



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event is our Fall Azalea Sale 1:00 – 4:00 pm on 24 September at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

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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Fall Azalea Sale

**1:00 – 4:00 pm 24
September Kirkwood**

The chapter will hold its annual fall azalea sale on 24 September at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

This sale is a great opportunity for chapter members and the general public to acquire

beautiful evergreen and deciduous azalea varieties not normally found in commercial nurseries and "big box" stores.

Please share the sale flyer with your friends or share the sale notice on the chapter Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Virginia-Chapter-of-the-Azalea-Society-of-America-230980343720349>.

The sale will run from 1 – 4 pm outside of Kirkwood Presbyterian. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the church hall.

If you are able to assist in setting up, running or breaking down the sale, please contact **Barb Kirkwood** at (703) 268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com.



Customers examine plants at the 2021 Fall Azalea Sale

President's Message

The days are getting shorter, and the mornings are certainly cooler when I head out to work in the garden. I hope you have enjoyed your gardening season as we head into fall.

We have a couple of exciting months coming up with our club sale on Saturday, September 24 from 1 until 4 PM. Please encourage friends and neighbors to come find some delightful new Azaleas. And, of course, we need volunteers to unload/sort/display the 500 Azaleas we will be selling just in time for fall planting. I plan to be at the church by 9:30 so come out and join me.

Our October meeting will feature member Mike Mitchell who will do a presentation on Satsuki bonsai, and we will also have a plant exchange and a small silent auction of donated books about Azaleas.

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We also have our "Georgia With Azaleas on My Mind" convention we are cohosting from April 19-23. If you haven't been to a convention, or been to one recently, consider joining us in Atlanta.

Barb

New Members

The chapter welcomes **Jean Mauldin** to the chapter. **Jean** lives in Fern Beach, FL and is a friend of **Pete Vines**. Chapter members who attended the dedication of the Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum, had the opportunity to meet **Jean**.

We would also like to welcome associate members **Pitoon Ekarintaragun** from Chesapeake Beach, MD and **Gavin Locke** from Silver Spring, MD. **Pitoon** and **Gavin** are both members of the Ben Morrison Chapter.

Garden Photos

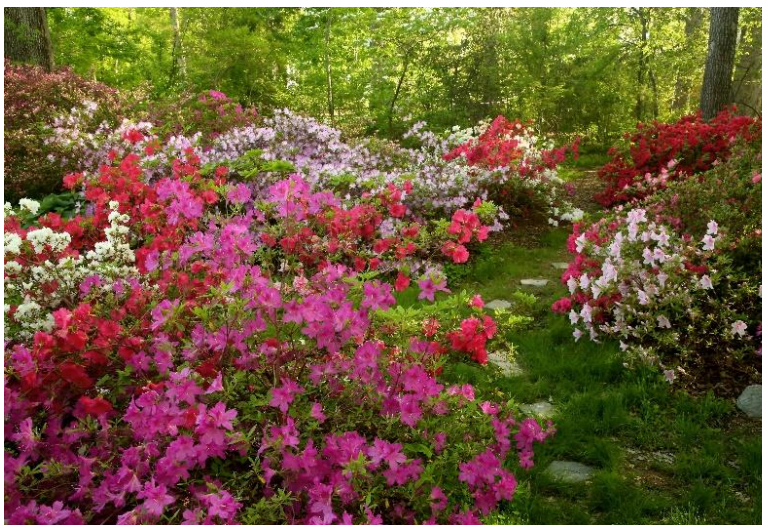
Our membership is spread across the country, Canada and Europe. Obviously, many of our members can't physically tour other members' gardens because of distance. Many of you work extremely hard to create beautiful gardens and you should show them off.

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 rickbauer@gmail.com. If appropriate, provide information on the photos provided.

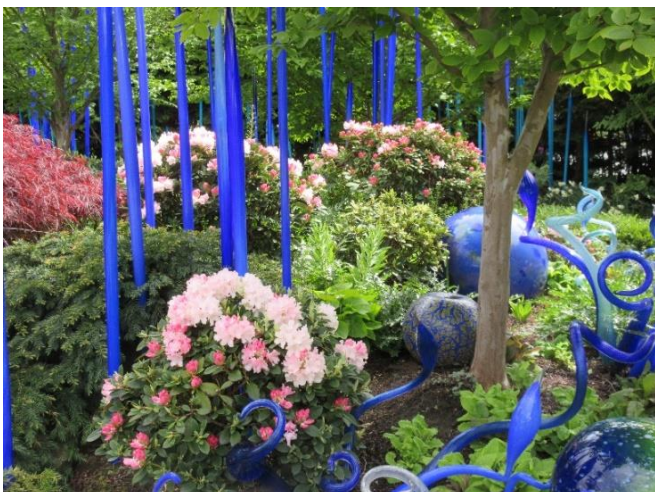
Sperling Garden, Alexandria, VA

Barry Sperling provided the following pictures of his beautiful garden taken in the spring.



Chihuly Garden and Glass, Seattle, WA

Some of you may be familiar with the glass pieces produced by **Dale Chihuly**. In Seattle, at the foot of the Space Needle, is a combination art gallery and garden featuring the works of **Chihuly**. Below are some photos from the garden (all photos by **Rick** or **Susan Bauer**).



Devil Weed Redux

In the September 2021 issue of *The Azalea Clipper, California Rose*, an anonymous author, submitted an article on a plant she named "Devil Weed." Responses from readers were published in the following month's issue.

We have received additional input from **California Rose** which is published below:

I want to thank those who have tried to help me with my Devil Weed problem. After looking at a bunch of pictures of your potential evil culprits, I was no further along at the mystery name. I then asked the Google wizard to show me a sneaky, invasive weed that masquerades as chrysanthemum, and the wise wizard showed me pictures of Mugwort or false chrysanthemum or *Artemisia vulgaris* L. It looks to me that there may be several varieties of this ugly beast but indeed one of them was easily recognizable as my ugly beast. I am not sure that any of the names is any better a name than Devil Weed. But at least my neighbors will not worry about any potential devil worshipping going on in and around my garden when I am cursing my "false mugwort vulgaris."

What I did learn was that you can smoke mugwort but it is not recommended on the website due to the unknown risks of...death. Or at least it said chemicals in it are potentially cancerous. Then it goes on to say for thousands of years traditional medicine has used mugwort smoke to treat ailments. So, I guess a millennium of smoking it is not enough research to determine safety. Still it seems a bit excessive to set it on fire to rid it from my garden.

Mugwort is also used to create essential oils, extracts, and powders, and supposedly treats a boatload of ailments including colic, constipation, depression, and nausea among others. Unless you are allergic to it, and then it might cause headaches, nausea, coughing, irregular heartbeats and fainting. If you happen to be allergic to celery, birch or carrots then you definitely do not want to use it because of that pesky stopping breathing thing the web site mentions.



None of any of this has convinced me that allowing mugwort to infest my lettuce and tomatoes has any value. As it rears its ugly head, I grab the big shovel and go after it. But it has gone underground, literally, like some sneaky spy waiting to pop out and give me a raspberry. So, I accept I have not successfully eradicated it in either the spots my spouse has weeded nor from my area. I have to wait now until spring to see not IF it comes back but just how much of it I have to dig before I dare lay down any carrot seed.

California Rose

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 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Sept 24 1:00- 4:00 pm | Fall Azalea Sale | NV-ASA | Kirkwood Presbyterian |
| Oct 30 1:30- 4:30 pm | Meeting with speaker | NV-ASA | Kirkwood Presbyterian |

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| 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**