones** to the chapter. **Mike** lives in Sebastopol, CA.

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 of the events marked "Tentative" are dependent upon weather and plant conditions. **Many activities are being canceled/rescheduled as a result of COVID-19.** Check the chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Jun 10-21 Canceled	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ASA/ARS	Point of contact – Don Hyatt
July 12 Canceled	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 12	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 19 9 am – 5 pm	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, Maryland 20876
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 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. 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.

Thanks to all our members who have opened their gardens and/or provided photos to share.

Rick

Enclosure –

Remembering Jane Newman and "Quakeress"

Remembering Jane Newman and 'Quakeress' by Don Hyatt

I have often said that I like to grow plants that remind me of my friends. The late Jane Newman who passed away in 2017 was one of those good friends I had known for nearly 50 years.

Jane was one of the most knowledgeable experts on azaleas in our Northern Virginia region. We would always go to her for assistance on variety identification. She had particular interest in the Glenn Dale azaleas and studied them closely. She photographed flowers and plants but also buds, leaves, and even the backs of flowers so she could see the shape of the calyx. She studied her photos the rest of the year. I was convinced Jane could tell every one of the 454 Glenn Dales apart from a distance of 20 ft away.

I asked Jane what her favorite Glenn Dale was and she told me 'Quakeress'. It was the plant that got her started growing azaleas. The flowers are delightfully ruffled, typically white and boldly striped with purple but extremely variable. On some branches, it can have solid colored blooms of white or purple, and there will occasionally be blooms with pink undertones or red blotches, too.



'Quakeress'

Photo: D



'Quakeress' Flower Variations

Photo: D



Jane Newman

Photo: D

Jane had an enormous 'Quakeress' planted in the center of a driveway loop at the front of her house. It was spectacular. It must have been 12 ft tall and just captivating. Looking at all the flowers variations, they seemed like snowflakes where no two are alike. I planted three 'Quakeress' azaleas at my street edge as a tribute Jane. They have now become a mass about 10 ft wide and 4 to 5 ft tall. We miss you, Jane!



'Quakeress' in the Hyatt Garden

Photo: D