

Oct 20 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

We have finally made it to fall and to cooler weather. The chapter had a busy month of September as shown in this message.

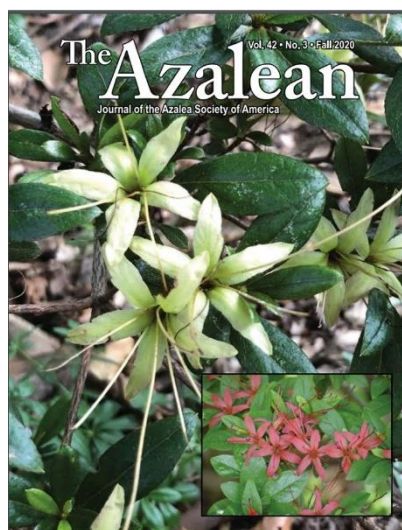
We continue to make modifications to our schedule. Kirkwood Presbyterian has been closed for public activities for several months and they are in the process of considering the terms under which they will reopen. COVID continues to be a health risk, especially lacking a vaccine. As a result, the decision has been made to cancel the October meeting. We are also canceling the holiday social in December since it would be impossible to maintain social distancing in a private home. We are, however, looking at holding our annual meeting on that date, given that Kirkwood is available and that we can implement the necessary protocols to keep our members safe. Stay tuned.

The latest schedule for the remainder of the year is in this message and can also be found on our website <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>.

The Azalean

All of you should be aware of the situation with the summer issue of **The Azalean**. The original mailing was lost for several weeks. The society made the decision to reprint the issue (with the reprinting being done at no cost by the printer and the mailing being paid from the refunded postal fees from the original mailing). As you could probably expect, the original printing was found seven weeks after the original mailing and after the reprinted issue was mailed out. As a result, you should have received two issues. Please share this extra issue with a friend.

We received notification that the fall issue of **The Azalean** (which is currently available [online](#)) was sent out on 24 September so you should be seeing that issue in the near future if you don't have it already.



The Azalea Clipper editorial change



Barry Sperling took over as Corresponding Secretary and editor of the chapter newsletter, **The Azalea Clipper**, ten years ago, taking the reins from **Phil** and **Frances Louer**. We have appreciated **Barry's** articles, photos, and other information he provided us several times a year. He is now enjoying a well-earned "retirement" from his publishing duties and we thank him for his years of service to the chapter.

I have taken over the duties as Corresponding Secretary from **Barry**. I will continue to produce the monthly message which goes to all chapter members with email addresses. I will also be producing **The Azalea Clipper** which goes to ALL chapter members 4-5 times a year. There will be some duplication of chapter information in both publications, however **The Azalea Clipper** will continue to include other information and articles which may be of interest to our

members but is not necessarily directly related to chapter activities.

Chapter members are encouraged to send me articles for publication in the **Clipper** by emailing me at [rickbauer@cox.net](mailto:rickerbauer@cox.net).

Meadowlark Gardens Plant Sale – 19 September



Chapter Plant Sale at Meadowlark Gardens – photo Carolyn Beck

For the first time, the chapter participated in an azalea sale at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA. The chapter has been working with the garden for several years in developing a Legacy Garden of Klimavicz azaleas.

The venue has a lot of visitor traffic which provided a lot of visibility for the chapter and generated good sales, even though most of the varieties sold were not in bloom (the fall bloomers sold out quickly). Due to the success of this sale, we anticipate participating in future sales at Meadowlark.

Our thanks go to **Karen Kinsey, Lars Larson** and **Paul and Carolyn Beck** for their time in conducting the sale.

13th Annual Azalea Auction and Sale – 26 September

The 13th Annual Azalea Auction and Sale was held this year without the auction due to the health concerns of COVID-19. A number of mask-wearing chapter members enjoyed the cool, dry weather outside of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church to assist in supporting another successful sale.

It was nice to see **Bob** and **Eve Harrison** who traveled from Richmond to attend the sale. **Eve** was the chapter president when the first annual public sale was conducted 13 years ago.

Our thanks go to **Dave Nanney, Lars Larson, Ralph Habegger, Rick** and **Susan**



Bob and Eve Harrison - photo Susan Bauer



Sale azaleas arrayed by hybrid group – photo Susan Bauer

Bauer, Eve Harrison, Joanne and Dan Neckel, and Paul and Carolyn Beck for their help in setting up, running, and tearing down the sale.

In addition to the outside sale at Kirkwood, the chapter offered the sale plants to chapter members online for a couple of weeks prior to the public sale. Thanks to **Paul Beck** for developing the software to enable this sale and to **Paul and Carolyn Beck** for loading all of the sale plant information to the site.

A large number of plants were purchased by members online with payment and delivery being coordinated offline. The

benefit of this approach was that it gave chapter members first “dibs” on some beautiful azaleas as well as allowing us to avoid transporting the plants to Kirkwood. The online sale was so successful that the chapter has decided to keep the sale open until 30 November and to reopen it on 1 April.

Chapter members require a password to access the site. If you do not have a password, you can obtain one from the chapter website www.nv-asa.org by clicking on the Register button (below the Login button) and filling out and submitting the form.

More photos are at the end of this message.

Legacy Project Activities



Carol Segree picking up Marshy Point azaleas from Carolyn Beck – photo Paul Beck

The chapter has been supporting a number of Legacy Gardens over the years. We have contributed Glenn Dale and McDonald azaleas to Norfolk Botanical Garden to support and expand their collections. Most recently we established a Klimavicz Azalea Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, Virginia.

The Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron society is working with Historic London Town and Gardens in Edgewater, MD to establish a Marshy Point Legacy Garden. Our chapter has donated a large number of Marshy Point azaleas towards this effort. **Carol Segree** picked up the latest donation from **Carolyn Beck** on 11 September.

The chapter has also been coordinating with Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA, to



Jake Summers showing one of the proposed Holly Springs beds to Leslie Nanney - photo Dave Nanney

establish a Holly Springs Legacy Garden. The chapter has been working with **Steve Wright** who has assigned an intern, **Jake Summers**, to plan and coordinate the establishment of the garden. **Dave** and **Leslie Nanney** delivered 56 Holly Springs cultivars to Jenkins Arboretum on 13 September. Another delivery of Holly Springs azaleas will be made on 8 October.

Our chapter also made contributions of Holly Springs, McDonald and Klimavicz azaleas to Jenkins in 2018 and 2019.



Dave and Leslie Nanney, Jake Summers, and Steve Wright at Jenkins Arboretum - photo unknown

Calendar of Upcoming Events -

Below is the schedule for the 2020. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://www.nv-asa.org/calendars>. **Many activities are being canceled/rescheduled because of COVID-19.** Check the chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 25 - cancelled	Fall Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 25 - rescheduled TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 6 - Social cancelled	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Paul and Carolyn Beck's Home
Dec 6 - added (tentative)	Annual Meeting w speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA

Other Activities/Notes -

Miscellaneous -

Carolyn Beck is looking for any information, description, or photos, of the following azalea varieties. If you have anything to share, please send it to **Carolyn** at (carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or (703) 860-5676).

Amoena Red
Delicious, Hager
Fairy Tale
Girard's Caroline
Girard's Kelly Marie
Gold Piece, Hershey
Kennedy White
Kiwa Amoena
Leon's Amy
Neil Goza, Goza
Nico Red
Nuccio's Blue Ice
Penco, labeled as a Pennington
Pink Clusters
Ring's Kiusianum
Rose Bengal
Shin-no-Noe, Kurume
Strawberry Delight, Kohli
Tee Pee

The **Nanneys** have a 3' Tina's Whorled and a Gloria Still azalea free to a good home(s). If you are interested, contact **Dave** at (703) 624-3754.

Photos for *The Azalea Clipper*/Facebook – I have assumed the duties of chapter Corresponding Secretary. I am 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. 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 or 757-771-4446 if you have any questions. **Clipper** articles can also be the basis for later submissions to **The Azalean** (see below).

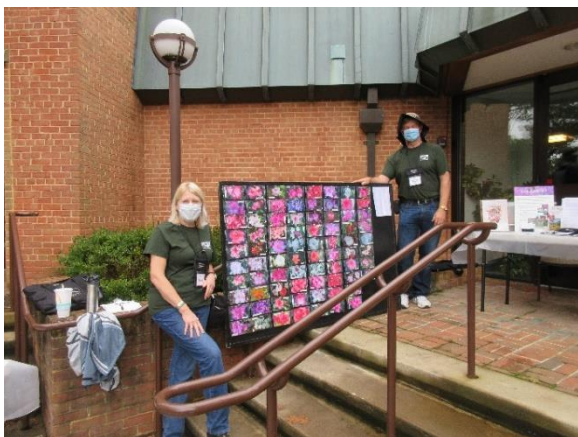
The Azalean – The editors of **The Azalean** depend on member submissions of articles of interest to the general **ASA** membership. If you have an article to share, send it to them at theazalean@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. Illustrations are highly encouraged 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.

We will keep you apprised the status of our next scheduled meeting on 6 December. Hopefully, we will be able to establish an environment where it can be conducted safely.

Rick

Fall Plant Sales



Susan and Rick Bauer by plant photo collage at Kirkwood – photo Dave Nanney



Faith Bange and Ajit Thakur in deep discussion, with Carolyn Beck looking on at Kirkwood – photo Rick Bauer



Lars Larson and Ralph Habegger inspect the plants at Kirkwood – photo Carolyn Beck



Lars Larson and Karen Kinsey at Meadowlark Sale – photo Carolyn Beck