

Oct 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

It was great seeing the large number of members who turned out to help and to participate in the fall azalea sale and auction. A group of volunteers set up the Silent and Live Auction portions of the event on Friday. A larger group assembled on Saturday morning to set up the Fixed Price Sale portion outside. It was amazing watching the speed and organization in setting up the tables and plants.

We had a great turnout of chapter members, members from other plant societies and non-members. **Don Hyatt** once again did an outstanding job as auctioneer. He added a lot of background information on the plants and added his usual bits of humor which made for an entertaining auction. **Patsy Meadows** and **Pati Gabaldoni** set up the refreshments, providing a delicious selection of treats for the attendees. Thanks also to those members who provided items for the refreshment table.



Picture board showing varieties available for sale

Once again the sale/auction was very successful. This year's gross proceeds from the auction and sale were \$ 4,825. There are still a few pending sales.



Carol Allen, Carolyn Beck and Ralph Habegger sort and move plants delivered by Dave Nanney to the sale tables

In addition to the aforementioned people, special thanks go to **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck** who do the lion's share of the work in organizing the event as well as in propagating and raising the plants for sale/auction. The automated point of sale system and auction tracking system developed by **Paul** were invaluable in expediting the tracking and check out process. We also thank **Mike** and **Debby White** for providing a number of beautiful plants for the auction.

Finally, our thanks go to **Andrea Scurlock** (Paul and Carolyn's daughter), **Rick** and **Susan Bauer**, **Dave** and **Leslie Nanney**, **David** and **Patsy Meadows**, **Paul Davis**, **Ralph Habegger**, **Dan Neckel**, **Barry Sperling**, **Carol Allen**, **Diane Marcus**, and **Lars Larson** for their help in setting up, tearing down and running the sale/auction.

We also give special thanks to associate member and president of the Texas Forest Country Chapter, **Robert Thau** who came all the way from Jasper, TX and pitched in to help with the sale setup and was an active participant in the sale/auction.

More photos are at the end of this message.

Meadowlark Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday

On 19 September chapter volunteers made additional progress in preparing the beds for future plantings at the Meadowlark Klimavicz Legacy Garden. In preparing the beds we, simultaneously quarried enough rocks to make a substantial rock wall. Thanks to **Paul and Carolyn Beck, Lars Larson, Anne Marie McKinnon, Dan Neckel** and **Rick Bauer** for their hard work. More photos are at the end of this message.



Anne Marie McKinnon replaces a dead azalea

The October workday will be scheduled for later in the month. Notification will be sent out to chapter members. Hopefully you will be able to volunteer on this worthwhile project.

Chapter Meeting – Oct 27

The October chapter meeting will be held on 27 Oct at Kirkwood Presbyterian. Our speaker will be **Don Hyatt** who will give a talk on “Things I Tried That Died.” Most of us have heard **Don** speak before and know that his presentations are full of great information, beautiful photos and humor. This should be a great meeting.

There will also be a plant exchange. More information on the meeting will be in the next **Azalea Clipper**.

Clipper Input 13 –

If you have any input for the next **Azalea Clipper**, please provide it to **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net by October 13.

Facebook Volunteer Needed -

Most of you know that the chapter has a Facebook page which is 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
Oct 27 1-4:30pm	Meeting with Speaker Don Hyatt- “Things I Tried That Died.”	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA

Oct 27 4:30-?	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Lars and Jean Larson's Home 5785 Ladues End Ct., Fairfax

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.

I hope that many of you will attend the October chapter meeting and will be able to help out at the Meadowlark workday.

Rick

September 19th Meadowlark Workday



Carolyn Beck quarries rock and Lars Larson "builds" a wall



Debris removed from the future planting area

September 28th Azalea Auction/Sale



Auction Room - Before



Auction Room - After



Paul and Susan set up the cashier's table



Members set up fixed price plant area