

Northern Virginia Azalea Society Meeting

March 25, 2012

We met at the Wildfire Restaurant in the Tyson's Galleria for a luncheon. We each found a Satsuki azalea as a favor, courtesy of VP Carolyn Beck. Thank you, Carolyn, for organizing such a fine meeting.

President Rick Bauer greeted guests and new members after our luncheon. Paul Beck has completed the directory.

Rick introduced our speaker Dr. Ajit Thakur. Ajit is a former member of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society. Ajit was born in India and has lived in Thailand, England, Italy, Canada, Austria and various states in the US. He speaks Bengali, Thai, Sanskrit, English and a little Japanese. He obtained a B.S. and M.S. from Presidency College in Calcutta, India, followed by a PhD at the University of Minnesota. Currently he is the Principal Scientist and Associate Director in charge of Preclinical Statistics for North America.

In addition to gardening, Ajit finds time for photography, music, fresh water fishing and travel with his wife Yoko.

Dr. Thakur spoke to us on "The Splendor of Satsuki."

We viewed 75 slides, everything from Natural habitats, Leaf forms, Japanese gardens and close-up slides of specific satsuki.

We all enjoyed the beauty and the information.

President Rick Bauer closed the meeting at 3:45.

Members and Guests Present:

Dr. Ajit Thakur & Yoko Thakur

Frances and Phil Louer

Carole & Lee McElvain

Paul & Carolyn Beck

D. H. Voss

Jack Fowler

David & Leslie Nanney

Barry Sperling

Kathy Andrews

Diane & Budne Reinke

Carol & Dale Flowers

Larry & Milbrey Martin

Jane Newman

Mike & Debby White

Norma Merritt

Jeanne White

Margaret Vogel

Marvin Friedman

Diane Gregg

Rick Bauer

Rod & Mary Hoioos

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