

## Jun 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

May was an incredible month for azaleas. While my garden was in superb color during the month, I also had the pleasure of visiting the gardens of **Bob** and **Rosa McWhorter**, **Carol Segree**, **Elizabeth Cosby**, **Landon** and **Elizabeth Davis**, **Joe Klimavicz** and **Carolyn** and **Paul Beck**. All are beautiful gardens and I hope you had the opportunity to visit some of our member gardens this year. If not, I highly recommend you take advantage of the opportunity next year.



### ASA 2021 Virtual Convention

For the second year in a row (and hopefully for the last time), the ASA convention had to be canceled due to COVID concerns. When the Charlotte convention was canceled in March, we decided to try something different and hold a virtual convention.

One of the key elements of the convention was showing videos/video slideshows of members gardens as well as other videos of interest. While we were originally going to broadcast the videos in sequence via Zoom, **Paul Beck** suggested they be loaded to a private YouTube site with access password controlled (to limit the access to society members as a benefit of membership). This was an excellent idea and allowed our members to watch what they wanted, when they wanted and as many times as they wanted.

Hopefully many of you took the opportunity to view the videos and to "attend" the evening sessions of the convention. If not, you can view both the evening sessions and the garden videos on YouTube. Click this [link](#) to access them.

We hope that we can all get together next year in person in Lafayette, LA.

The convention also included a session of the azalea webinars sponsored by the Alabamense Chapter. Instructions for access are shown later in this message.

### Spring Plant Sales

While a number of plant sales were cancelled due to COVID, the chapter conducted two highly successful sales at Meadowlark Gardens in May. The first sale was on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We sold a total of 158 2 gallon or larger plants at this sale. The sale was so successful that we scheduled a second sale for Mother's Day. The second sale was also very successful with 97 plants being sold.

Additionally, we sold 89 plants to the Bonsai society for use in their activities. Finally, as of this publication, we sold an additional 218 plants to members on the online sale, for a total sale of 565 plants.

Many of the plants sold were Legacy varieties hybridized by chapter members. This is an excellent way to perpetuate these varieties as many of them cannot be found in commercial outlets.



Lars, Dave, David and Paul ready to sell plants at the 8 May Meadowlark sale - photo C. Beck

We would like to thank **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck** for all their work in propagating and preparing the plants for sale (not to mention **Paul's** great point of sale computer system) and facilitating the sale to the Bonsai Society and members online. We'd also like to thank **Lars Larson, Dave** and **Leslie Nanney, Ralph Habegger, Dave Meadows** and **Rick Bauer** for volunteering to assist with setting up, tearing down and conducting one or both of the Meadowlark sales.

### **Cutting Exchange – 11 July Kirkwood Presbyterian 1:30 -4:30**

The chapter will hold its annual cutting exchange on 11 July. Propagation is an excellent way to increase the variety of azaleas in your collection. The cutting exchange is a perfect opportunity to acquire cuttings of many different varieties of azaleas. As of this message, we are planning on meeting in person. More information will be in next month's **Clipper**.

### **Pete Vines Visit**

Chapter member **Pete Vines**, recently came up from his home in Amelia Island, FL to visit the area. **Pete** lived in Springfield, VA when he hybridized the Holly Springs azaleas, one of our Legacy Projects. **Pete** visited **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck** and **Dave** and **Leslie Nanney**. **Dave** and **Leslie** have a large collection of Holly Springs azaleas and will be able to provide cuttings to **Pete** from those varieties he is missing in his collection.

The chapter is supporting the establishment of a Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA.



Dave and Leslie Nanney with Pete photo Jean Mauldin

### **New Chapter Website**

**Paul Beck** has redesigned the chapter's website using WordPress. The new website can be accessed through the same URL <https://nv-asa.org/>. Its focus is solely on chapter activities, including plant sales.

You will need to register on the website in order to view past purchases or participate in the online plant sale, even if you previously registered on the old website or on the ASA website.

### **Member Online Plant Sale**

Many of our members have taken advantage of the online plant sale to add quality plants to their collection. The plant sale is available to members on the [chapter website](#). This is new software, and any bugs or glitches should be reported to **Paul Beck** at [pabeck@gmail.com](mailto:pabeck@gmail.com).

**New Members** – We'd like to welcome new members **Amy Augenblick** from Great Falls, VA and **Amy Yost** from Baltimore, MD. We'd also like to welcome **Denise Aquista** as an associate member. **Denise** lives in Crossville, TN. We hope to meet them at a future chapter (or society) event.

### **Member Garden Visits**

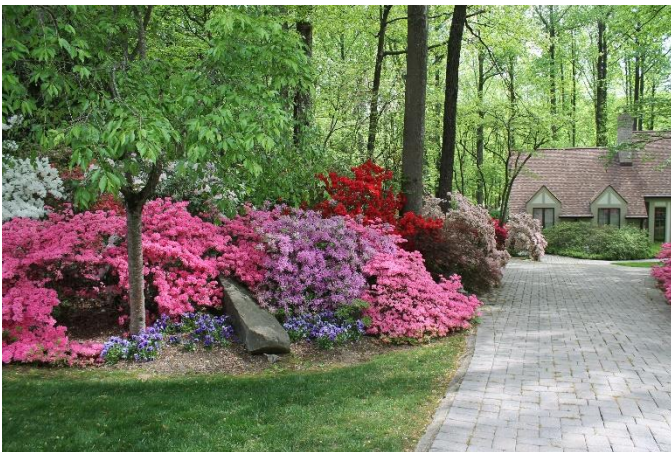
Thanks to all of the members who opened their gardens for visits in April and May. I personally had the opportunity to visit the **Cosby** and **Davis** gardens which I featured in last

month's message. I also visited the **Segree**, **McWhorter** and **Klimavicz** gardens. There are videos of the **McWhorter** and **Klimavicz** gardens on YouTube, accessible by this [link](#). Below are a few pictures from the gardens. More are at the end of this message.

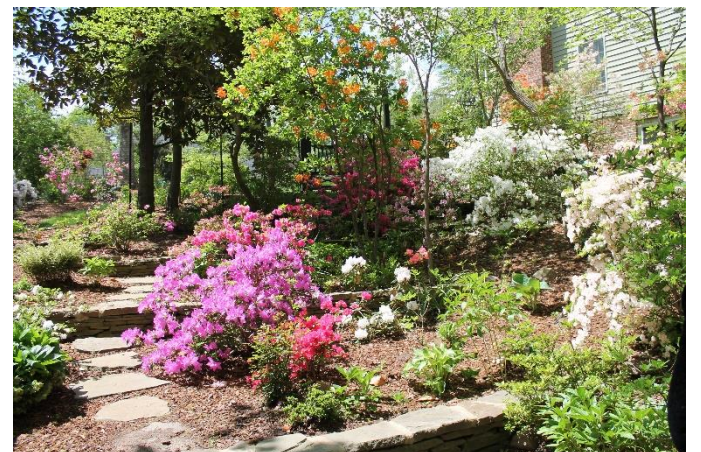
### Klimavicz Garden



### McWhorter Garden



### Segree Garden



**Azalea Webinars**

The Alabamense Chapter of the ASA, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Davis Arboretum at Auburn University are conducting a series of webinars on azaleas. The first one dealt with evergreen and deciduous azaleas. The second dealt with care and maintenance of azaleas. The latest one on May 20 was about propagating deciduous and evergreen azaleas.

You have one more opportunity to view the webinar live. On 10 Jun they will have a presentation on Insects, Diseases and Disorders.

If you missed any of the webinars and would like to view them, you can access them by clicking on [All About Azaleas Program - Spring 2021](#). A flier for the entire webinar series is located on the ASA website homepage [www.azaleas.org](http://www.azaleas.org).



If you would like to register for the last webinar, you may do so at [https://auburn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fSOyVBwCTAmonAI8gGWrBw](https://auburn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fSOyVBwCTAmonAI8gGWrBw).

**Calendar of Upcoming Events –**

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

**Many activities continue to be canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19.** Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates. **The calendar below reflects new cancellations.**

Date	Event	Organization	Location
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	At the Beck’s home

**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

[rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickfbauer@gmail.com). 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 [rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickfbauer@gmail.com) 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 editor of **The Azalean** depends 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.

Rick

### McWhorter Garden



### Segree Garden

