

Nov 2022 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

This will be a short message this month since it will be followed by an early publication the December issue of **The Azalea Clipper** later this month.

Chapter Meeting 30 October

It was great seeing the large turnout of members and guests at our recent chapter meeting. We had over 40 participants either in person or via Zoom.

We started the meeting with a social period with a large variety of refreshments provided by **Susan Hedrick**, our new Refreshments Coordinator. We thank **Patsy Meadows** for the many years she filled this role (and is still assisting).

Barb Kirkwood welcomed the attendees and made some administrative announcements. **Don Hyatt** gave an update on the status of the White Garden. Based on a large amount of public input, the decision to enter into a long-term lease of the house under Fairfax County's Resident Curator program has been put on hold. This lease would have effectively gone counter to **Margaret White's** intentions when donating the property to the county for public enjoyment.

Chapter member **Dr. Joe Gutierrez** gave an excellent presentation/demonstration on *Pruning Landscape Plants for Structure, Health and Architectural Interest*. He explained the principles behind the pruning and demonstrated the implementation of these principles on a mature Satsuki azalea. The subject was obviously of great interest to the attendees based on the number of questions posed.



Delicious selection of refreshments



Satsuki Before Pruning



Satsuki after pruning

Members who were interested in trying their hands at pruning were able to participate in a workshop after the presentation.

The chapter also held a plant exchange with a large selection of plants, primarily azaleas. Interested members were able to add a large number of plants to their collections.



Chapter VP Ralph Habegger introduces the speaker, Dr. Joe Gutierrez



Attendees listen to the presentation



Plants available for good homes in the plant exchange



Attendees participate in the pruning workshop

Annual Meeting/Holiday Social



Our annual meeting and holiday social will be held at **Barb and John Kirkwood's** home on 4 December. Besides being an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other members and share delicious holiday dishes, we will have a number of items to vote on including approving the slate of officers for next year, approving the budget and deciding on who should receive donations from the chapter for 2022.

More information on the meeting and supporting documents will be in the December issue of ***The Azalea Clipper***.

New Members

The chapter would like to welcome **Keeley Shaughnessy**. **Keely** lives in Germantown, MD and joined at the fall sale.

Chapter Volunteers Needed.

We still have one open volunteer position we are trying to fill:

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 (the Executive Committee has decided not to have a fall sale in 2023).

If you can spare a few hours in the spring, contact **Barb Kirkwood** at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events -

Below is the schedule for the remainder of 2022. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/events>. The schedule for next year will be published in the December **Clipper**.

Check the online chapter calendar for the latest updates.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
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.