

Nov 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Susan and I were in Europe for most of October so we were unable to participate in chapter activities. The reports and pictures below are provided by other chapter members as noted.

Chapter Meeting with Speaker Don Hyatt – Oct 27

The October chapter meeting was held on 27 Oct at Kirkwood Presbyterian. There was a great turnout by members to hear **Don Hyatt** give an interesting talk on "Things I Tried That Died." As usual, **Don** kept the audience entertained with a combination of his plant knowledge and humor. We also had a plant exchange. These are always an opportunity to share and obtain some great plants. This meeting was no exception.



Don Hyatt regales chapter members with his presentation - photo by Barry Sperling

Additional photos by **Barry** are at the end of this message.

Executive Committee Meeting – Oct 27 (input by Lars Larson)

The executive committee met after our 27 October chapter meeting and reviewed the calendar for 2020. Additionally, we reviewed the financial status of the chapter with the proposed budget for 2020. Proposed donations from the chapter were discussed and developed that will be presented at the December Holiday function. Meadowlark Garden work days have been a good effort with a large area cleared over several sessions to enable more **Klimavicz** hybrid additions to the legacy garden.

Carolyn reviewed the propagation efforts of the chapter during 2019 and outlook for the year ahead. It was recommended and agreed by the executive committee to help establish a legacy garden at the London Town Garden in Edgewater, Maryland for the Marshy Point azaleas. The chapter has a number of MP azaleas donated by the now closed MP nursery that will be donated for the legacy garden.

Lastly the slate of officers for 2020 was discussed.

Specific information/recommendations will be provided later this month in **Barry's** end of year "**Not the Clipper**" to be sent out prior to our Holiday Social/Annual Meeting. Additionally, the chapter calendar for next year was approved and is included in this message as well as being posted on the chapter's webpage. There are a number of dates marked as tentative. These will be finalized as we get closer to the event. Additionally we have added events from our "sister" organizations in the American Rhododendron Society for the information of our members who belong to those organizations.

Meadowlark Klimavicz Legacy Garden (KLG) Workday 28 October (input from Carolyn Beck)

We had a wonderful day on Monday, October 28th, to work in the KLG Extension (Section B). It was great to have balmy, clear weather. **Paul** and I were joined by **Dave Nanney, David Meadows, Joanne** and **Dan Neckel**, and **Lars Larson**. Here is what the seven of us accomplished:



Paul, David and Lars with the results of their labors – photo by Carolyn Beck

- Cleared another section, eliminating weeds, vines, and undesirable saplings to a linear depth of 15-18 feet, which should be enough space for three rows of azaleas, at maturity..
- Filled 7 of the large tote bags with the unwanted plant materials.
- Planted *Hemiboea subcapitata* (Glossy False Sinningia) x 6 around the downhill *Cornus alternifolia* (Pagoda Dogwood).
- Planted *Paeonia obovata* (Woodland Peony) x 3 either side of the lower path to the gazebo. Stones were placed around each to help identify their location. I noticed that the one nearest the gazebo has reddish fall foliage.
- "borrowed" some mulch from the first section that we cleared to help amend the soil and top dress the perennials.
- Marked a number of trees that we think could be removed to eliminate crowding and provide a little more light.

We have decided not to plant anything in Section B until there is irrigation available to that area.

Additional photos are at the end of this message.

Holiday Social 8 December 1-4:30pm

Once again, **Lars** and **Jean Larson** have invited the chapter to their beautiful home in Fairfax Station for our annual Holiday Social/Annual Meeting. We thank them for their hospitality. Be sure this event is on your calendars. Not only is it a great social event, but it is an important meeting where officers are elected, the budget for 2020 is approved and decisions are made as to the recipients and the amount of our 2019 chapter donations.

More information on what to bring (as well as necessary information for the Annual Meeting) will be provided later this month.

Facebook Volunteer Needed -

We are still looking for a volunteer to manage our Facebook page, currently managed by our Corresponding Secretary, **Barry Sperling**. We would like to take some of the load off of **Barry**. If you are a Facebook user and would be willing to maintain the chapter's Facebook page, please contact **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net or 703-765-7062. The position does not entail a lot of work (basically posting items submitted by members) however it is good to have some knowledge of Facebook.

Calendar of Upcoming Events -

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Lars and Jean Larson's Home 5785 Ladues End Ct., Fairfax Station

Below is the calendar for 2020.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar early (Tentative)	NC Nursery Trip		Various
Mar 12-14	ASA Convention	ASA	Houston, Texas
Mar 29	Combined spring meeting with ARS-PVC	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Apr 12	Easter		
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Klimavicz Garden Dedication	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Meadowlark Plant Sale (bloom time dependent)	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
April 25/26 (Tentative)	Open Gardens	NV-ASA	
April 29- May 3	ARS Convention	ASA	Portland, Oregon
May 2/3 (Tentative)	Meadowlark Plant Sale (bloom time dependent)	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
May 2/3 (Tentative)	Open Gardens	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 (Tentative)	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	

May or June	Bonsai Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Becks
July 12	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 12	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	
Sep 25-27	ARS Fall Conference	MAC-ARS	Gettysburg, PA
Oct 4	PVC Picnic	PVC-ARS	
Oct 25	Fall Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 25	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Nov 7	PVC ARS Banquet	PVC-ARS	
Dec 5	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting		Paul and Carolyn Beck's Home

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

Carolyn Beck has a lot of 3 – quart pots she's willing to share. If You'd like some, please contact her at (carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or 703.860-5676).

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

Have a great Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Larson's home for our Holiday Social.

Rick



October 27th Chapter Meeting (photos by **Barry Sperling**)



Carolyn checks out one of the plant exchange plants



Ajit and Joe in deep discussion



Don passes out handouts

October 28^h Meadowlark Workday (photos by **Carolyn Beck**)



← David and Lars attack the underbrush

Lars and Joanne load the debris bags



Dan and Dave take pride in their work

