

Aug 2022 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Hopefully you are all surviving the unusually warm summer. We had a successful month of July with a workday at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden, a delivery of Satsuki azaleas to Jenkins Arboretum and a well-attended cutting and plant exchange.

August will be a quiet month for the chapter with the possibility of another Klimavicz Legacy Garden workday. Our next scheduled event will be our fall azalea sale on 24 September.



Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday 14 July

As part of the Legacy Project, the chapter developed a Legacy Garden for Klimavicz azaleas at Meadowlark Botanical Garden in Vienna, VA. As part of our agreement with Meadowlark, we have held workdays during the growing season. These workdays were put on hold over the last two years due to COVID.

The workdays were recently reinstated and on 14 July, members of the chapter got together to fertilize and mulch the azaleas. Additional work will be required in the future to replace those plants which died.

We thank **Paul and Carolyn Beck, Barb and John Kirkwood, Ralph Habegger, David Meadows** and **Anne Marie McKinnon** for volunteering their time to work at the garden. We will continue to hold these workdays monthly. We hope you will be able to join us!



Chapter members Carolyn Beck, David Meadows, Paul Beck, Ralph Habegger and John Kirkwood take a break from mulching and fertilizing the Klimavicz Legacy Garden- photo B. Kirkwood



Newly mulched bed of Klimavicz azaleas – photo B. Kirkwood



David Meadows spreads mulch – photo B. Kirkwood

Satsukis for Jenkins Arboretum – 7 July

Chapter member **Mike White** of White's Nursery in Germantown, MD recently made a generous donation of 176 plants (mainly Satsuki) to the chapter with the understanding that we would find a public garden where visitors could enjoy them.

We have an existing relationship with Jenkins Arboretum, having worked with them on developing a Holly Springs Legacy Garden. We approached them to see if they were interested in acquiring the Satsukis for their collection. They were interested in these later blooming varieties since, for one reason, they would extend the azalea blooming season of the arboretum. After evaluating the plants to ensure they were properly identified, the chapter selected 123 Satsuki and 3 Kurume azaleas which **Paul Beck** delivered to the arboretum on 7 July.



I-r Nick Campbell - summer intern, Nicki Achor- Hamilton Fellow, Fiona Gorman - summer intern, Paul Beck, Karen Miller - Head Horticulturist, Steve Wright - Director of Horticulture, Liesl Barkman - Hamilton Fellow - photo H. Standen

Cutting and Plant Exchange – 17 July

The chapter held its annual cutting exchange on 17 July at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. In addition to the exchange of cuttings this year, there were a large number of azaleas and other plants in the plant exchange. Additionally, we had a number of beautiful, mature, deciduous azaleas for sale. We had an excellent turnout with over thirty members and guests in attendance.

Chapter president **Barb Kirkwood** opened the meeting and then **Don Hyatt** gave a presentation on propagating azaleas from cuttings. Chapter vice-president, **Ralph Habegger**, officiated the cutting and plant exchange. Each attendee had multiple opportunities to select cuttings and the acquire additional plants (both azaleas and companion plants) for their collections.



We had a large selection of plants in the exchange



Deciduous azaleas available for sale



Don Hyatt discusses the propagation process

Mature Azaleas Available to a Good Home

Chapter members **Dan** and **Anne Marie McKinnon** have a large number of mature azaleas on their property in Vienna, VA, near Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. They are getting ready for a major renovation of their house which will require the removal of a number of these beautiful plants. They are offering them to other members of the chapter this fall.

The azaleas are not labeled, however they would make a great backdrop to the other plants in your garden. You will have to dig them up yourself, however the **McKinnons** will assist. If you have any questions or are interested in adding any of these mature azaleas to your garden, contact **Dan McKinnon** at dwmiii@gmail.com

New Members

The chapter would like to welcome **Katherine Mazzocco**. **Katherine** lives in Gloucester, VA.

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. We need to have a few more folks willing to put in a few hours at small jobs. 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. This will take a couple hours in the spring and another few to coordinate the delivery of the plants from our various home locations in the fall. If you can spare a few hours twice a year, I would love to hear from you. **Barb Kirkwood** at kirkwoodb@aol.com or (703) 268-6958.

Director Position - We are in need of someone to nominate and stand for election for a Director position on the national board of the Azalea Society. There are very few hours needed throughout the year, but you do need to attend the convention and the board meeting once a year. If you are interested or have questions, call **Barb Kirkwood** at (703) 268-6958 or **Rick Bauer** at (757) 771-4446.

Fall Plant Sale - We will need volunteers to help with our plant sale on 24 September starting at 9 am. If you can assist, please call **Barb Kirkwood** at (703) 268-6958

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.

Butchart Gardens, Brentwood Bay, BC – photos Rick Bauer



Sunken Garden



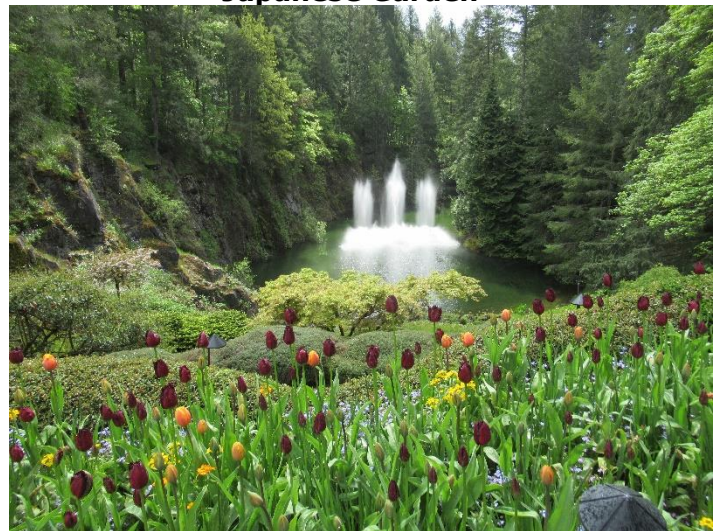
Japanese Garden



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Ross Fountain



Sunken Garden



Sunken Garden

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
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.