

## Nov 2021 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

It is finally turning to fall here in Yorktown with the temperatures getting more comfortable and the trees changing color. It was great seeing many of our chapter members at the fall meeting. Hopefully more of you will be able to attend the Holiday Social/Annual Meeting in December.

### Fall Meeting

On 24 October we held our chapter meeting with speaker and plant exchange. **Larry Jones**, from the Virginia Master Gardeners, gave us an interesting presentation on attracting pollinators to the garden.

This was the first meeting we attempted in both live and Zoom mode. We had a few glitches, which we learned from, but expect to operate in this manner for most of our future meetings. This facilitates "attendance" by members who are uncomfortable meeting in groups or who are geographically distant from Kirkwood Presbyterian.

We also had a plant exchange with a large number of plants, including mature azaleas, available.



Larry Jones gives his presentation

A video of the meeting is on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/videos/>.

### Holiday Social/Annual Meeting 5 Dec



Holiday spread at previous social

Our annual holiday social and meeting will be held at the home of **Paul and Carolyn Beck** on 5 December. This is a potluck event and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share.

This is also our annual meeting. We will be voting on the slate of officers, budget for 2022 and donations for 2021.

Based on the financial status of the chapter, the Executive Committee is recommending \$6,615 in donations for 2021. These are broken down as follows:

\$1,000 Green Springs Title 1 (subsidizes school visits for schools in low income areas)

\$1,615 Bench for Jenkins Arboretum (this will have a plaque with the chapter name and will be in the Holly Springs Legacy Garden supported by the chapter.)

\$2,000 ASA General Fund

**\$2,000 ?? (looking for suggestions from members)**

More information will be in the December issue of ***The Azalea Clipper***.

**Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum**



Loading the azaleas - photo C. Beck

As you are aware, the chapter has been supporting the development of a Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA. We have donated 216 Holly Springs azaleas over the past three years.

On 18 October, **Steve Wright**, Director of Horticulture / Curator of Plant Collections and **Jake Summers**, Hamilton Educational Fellow, and project manager of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden, picked up an additional 26 azaleas donated by **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck**. These were large, mature azaleas...many over 30 years old. They will serve as a backdrop for the smaller azaleas previously donated.

It is anticipated that the Holly Springs Legacy Garden will be formally dedicated next spring.

**Plant Sale Coordinator** – The chapter is looking for a volunteer to be Plant Sale Coordinator. This individual’s responsibilities are to coordinate, as necessary, with the venue where we will be conducting the sale and to be the central point of contact for soliciting volunteers and for disseminating necessary information to them. If you are interested in the position, contact **Rick Bauer** at [rickbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickbauer@gmail.com) or (757) 771-4446.

**New Members** – We’d like to welcome **Gavin Locke** as an associate member of the chapter. **Gavin** lives in Silver Spring, MD.

**Membership Renewal** – We are coming to the end of another year. Many of our members have memberships which are expiring at the end of the year. Your membership expiration date is on the mailing envelope of **The Azalean** or can be found on the ASA membership database.

If your membership is expiring, **PLEASE** take this time now to renew. Instructions for doing so are on the society’s website at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/> or you can call **Paul Beck**, at (703) 860-5676 and renew over the phone.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events** –

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

Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Dec 5 1 – 4:30	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	At the Beck’s home

Below is the proposed calendar for 2022.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 9-13	ASA Convention	ASA	Lafayette, LA
Mar 27	Meeting with speaker, plant exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

April /May TBD	Dedication of Holly Springs Legacy Garden	Jenkins Arboretum	Devon, PA
April TBD	Member Open Garden	NV-ASA	Various
May 5-8	Convention in Washington State	American Rhododendron Society	Vancouver, WA
May TBD	Member Open Garden	NV-ASA	Various
May TBD (tentative)	Meadowlark Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
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Jul 17	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sept 24	Fall Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 30	Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 30	Executive Committee Mtg	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 4	Holiday Party	NV-ASA	Barb and John Kirkwood'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.

Happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you in December at the Holiday Social.

Rick.

