

Sep 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

As I write this message, the rain has finally arrived in Yorktown. Fortunately it is nothing like they are experiencing along the Gulf coast. It will take a long time for them to recover and I hope that we individually and as a country are fully supportive in that effort.

We recently had the opportunity to visit the **Virginia Living Museum** in Newport News. They currently have a LEGO exhibit. I thought I'd share the picture of the LEGO bonsai with our members who are also in the **Bonsai Society**. I have added a couple more pictures at the end of this message.

We have a few remaining events for the year...the most immediate being our fall auction and sale.

Azalea Sale and Auction 23 Sept 1- 4:30

The fall Azalea Sale and Auction is one of our two major fundraisers for the year...and the auction is always a lot of fun. **Eve** and **Bob Harrison** will be joining us for this event and **Bob** has agreed to once again serve as our auctioneer.

Joanne Neckel will be contacting members to solicit volunteers for the sale and auction. I hope that many of you will be available to help with this event. I have attached a copy of our flyer to the email containing this message. Please share it with friends and family.

Fall Meeting 15 October – This should be a great meeting. Chapter member **Joe Klimavicz** will be giving a talk on the **Klimavicz** azalea hybrids.

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
Sept 23 1-4:30 pm	Azalea Auction and Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
October 14 10 am - 1:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Dan and Joanne Neckel's home 9702 S. Run Oaks Dr Fairfax Station, VA 22039
October 15 1-4 pm	Fall meeting with Speaker Joe Klimavicz	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 3 1-4 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Lars and Jean Larson's Home 5785 Ladues End Ct., Fairfax

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



LEGO Bonsai in the Virginia Living Museum

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.

I hope to see a large turnout of volunteers and other attendees at our fall auction/sale.

Rick

