

Jan 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a great holiday season. I'm looking forward to a wonderful program for the chapter in the coming year.

We ended last year with the wonderful **Holiday Social** held at the home of **Barb** and **John Kirkwood** on 4 December. We had 23 members and guests in attendance and enjoyed some delicious food and the camaraderie of our fellow chapter members. **Barry** took some great photos and they are available by clicking this [link](#). We thank **Barb** and **John** for hosting this event.

In addition to the social, we held our annual meeting. **Paul Beck** presented the financial results for 2016 as well as the budget and charitable donations recommended by the **Executive Committee**. Last year was a very successful year for the chapter financially due to the excellent results of the joint convention and our best results to date from the **Green Spring Gardens** plant sale and the annual auction/sale. A copy of the 2017 budget and the 2016 results is on our website. After questions and discussion, the attendees unanimously approved the proposed budget for 2017, as well as the proposed total 2016 donation amount of \$6,000 and recipients. The allocation of our donations is as follows:

Green Spring Gardens – Margaret White Garden Intern	\$3,000
Green Spring Gardens – Title I	\$1,000
Friends of National Arboretum - (memory of Don Voss)	\$1,000
Norfolk Botanical Garden	\$1,000

As I write this message, I'm no longer the chapter president. **Barb Kirkwood** was unanimously voted in as the new president. **Lars Larson** is our new vice president while **Joanne Neckel** and **Paul Beck** were elected to continue as the chapter secretary and treasurer respectively. We thank all of them for stepping forward to serve in these important positions. As I have stated before, I will continue to produce the monthly email (until told to stop ☺)! **Barry Sperling** has also agreed to continue as corresponding secretary, not only producing a first class newsletter, but also providing chapter news to **The Azalean**.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the current schedule for 2017. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
March 18, 2017 1-4 pm	Mini Conference	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
March 30- April 2	2017 ASA Convention	Louisiana Chapter - ASA	Hammond, Louisiana
April 9 1-4 pm Note Corrected Date	Chapter meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
April 27-30	American Rhododendron	ARS	Eureka, CA

	Society Convention - info only		
May 6	Parkfairfax Apartment Complex Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Parkfairfax Apartments, 3360 Gunston Road, Alexandria, VA 22302
May 6-7	Member Garden Tours - Tentative	NV-ASA and PVC-ARS	Various - TBD
May 20	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Green Spring Gardens Park Alexandria, VA
July 16 1-4 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
September 9	Green Spring Gardens Fall Plant Sale - Tentative	NV-ASA	Green Spring Gardens Park Alexandria, VA
Sept 15-16	Ginter Garden Fall Plant Sale - Tentative	NV-ASA	Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA
Sept 23 1-4 pm	Azalea Auction and Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
October 21 10 am - 1:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
October 22 1-4 pm	Fall meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 3 1-4 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

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 **Lars Larson** at lars.larson@cox.net or (703) 277-3441.

Rick