

Feb 2022 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

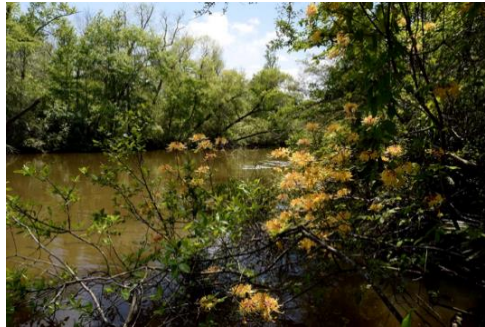
Many of us on the east coast are looking out at snow this morning. It's hard to believe that spring is only a couple of months away! Some of us will be having a head start on warmer weather by heading down to Lafayette, LA for the annual (during non-COVID times) society convention. Conventions are a great way to see beautiful gardens in different parts of the country, to purchase some beautiful varieties and to make new friends and see old ones.



Rhododendron austrinum in the Wild

Hopefully you had the opportunity to watch **Dr. Ralf Bauer's** excellent Zoom presentation on Austrinum on 30 January.

If you were unable to view it on Sunday, it has been recorded and will be available to ASA and ARS members for a limited time on www.MACARS.org. It should be available no later than 1 February.



2022 ASA Convention Lafayette, LA 10-13 March 2022

After having to cancel the last two conventions due to COVID, the society will meet once again this year in Lafayette, LA. The convention committee has done a lot of planning to promote the beautiful venues in and around Lafayette. It should be a wonderful convention and it will be great to see old friends from different parts of the country. More information on the convention and the various venues is in the summer, fall and winter issues of **The Azalean**. Additional information on the convention is also available through the society website at <https://www.azaleas.org/convention-2022/>.



Lafayette Visitor's Center - photo D. Lanclos

Registration can be accomplished online or by mailing in a registration form with your payment. A copy of the registration form is located on the last page of this newsletter. A link for online registration is on the society homepage or at <https://www.azaleas.org/convention-registration/?id=48&sh=inline>.

All of you should have received ballots for society officers and for best article in **The Azalean** for 2021. These ballots are included in the mailing for the Winter issue of **The Azalean**.

Please fill these ballots out and send them to the Society Secretary, **Donna Palmer**, 1106 S. Evans Road South, White Hall, AR 71602-9430. Ballots should be mailed early enough to be received by 1 March 2022.

Chapter Meeting with Speaker Jake Summers – 27 March

The first in person chapter meeting will be on 27 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be **Jake Summers**, Hamilton Educational Fellow at Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens in Devon, PA. **Jake** is the project lead on the development of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum. As you are aware, the chapter has been a major supporter of the garden, both in the donation of plants and monetarily.



Jake describes the planned plantings for the Holly Springs Legacy Garden in October 2020

Jake will describe the process of planning and developing the garden and will answer any questions you might have. While we will meet in person, **Jake** will be providing the presentation via Zoom, which will also be available to those members unable to attend in person.

We will also have a plant exchange. More information on the meeting, to include instructions for joining via Zoom will be in the March issue of ***The Azalea Clipper***.

Sad News – Jerry Bange

We previously passed on the sad news of the passing of chapter member **Jerry Bange**. **Jerry** and his wife **Faith** have been members of the chapter since 2015. **Jerry** had a long and successful career at the United States Department of Agriculture for 43 years, which included 20 years as chairman of the World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB).

A Celebration of **Jerry's** Life will be held in the Bange garden on June 25, 2022. Please let **Faith** (geraldbange@aol.com) know if you are interested in attending and a reminder notice will be sent right before the day.

In lieu of flowers please send memorial donations to the American Red Cross PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839, The Salvation Army 814 Light Street, 1st Floor, PO BOX 6489, Baltimore, Maryland 21230 or a charity of your choice to help those less fortunate.

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 or would like more information, contact **Rick Bauer** at rickbauer@gmail.com or (757) 771-4446.

Membership Renewal

We still have members who have not renewed their memberships for 2022. Letters were sent out mid-January to those whose memberships expired at the end of 2021. **We have been advised that if memberships are not renewed by 15 February, that you will likely not receive the spring issue of *The Azalean*.**

If your membership has expired, **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 703-209-2219 and renew over the phone.

Calendar of Upcoming Events –

Below is the schedule for 2022. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/events>. A number of events have a date of TBD (to be determined). These events will occur, however final coordination has not yet been done on the scheduling.

Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 9-13	ASA Convention	ASA	Lafayette, LA
Mar 27	Meeting with speaker, plant exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Apr 23	Bonsai Day	NV-ASA	Beck Garden
April /May TBD	Dedication of Holly Springs Legacy Garden	Jenkins Arboretum	Devon, PA
April TBD	Member Open Garden	NV-ASA	Various
May 5-8	ARS 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 Gardens
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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. 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 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. Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. Illustrations are highly encouraged and should be at least 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi.

**Registration Form for the 2022 National Azalea Society of America Convention
Hosted by the Louisiana Chapter of Azalea Society of America March 10–13, 2022**

Convention registration is open to all members of the Azalea Society of America (ASA), non-members who join ASA and guests to promote the goals of the ASA. Registration fee is \$250.00 per person and is due by February 1, 2022. This registration fee includes a full buffet breakfast for two on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings for those staying at the host hotel and the Friday and Saturday lunches and evening buffet dinners. All the events will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites - Lafayette North.
Refunds for cancelations are: 100% before February 10, 2022.

Convention lodging will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites – Lafayette North, 2219 NW Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501. The special rate is \$95/night (plus 12.45% tax and lodging fee). Reservations should be made under the name of the Azalea Society of America Convention. Parking is Free.
Their phone number is (337) 706-8199. and their weblink is www.holidayinn.com/lafayettenorth.

**Shuttle options to and from Lafayette Regional Airport 24/7: City/Dixie Cab (337) 235-7515
Uber or Lyft: You must access Uber or Lyft options via a mobile phone app.**

Registration Application

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Non-Member _____

Chapter: _____ Other: _____

EVENT	PRICE	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL
Registration fee per person	\$250.00		
ASA Membership fee	\$ 30.00		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			
Friday Lunch Options: Check/Circle Your Choice Below All will include water and beverage.			
Cajun Bayou Crawfish Etouffée (includes green beans, salad, bread pudding, beverage)			
Cajun Bayou Chicken Pasta (includes green beans, salad, bread pudding, beverage)			
Lunch Box with Fruit & Cookies** Chicken Caesar Wrap Box OR Turkey Club Wrap Box			

**If more than one person is registering on this form, please circle both choices.

Please list any special needs (meals, etc.) _____

Names on Badges: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Please register online at www.azaleas.org or mail check payable to ASA Louisiana Chapter. Thank You.

Mail to: James Greene Campbell III, Treasurer
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Covington, LA 70435

Any questions, please contact:
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