

## Mar 20 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

**Susan** and I had a great experience in February when we traveled to Oyster Bay, Long Island. I had been invited to give a presentation on the **Legacy Project** to the **New York Chapter** of the **American Rhododendron Society (ARS)**. There were about 30 members present and they showed a real interest in the project. Hopefully it will result in more hybrid groups being included in the project.

It was great seeing **Bruce** and **Marianne Feller**. **Bruce** is chapter president and they both are members of the **Northern Virginia Chapter**. We also met **Tom** and **Mary Anne Appel**, formerly "at large" members of the society, who have now affiliated with the chapter. **Tom** and **Mary Anne** live in Garden City, NY. **Tom** is very interested in the **Legacy Project** and is exploring possibly sponsoring a hybrid group. We also welcome **Anthony Tohill** to the society and to the chapter. **Anthony** is another member of the **New York Chapter** of the **ARS**. He is from Remsenburg, New York. Hopefully we can welcome all of them in person at a future chapter event.



Steffi von Loh at Bremen  
Rhododendron Park

Finally, we'd like to rewelcome **Steffi von Loh** to the society and the chapter. **Steffi** was previously a member in 2018 and rejoined for 2020. **Steffi** works at the **Bremen Rhododendron Park** in Bremen, Germany. Some of us met her when we attended the **American Rhododendron Society** convention in 2018. She hopes to be able to visit the states in the future. We look forward to the visit.

## ASA National Convention in Houston 12-14 March

For the first time, the **ASA** annual convention will be held in Houston. I'm pleased to see that we will have a large representation by the **Northern Virginia Chapter**. More information is in the Fall and Winter issues of **The Azalean**.

It's not too late to register for the convention. If you've found that your schedule will allow you to participate, you can still register online at <https://www.azaleas.org/list-conventions/>. The late registration fee has been waived.

## Joint Meeting with PVC-ARS 29 March

The chapter will be holding a joint meeting with the **Potomac Valley Chapter** of the **ARS** on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield. **Don Hyatt** and I will be the speakers for this meeting. I will be speaking on the **Sandra McDonald** azaleas and **Don** will be giving a presentation on "**The Crazy World of Rhododendrons**." **Don** gave this presentation at the **2018 ARS Convention** in Bremen and it was very well received. In addition, there will be a plant exchange. This is always a good opportunity to share your extra plants with other members (and maybe pick up some new ones for yourself). More information will be provided in the **Azalea Clipper**.



Don giving his presentation in Bremen

## **Klimavicz Legacy Garden Update**

**Paul and Carolyn Beck** met with **Keith Tomlinson**, Manager of **Meadowlark Gardens**, on 24 February to discuss the path forward on the **Klimavicz Legacy Garden**. **Keith** expressed his thanks for the \$2000 the chapter provided the garden as part of our end of year donations for 2019. This money will be used to remove some of the trees in the expansion area of the **Klimavicz Legacy Garden**. There are also plans to extend the existing irrigation system to this area.



**Paul, Keith and Carolyn at Meadowlark Gardens**

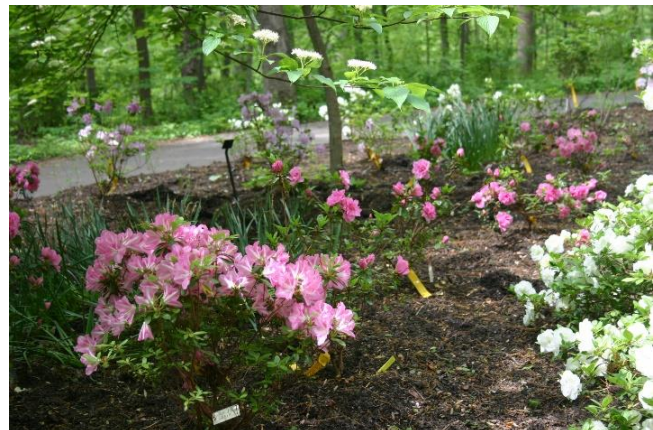


**Sample main display sign – photo K. Tomlinson**

The next step is to procure signage for the garden. The main sign for the garden will look similar to the one they currently have for the daylily collection. Our sign will include a brief description of the **Klimavicz** hybrids and the **Legacy Project**. It will also note the support provided by the **Northern Virginia Chapter** in developing the garden. Finally, the sign will have a QR code which will take the user to the

**Klimavicz Legacy** page on our website. Photos of select **Klimavicz** varieties will be displayed along the outside of the text. Efforts to develop and procure this signage will take place over the next few months.

**Keith** has been impressed by the efforts of and monetary support provided by the chapter. Thanks to all of our chapter members who have put in the time to help make this garden a reality. Hopefully you will respond to the call for volunteers as we continue the work in 2020.



**Photo of the Klimavicz Legacy Garden in bloom - photo C. Beck**

## **Membership Renewal –**

It is a new year and time to renew your membership in the **ASA** if you haven't done so already. 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/>. **Unfortunately, those who have not renewed will be removed from the society rolls in the next few days.**

If you haven't already done so, please take the time to renew right away. This will ensure that you have uninterrupted receipt of *The Azalean*. The Spring edition is currently being prepared by the editor and will include an excellent article on the **Marshy Point** azaleas and their hybridizer **Harry Weiskittel**, written by **Don Hyatt**. I also have an update article on the **Legacy Project**. We're doing a lot in the **Northern Virginia Chapter** with the **Legacy Project**, however there are great initiatives underway throughout the society.

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](mailto:rickbauer@cox.net) or **Paul Beck** at [pabeck@gmail.com](mailto: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 12-14	ASA Convention	ASA	Houston, Texas
Mar 29	Combined spring meeting with ARS-PVC	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Apr 12	Easter		
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	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	
May or June	Bonsai Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Becks
Jun 10-21 Tentative	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ASA/ARS	Point of contact - Don Hyatt
July 12	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Sep 12	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Sep 25-27	ARS Fall Conference	Mason Dixon-ARS	Gettysburg, PA



Oct 4	PVC Picnic	PVC-ARS	
Oct 25	Fall Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 25	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Nov 7	PVC ARS Banquet	PVC-ARS	
Dec 5	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 look forward to seeing you at the March meeting. If you have not done so already, please renew your membership. Thanks.

Rick