

Jun 2022 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

May was a busy month for the chapter. We had a very successful sale over two days at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, a number of chapter members attended the dedication of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum and we delivered 95 Glenn Dale azaleas to Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Our next chapter meeting will be the cutting exchange in July, however, chapter members also have the opportunity to participate in Smoky Mountain hikes to see native azaleas and rhododendron in bloom in June.



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Plant Sale April 30-May1/Ayr Hill Plant Sale May 7

The chapter held a very successful plant sale at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on 30 April and 1 May. This continues to be a good venue for us given the high level of traffic in and out of the garden. Over the two days we sold 159 plants for a total of \$2,891.00. We thank **Paul and Carolyn Beck, John and Barb Kirkwood, Dave Nanney, Joanne Neckel and Paul Davis** for volunteering to conduct the sale.

Unfortunately, inclement weather precluded us participating in the Ayr Hill Plant Sale on May 7. We hope to have better luck next year.



Chapter plant sale at Meadowlark Botanical Garden - photo C. Beck



Chelsea Mahaffey, Director, Meadowlark Botanical Garden with one of the beautiful azaleas – photo C. Beck



Customers and new chapter members, Yu, Anthony and Alexander Yu – photo C. Beck

Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum

For several years the chapter has been working with Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA to develop a Holly Springs Legacy Garden. **Jacob (Jake) Summers**, a Hamilton Fellow at the arboretum was the project manager for this development. He gave an excellent presentation on this project to the chapter at our 27 March meeting.

The project has been completed and the dedication was held at Jenkins Arboretum on 15 May. The chapter was well represented at the dedication with **Rick and Susan Bauer, Paul and Carolyn Beck, Barb and John Kirkwood, Dave and Leslie Nanney and Joanne and Dan Neckel** making the trip to Devon. Chapter members from the local area, former Jenkins Arboretum Director, **Dr. Harold Sweetman** and his wife **Christine** and **Steve Wright**, Jenkins Arboretum Director of Horticulture/ Curator were also in attendance. We were pleased that chapter member and Holly Springs hybridizer **Colonel (Ret) Pete Vines** made the trip from Amelia Island, Fl along with his friend **Jean Mauldin** and several family members, for the dedication.



Kirkwoods, Nanneys and Becks with the plants and some of the pots delivered to Jenkins



Pete Vines addresses the attendees

The day started with unloading additional Holly Springs plants and pots brought up by the **Becks, Kirkwoods** and **Nanneys**. The pots were especially appreciated since they are currently in short supply in the nursery industry (high demand and supply chain issues).

The first event was a pre-dedication reception. We were treated to coffee, juices, bagels, and pastries while we had the chance to meet and socialize with the other attendees. **Jake Summers** described the garden design process to **Pete Vines** and other attendees, showing how he laid out the plants to ensure the desired mix of colors and bloom times. **Steve Wright**, welcomed the attendees and provided background on the development of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden.

Dave Nanney, who has known **Pete** for many years, provided additional background information on **Pete**, including his service in the U.S. Army where he retired with the rank of Colonel.

Pete Vines also spoke briefly. He was very moved and humbled by the entire process and the beautiful resulting garden.

Chapter President **Barb Kirkwood** showed our appreciation to **Jake** by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a three-year membership in the Azalea Society of America.

The group was led by **Jake** out to the Legacy Garden. Besides the beauty of the garden, the first thing that we noticed was the professionalism. The Legacy Garden was delineated from the rest of the arboretum by a wood chip path off of the asphalt pathway. A sign giving the background of the Legacy Garden, the hybridizer and acknowledging the collaboration and support of the chapter was at the entry to the garden.



Barb Kirkwood presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Jake Summers

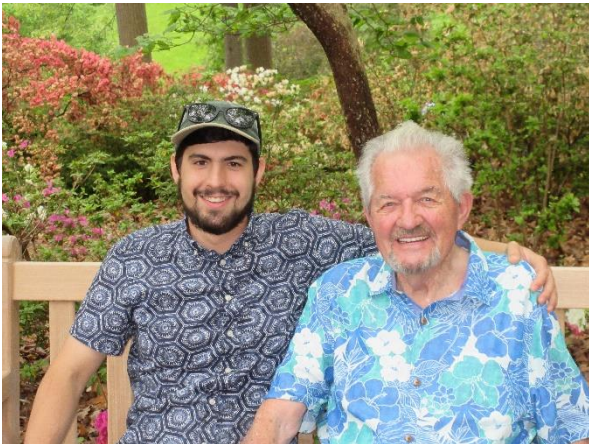
Finally, and most importantly, the plants were labelled (something you frequently don't find). **Pete's** granddaughter **Dawn Elizabeth** and son **Jeffrey Alan** were able to be photographed with the plants named in their honor.



Plaque at the entry to the Holly Springs Legacy Garden



Attendees view the Holly Springs azaleas



Jake and Pete on the bench dedicated to Pete – photo S. Bauer



Dawn Elizabeth in front of the azaleas named after her



Jenkins House

The chapter had also purchased a bench, dedicated to **Pete**, for the garden.

After about an hour in the garden, we went to the Jenkins house (house of the family who donated much of the land for the arboretum) for lunch. It is a beautiful location, and the weather was very cooperative, comfortable and sunny, allowing us to eat outside on the patio and lawn. The event ended around 1pm with all of us saying goodbye to old and newfound friends.

We thank the folks at Jenkins Arboretum for their hospitality and especially thank **Jake Summers** for the fine work he did in bringing the Holly Springs Legacy Garden to fruition.

Additional photos are at the end of this message.

Glenn Dales for Norfolk Botanical Garden

The chapter has been working with Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) for several years to increase their collection of Glenn Dale azaleas. On 17 May, **Lars Larson** and **Rick Bauer** delivered 95 Glenn Dales to **Les Parks**, Director of Horticulture at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Smoky Mountain Hikes June 15-22

For many years, members of the rhododendron and azalea societies have traveled to the Smoky Mountains in June to see the beautiful native azaleas, rhododendron, kalmia and other native plants. While COVID temporarily put an end to these trips, the



Lars Larson and Les Parks with some of the azaleas delivered to NBG



Calendulaceum on Roan Mountain

candrews@mindspring.com, telling him what you plan to do (i.e., what portion of the trip you will be participating in).

New Members

The chapter would like to welcome new members **Yu, Anthony, Alexander** and **Peng Jie Yu** from Fairfax to the chapter. They joined at the Meadowlark Gardens plant sale. **Thomas McClelland** joins us from Orelan, PA and **Kevin Van de Velde** joins us from Hamilton, NJ. Finally, we would also like to welcome **Jake Summers** from Glen Mills, PA. **Jake** recently completed the project to develop the Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum.

White Garden Status

In 2010, chapter member **Margaret White** left her 13-acre property with her house and garden to Fairfax County to be used for the enjoyment of the general public. Chapter members, along with members of other horticultural societies, have participated in work groups over the years to help maintain the property until it was opened for the general public. The Northern Virginia Chapter has also donated thousands of dollars over the years to facilitate the maintenance of the property.

trips have restarted and will once again be held this year.

ASA President **Charlie Andrews** has organized the trip this year. Details on the trip were provided separately. If you need a copy, contact **Rick Bauer** at rickfbauer@gmail.com. Participants may join all or part of the itinerary. All hotel reservations must be made by the individual participant. Recommended hotels are included in the detailed description of the trip.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Charlie Andrews**, President of the ASA at (770) 630-9798. If you plan to participate, email **Charlie** at

Last month we told you of plans by Fairfax County to lease the White house for 30 years to a private individual who would maintain the house. This would make the house and the surrounding area unavailable for public use. This would not be in keeping with Margaret White's intentions when she donated the property.

Based on input from concerned individuals, Fairfax County extended the period of comment to 13 May. This date has passed, and the county has not revealed their decision process or how the community input will be used. If you have questions or would like to provide input to the process, you are encouraged to contact your county supervisor or the Park Authority at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Don Hyatt has created a website with information on the White Garden and the current situation. Updated information on the status of the garden is available at <http://www.arspvc.org/articles/mwhite.html>

A Word From California Rose

Over the past several years, we have received messages from an anonymous author going by the pseudonym, California Rose. Below is her (we assume it is a "her") latest submission.

I have become a bit of a neighborhood celebrity as my Azaleas have burst into bloom. Several people have stopped by, admired them, and proceeded to ask me gardening questions. Now, I have some general knowledge but I hesitated answering because I am not a horticulturalist or even an Azalea specialist. But I realized as the questions kept coming that despite the many plant deaths, flower failures, and general mayhem in the garden, I may know more than said neighbors. So I spent some long moments looking very thoughtful, answering what I could, and telling them Azaleas are easy to grow thus sort of admitting that the beautiful display was more about the flowers and less about my gardening expertise.

So, as I was providing some reasonably good answers to the neighbors, it occurred to me that maybe I have missed a calling. I have shared my garden failures and foibles with you all, confessing my most embarrassing stories even though I am not brave enough to come out from behind California Rose. Perhaps I can also share my garden knowledge, good or bad. With so many capable and knowledgable members, I figure I won't be doing any harm. So I am officially offering to take and answer your garden questions to the best of my ability. Send your inquiries to CaliforniaRoses@hotmail.com.

California Rose

Garden Photos

Our membership is spread across the country, Canada and Europe. Obviously, many of our members can't physically tour other members' gardens because of distance. Many of you work extremely hard to create beautiful gardens and you should show them off.

Additionally, many of us visit beautiful public and private gardens. We'd like you to share these photos with us especially, though not limited to, those gardens with azaleas in bloom.

If you would like to share photos of your gardens with the other members of our chapter, please send them to rickfbauer@gmail.com. If appropriate, provide information on the photos provided.

On the following pages are garden photos submitted by members.

White Garden, Fairfax County, VA – photos Judy Shapleigh



Tierney/Cusack Garden, Stamford, CT – photos Tom Tierney

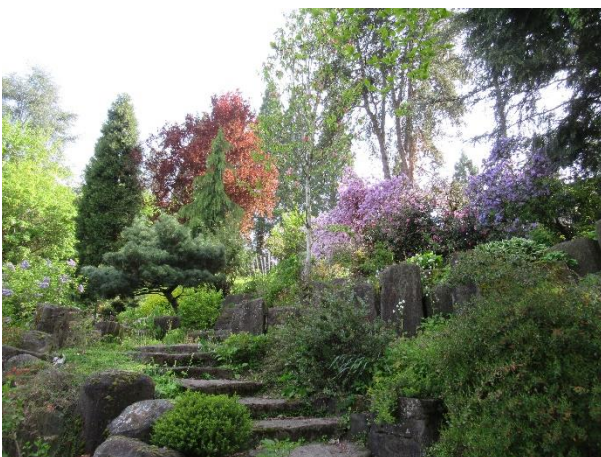


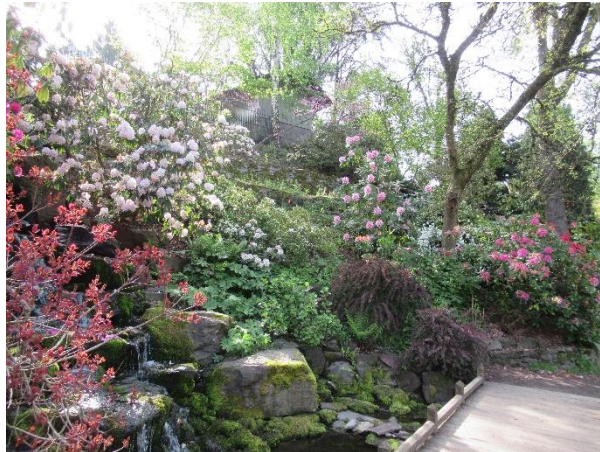
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Calendulaceum - Cabot Flame

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland, OR – photos Rick and Susan Bauer





Japanese Garden, Portland, OR – photos Rick Bauer



Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden, Federal Way, WA – photos Rick Bauer



Kurume Bonsai



Chapter Volunteers Needed.

All chapter activities are planned and conducted by volunteers. As with many organizations, much of the work is done by a small number of members. At the last meeting, **Barb Kirkwood** asked for more members to volunteer for specific positions. Specifically:

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 **Barb Kirkwood** at kirkwoodb@aol.com or (703) 268-6958.

Refreshments Coordinator – Patsy Meadows has been doing this job for many years now. The chapter Executive Committee decided at their December meeting to streamline the responsibilities of this position. No longer would the incumbent have to coordinate the snacks brought in by various members. The coordinator now procures the meeting snacks paid for by the chapter and coordinates set up of the snacks.

We still need someone to plan and purchase the snacks and to set up the refreshments at the chapter meetings. It would be great if we had a couple of people volunteer to allow flexibility if one of them were not available for the meeting. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, contact **Barb Kirkwood** at kirkwoodb@aol.com or (703) 268-6958.

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>.

Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Jun 15-22	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ASA/ARS	Various
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

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.

Jenkins Arboretum Holly Springs Legacy Garden Dedication



Pete Vines and Steve Wright – photo R. Bauer



Joanne and Dan Neckel and John Kirkwood relaxing on the bench dedicated to Pete Vines – photo R. Bauer



Jenkins House with tents set up for lunch – photo Rick Bauer



Jake describes the garden design process to Pete and others – photo S. Bauer



Attendees tour the garden – photo S. Bauer



Plaque on the bench dedicated to Pete – photo R. Bauer