



# The Azalea Clipper

## Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event is a meeting with speakers and plant exchange at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church from 1:30 – 4:30 pm on 27 March.

[Refreshments will be provided by the chapter.](#)

## We're on the Web!

<https://www.nv-asa.org>

The Northern Virginia Chapter web page is a great source for late breaking news, such as weather-related cancellations.

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## Meeting with Speaker **Jake Summers – Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum**

Plus, ASA Convention slide show and plant exchange

**1:30 – 4:30 pm 27 March Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**



Jake Summers describes the layout of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden in Oct 2020

For several years, the chapter has been working with Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA, to develop a Holly Springs Legacy Garden. **Jake Summers**, the Hamilton Educational Fellow, who was the project lead for the development of the garden, will provide a Zoom presentation. The project is scheduled for a formal dedication on 15 May.

There will also be a slide show from the ASA convention held in Lafayette, LA from 10-13 March. Both presentations will be available for remote viewing via Zoom **starting at 2 pm EDT**. Instructions for accessing Zoom are on page 7.

Finally, members are encouraged to bring a plant(s) for exchange in our chapter plant exchange. Instructions for labeling are on page 7.

## President's Message

We are off to the start of another great year. I want to thank everyone who so warmly welcomed John and me back to the group after our three years (without any azaleas at all) in Australia. We never actually left the group, and participated online, but we were definitely out of sight.

Our chapter is back in talks with Meadowlark gardens regarding the Klimavicz Azalea legacy garden. Everything has been on hold for a bit due to Covid, personnel changes, and possible redirections of the garden. We will learn soon if the Klimavicz Legacy Garden will still fit in their plans.

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### President's Message - continued

One thing I had lobbied for before we left the area, was a way to open our meetings to those members who are not local or cannot attend our meetings. Our efforts to keep going during the pandemic have allowed us to do just that with Zoom. Of course, you cannot participate in our plant exchanges or chat over a cup of coffee and a bikkie (Australian for cookie) if you are remote, but you can enjoy our speakers. Join us for the March 27 meeting. If you are unsure about the technology, send me an email and we can work on getting you connected.

Our chapter does not operate without all the dedicated volunteers doing little jobs so no one feels overwhelmed. I am in need of a couple of people to do some little jobs. **Patsy Meadows** has been organizing refreshments for our meetings for quite a while and really wants to have someone to help her. We are not yet sure if/when we will be able to have refreshments in the near future so it may be a REALLY little job. Additionally, we need someone who will coordinate with the organizers of the one or two garden sales we participate in each year. This will require some phone calls or emails as well as a little paperwork. Again, a small job that will help distribute some of the load of some of those who have been doing a huge amount of work for us. Please volunteer to help (so I don't have to go hunt you down and twist your arm).



### Membership Renewals

This will be the final message on membership renewals. Individual letters have been mailed out to those members whose memberships have not yet been renewed for 2022. If you have not renewed, you will receive one more copy of **The Azalean** clearly marked as being your last issue unless you renew.

The standard yearly membership is \$30 for stateside memberships, \$45 for Canada, \$60 for Overseas, \$25 for Online only (i.e., no hard copies of **The Azalean**) or \$15 for a Student membership. Renewals can be accomplished online, telephonically or via the US Mail. More information is located at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/>. We encourage you to use the Yearly Automatic Subscription option which will automatically renew your membership annually until you cancel it.

Thanks for being a member of the society and our chapter. If you haven't yet renewed, please do so. We would hate to see you go!

### 2022 ASA Convention Lafayette, LA 10-13 March 2022

The first "live" society convention in three years will be held this month in Lafayette, LA. We have a good representation for the chapter registered for the convention.

A slide show of the convention will be part of the program for our 27 March meeting.

## Holly Springs Legacy Garden Dedication, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA

We've recently received word that the formal dedication of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum will be on 15 May. Many of you know that the chapter has been working with Jenkins Arboretum for several years to help them develop this garden. Our support has included the donation of 216 Holly Springs plants, the purchase of a bench for the garden and a donation of \$1200 to the arboretum in 2021. Additionally, **Paul and Carolyn Beck** donated 26 mature Holly Springs azaleas (many over 30 years old) which could serve as a backdrop for the younger plants.

**Jake Summers**, the Hamilton Educational Fellow at Jenkins will be describing the project he led to develop the garden at our 27 March meeting.

We thank all of our chapter members for supporting this effort and hope you are able to join us in May. More information will be provided as it is finalized.



Staff from Jenkins Arboretum, assisted by staff from Tyler Arboretum, plant Holly Springs azaleas – Photo S. Wright

## Nuccio's Nursery, Altadena, CA

Your newsletter editor (and wife) had the opportunity to visit Nuccio's Nursery in Altadena, CA and to meet **Tom Nuccio**. **Tom** is well known in the azalea community and is an advertiser in *The Azalean*. He is also known personally by a number of members of our chapter.

We had arrived unannounced during normal operating hours and **Tom** was extremely gracious, meeting with us for over an hour. He helped us pick out an azalea for our friend who lives in neighboring Pasadena.

If you are ever in the Los Angeles area, Nuccio's Nursery is worth a visit.





Tom Nuccio with some of the beautiful azaleas in his nursery



Looking across the nursery to the San Gabriel Mountains

## Huntington Botanical Garden – San Marino, CA

While azaleas are the primary interest for many of our members, most are also interested in other forms of horticulture. Below are some photos from the Desert Garden and Chinese Garden at Huntington Botanical Garden in San Marino. They are a part of many themed gardens in the botanical garden. Others include a Japanese Garden, Rose Garden, Camellia Garden and Herb Garden. This is another location well worth a visit if you are in Southern California.





## Winter Damage to Azaleas

Snow and ice can cause serious damage to azaleas, resulting in broken branches. **Don Hyatt** has put together an excellent article on dealing with this damage, including propagating new plants. This article is in the latest issue of *Rhododendron and Azalea News* and can be found at <http://www.arspvc.org/RA-News/V17.1/Snow-02.pdf>.

## Calendar for 2022

Below is the schedule for the 2022. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/events/>.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 10-13	ASA Convention	ASA	Lafayette, LA
Mar 27 1:30-4:30 pm	Meeting with speaker, plant exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
April TBD	Member Open Garden	NV-ASA	Various
15 May <b>ADDED</b>	Dedication of Holly Springs Legacy Garden	Jenkins Arboretum	Devon, PA
May TBD	Member Open Garden	NV-ASA	Various
30 April and 1 May	Meadowlark Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
May TBD (rain date)	Meadowlark Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark garden
Jul 17 1:30- 4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sept 24 1:00-4:30 pm	Fall Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 30 1:30- 4:30 pm	Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 30 (after chapter meeting)	Executive Committee Mtg	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 4 1:00- 4:30 pm	Holiday Party	NV-ASA	Barb and John Kirkwood's Home

## Directions to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152

**From the East** : Rte **95** exit **169B**, **Franconia Rd West**, which becomes **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about 3 miles, passing **Irving Middle School**, to a **Right** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**  
Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

**From the West: Fairfax County Parkway** (Rte 286)  
East on **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about **3.5 miles**, passing **Rolling Road**  
to **Left** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**; Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

## Preparing Plants for the Plant Exchange

The plant exchanges provide an excellent venue for parting with your excess plants and for adding additional varieties to your collection. Plants should be watered before donating, though not overly wet (i.e., no dripping of water from the container). Please label them with the name of the plant and the donor (the latter is in case someone has questions about the plant).

## Attending the Chapter Meeting via Zoom

Topic: NVASA Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 27, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81761917116?pwd=MUxLZE5yVFF4N05XRTYwZFlrTkJUz09>

Meeting ID: 817 6191 7116

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