

## May 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I know that many of us are enjoying the peak season in our gardens. We thank all of the members who have opened their gardens to other chapter members. Hopefully, you will get the opportunity to visit some of these beautiful gardens while they are in bloom. More information on open gardens is given later in this message.

We do have some activities coming up this month.



### **Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale 10am-3pm 1 May**

While the Ayr Garden Club and Green Springs Garden plant sales have been cancelled for this year, we will be holding a plant sale at Meadowlark Gardens on Saturday, 1 May 10am-3pm. Sunday 2 May will be the rain date. The sale will be held outside of the Visitor's Center. We have plenty of beautiful azaleas available for sale.

Plant sales are our major means of fund raising for the chapter and couldn't be done without the help of chapter volunteers. If you are able to assist for all or part of the sale (including set up and tear down), contact **Carolyn Beck** at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or (703) 860-5676.

Meadowlark Botanical Garden is located at: 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Ct, Vienna, VA 22182, off of Beulah Road, Beulah can be accessed on the south end off Route 123 in Vienna, or the north end from Route 7.

The gardens are open 10-6:30. There is an admission fee, but well worth it.

### **White's Nursery Open House 15 and 16 May**

Chapter members **Mike** and **Debbie White** will be holding an open house at their nursery on 15 and 16 May. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire quality plants at special prices. A flyer for the event is included at the end of this message.

### **ASA Virtual Convention 20-22 May**

The spring issue of **The Azalean** and the March issue of **The Azalea Clipper** announced the virtual ASA convention. It will be held 20-22 May in lieu of the Charlotte convention which had to be canceled due to COVID concerns by the main garden venues.

A schedule for the convention will be published in mid-May. It will be dependent upon the number of garden videos submitted by members. If you would still like to submit a garden video(s) the following guidelines are provided:

#### Garden Tour Videos

Preference is a narrated video presentation in standard format .wmv or .mp4. Other formats - get with **Paul Beck** (703) 860-5676 or treasurer@azaleas.org as to supportability.

Slide shows are also acceptable. Formats are the same as for the video presentations.

All tours should be narrated to explain what is being shown as you walk through the garden.

Background (color) commentary is also desirable (e.g., any background on the collection).

An alternative to a voiced narrative could be labeling of slides or providing explanation slides embedded in the video.

Videos should not violate any copyrights.

Videos will be transferred electronically. Procedures will be provided separately. If you are planning on submitting a video or have questions, contact **Rick Bauer** at [president@azaleas.org](mailto:president@azaleas.org).

**Videos need to be submitted no later than 9 May.**

### **New Chapter Website**

**Paul Beck** has been working hard to redesign the chapter's website using WordPress. The new website can be accessed through the same URL <https://nv-asa.org/>. Its focus will be solely on chapter activities, including plant sales. Some of the previous functions such as plant information have been migrated to the main ASA website.

The new website includes a feature which will let any chapter customer of our plant sales, past and future, to be able to pull up sales receipts for their purchases. This is a good resource if you're trying to fill in information on your personal plant inventories or labels.

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 Garden Visits**

Many of our members are taking advantage of the opportunity to visit the gardens of fellow chapter members. On 20 April, a number of our chapter members took the opportunity to visit the **Cosby** and **Davis** gardens in the Richmond area. The weather was very cooperative...cool and sunny. The azaleas were at peak bloom.

We had some members travel great distances to visit. **Bruce** and **Marianne Feller** came down from Long Island. **Marvin Friedman's** daughter **Sarah** also attended from Israel. Other attendees were **Landon Davis, Dave** and **Leslie Nanney, Joanne** and **Dan Neckel, Margaret Vogel, Marvin Friedman, Don Hyatt** and **Rick Bauer**.



Chapter members from l to r Dave Nanney, Landon Davis, Don Hyatt, Marianne and Bruce Feller, Dan and Joanne Neckel, Leslie Nanney, Rick Bauer - photo Wes Morgan



Sarah Friedman and Margaret Vogel in discussion with garden owner Elizabeth Cosby - photo Rick Bauer



Below are additional photos from the Cosby garden.





Below are photos from the Davis garden.



The following gardens are still open.

**Nanney Garden – West Springfield, VA**

**Dave** and **Leslie Nanney** have opened their garden for an extended period during the season. They have approximately 2,500 azaleas with 1,000+ varieties on 2 ½ acres of wooded gardens. Paths throughout make for easy access to all parts of the garden.



Families looking for portraits should come within the first couple of weeks as the early bloomers provide the best backdrop for family photos.

Masks and social distancing will be required.

Visitors should coordinate with the **Nanneys** before their visit. Their garden is located at 8646 Tuttle Road, Springfield, Va. Their contact information is 703-624-3754 or dnanney@cox.net

### **Bauer Garden – Yorktown, VA**

**Rick** and **Susan Bauer** have opened their garden in Yorktown, VA. Those members wishing to visit should contact them in advance before visiting. The **Bauers** have a 2 ½ acre garden on Chisman Creek in York County, VA.

The garden is located at 115 Hunters Lane, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Contact is [rickbauer@cox.net](mailto:rickbauer@cox.net) or (757) 771-4446.

### **Sperling Garden – Alexandria, VA**

**Barry's** garden is available for visits anytime, but email ([bsperling@cox.net](mailto:bsperling@cox.net)) or phone ahead (703-765-7062). Visitors are requested to wear a mask.

The garden location is 7732 Schelhorn Rd., Alexandria, VA 22306

### **Larson Garden – Fairfax, VA**

If you contact Lars at 703-277-3441 or lars.larson@cox.net he can let you know when azaleas are blooming. If you call or email in advance, **Lars** can be around, however that is not necessary.

The **Larson** garden is located at 5785 Ladues End Court, Fairfax, VA 22030-4629.

### **Reinke Garden – Silver Spring, MD**

**Diane** and **Budne Reinke** have opened their garden for chapter visitors. Call ahead at 301 946-4815. 2503 Henderson Ave, Silver Spring, Md. 20902

### **Meadows Garden – Opal, VA**

**David** and **Patsy Meadows**

9651 South Pines Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186

540-349-0120

[tdmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:tdmeadows@hotmail.com)

Call ahead to see what's blooming. Maybe a few plants for sale. Make it a "safe" visit.

### **McWhorter Garden – Gambrills, MD**

**Rosa** and **Bob McWhorter's** garden will be open on **Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 from 10 am - 5 pm**. Call ahead if you plan to visit. Phone #: 443-871-8922. You can also send an e-mail a day or two prior to the visit. email: [mcwhorr@comcast.net](mailto:mcwhorr@comcast.net)

Address is 1666 Preakness Dr., Gambrills, MD 21054. They are looking forward to sharing the garden with others.

**Garden Photos**

Many of us have gardens currently in bloom. If you would like to share photos of your garden with other chapter members, send me photos of your garden to [rickbauer@cox.net](mailto:rickbauer@cox.net). I will publish them in future monthly messages or in the ***Azalea Clipper***.

**New Members –**

We’d like to welcome associate member **Mike Welsh** from Takoma Park. **Mike** is a member of the Ben Morrison Chapter.

**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 and was held on 25 March. This seminar was very interesting and highly recommended.



If you would like to view the last webinar, you can access it by clicking on [All About Azaleas Program - Spring 2021](#). There are three files there, the introduction by **Shane Harris** of the Cooperative Extension System, a presentation by **Shane** on evergreen azaleas and finally, one by **Patrick Thompson** on deciduous azaleas.

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 future webinars, 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
May 1 and/or 2 10am-3pm	Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA</a>
May 8	Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale <b>CANCELLED</b>		Vienna

May 15 9 am – 3 pm	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale <b>CANCELLED</b>	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
May 20-22	ASA Virtual Convention	ASA	Virtual
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 [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 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.

I hope to see some of you at the Meadowlark Gardens plant sale.

Rick

Encl – White's Nursery Open House Flyer



**WHITE'S NURSERY  
AZALEAS &  
RHODODENDRONS**

*TWO DAY  
OPEN HOUSE*

**SPECIAL PRICING  
EVENT**

*Saturday, May 15 &  
Sunday, May 16*

*22531 Wildcat Road  
Germantown, MD. 20876  
301 788 3293 or 301 471 5958*