

NV-ASA MINUTES 03-26-23

President Barb Kirkwood welcomed everyone to the joint meeting of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of America.

Barb reminded members that the deadline to register for the upcoming Joint ASA/ARS Convention in Atlanta is March 31. Convention dates are 4/18-23.

Barb announced that the Chapter will have two upcoming plant sales this spring at Meadowlark in Vienna. Dates are April 29 (rain date April 30) and May 6 (rain date May 7). Volunteers are needed for both dates. These sales provide funds to allow the Chapter to conduct its many activities.

Carol Segree introduced speaker Chris Schmidt, Chief Arborist at Blandy Experimental Farm, who spoke on the history of Blandy. After her presentation, Don Hyatt presented Chris with a "My Mary" azalea.

Don also gave an update on the status of the White Garden in Fairfax County. Current plans call for the garden to be developed according to Margaret White's wishes. Don also gave an update on the legacy garden.

David Meadows presented some information regarding the former Hanners azalea/nursery "Azalea Trace" in Huntingtown MD. Many members had visited "Azalea Trace" and taken cuttings from their garden. The Hanners are deceased, but the new owners have given the Chapter permission to take cuttings. Contact David Meadows for more information.

Barbara again thanked all for coming and announced that the plant give away would begin.

Meeting adjourned 3 pm.

Submitted by Joanne Neckel, Secretary