

Jun 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I was out of country for most of the month of May so I was unable to participate in chapter activities. That is also the reason this message is a little later than usual. We did have a couple of events during the month which were successful for the chapter and we thank those members who volunteered to assist.

I'm always on the lookout for azaleas when I travel. Unfortunately, there were few to be found where I was in southern Germany and the Mediterranean. I was visiting the castle Mespelbrunn which sits in the middle of a lake in southern Germany when I smelled a very fragrant scent. It came from a *luteum* azalea, or honeysuckle azalea, which is native to southeastern Europe.



***Luteum* azalea at Castle Mespelbrunn**

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale 11 May



Fred Newlan and **Carolyn** and **Paul Beck** represented the chapter at the Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale in Vienna on Saturday, May 11th. While not as successful as last year (likely due to the inclement weather), the chapter grossed \$661 in sales. Thanks to **Paul, Carolyn** and **Fred** for volunteering for this sale.

Photo by **Carolyn Beck**

Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale 18 May

A number of our chapter members were out of town, (many at the American Rhododendron Society convention in Philadelphia) so the chapter had a smaller than normal representation at the Green Spring Gardens plant sale. The chapter sold \$650 worth of azaleas, almost the entire number we had for sale. Thanks to **Lars Larson, Karen Kinsey, David Meadows** and **Fred Newlan** for volunteering for



David Meadows and Lars Larson assist a customer at Green Spring Sale – photo Fred Newlan

this sale. Hopefully next year we will not have the scheduling conflicts we had this year.

Meadowlark Gardens Workday 4 June

Thanks to **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck**, **Dick Cecka** and **Lars Larson** for working at the **Klimavicz Legacy Garden** at Meadowlark Gardens. We will have workdays at the garden each month during the growing season. We hope you will be able to volunteer at a future workday.

Smoky Mountain Hikes 10-19 June

The annual Smoky Mountain Hikes will be held 10-19 June at various locations in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. This is an opportunity to see outstanding native azaleas and rhododendron. **Paul Beck** sent out the flyer with the hike information last week. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the hikes, however please notify me (or one of the other points of contact listed on the flyer) if you plan to participate so that we are looking for you.



Calendulaceum on Roan Mountain

Graham County Native Azalea Festival 14-15 June Robbinsville, NC



Calendulaceum on Hooper Bald

Members of the Azalea Society of America, American Rhododendron Society and others have been working for the past eleven years to restore native azaleas on Hooper Bald in Graham County, NC. This effort has been led by members **Jim Brant** and **George McLellan**. Both were recognized for their efforts last year when they were presented Distinguished Service Awards. A by-product of the efforts was that Graham County held their first annual Native Azalea Festival last year.

This year they will be holding their second annual festival in Robbinsville. There will be hikes up on Hooper Bald on the 14th and the morning of the 15th of June. They will have booths set up in town on Saturday. More information is available at <https://grahamcountytravel.com/event/graham-county-azalea-festival/>.

Cutting Exchange – 1-4:30pm 14 July

This is my favorite annual meeting. It includes a pot luck as well as an opportunity to expand your collection of azaleas through propagation of cuttings. More information will be provided in an upcoming edition of ***The Azalea Clipper*** and next month's message to members, but put this one on your calendar.



Carolyn Beck shops for cuttings at previous cutting exchange

New Chapter Members:

We'd like to welcome the following associate members to the chapter: **Sherri and Trevor Joyce** from University Park, MD, **Kevin Judd** from Ashburn, VA, **Steven Morrison** from Silver Spring, MD, and **Paul Nowacek** from Silver Spring. Thanks to the Ben Morrison chapter for signing up these new ASA members.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for 2019. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
10-19 Jun	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ARS/ASA	Various Locations in the Smoky Mountains
Jul 14 1-4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 28	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 27 1-4:30pm	Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

ADDED If you have any input for the upcoming ***Azalea Clipper***, please provide your input to **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net by 23 June.

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

Rick