

## Jun 2023 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

We've had a busy spring with the ASA/ARS joint convention in Dunwoody, with plant sales and with garden visits. We thank all of the folks who volunteered to make these events a success. In June, the big event is the annual Smoky Mountain hikes. If you haven't taken part in one of these in the past, we highly recommend you join the hikes this year.



### Chapter Plant Sale 6 May Meadowlark Botanical Garden, Vienna, VA

The chapter held its second sale at Meadowlark Botanical Garden on 6 May. This was the second of two successful plant sales at Meadowlark. We sold 101 plants for a total of 236 plants for both sales and \$5,028 total for both sales. As you are aware, as a 501c3 organization, we use these funds primarily to support other charitable organizations, primarily in horticulture.



May 6<sup>th</sup> Sale at Meadowlark - photo C Beck

As always, these sales could not be conducted without a lot of hard work. We thank **Paul and Carolyn Beck, David Meadows, Ralph Habegger, Joanne Neckel, and Leslie Nanney** for assisting in making this sale a success.

These sales also bring our chapter and society visibility to the general public. This was very beneficial this year where we signed up three new members as a result of this visibility.

### Bonsai Plant Sale 20 May

**Paul and Carolyn Beck**, with the assistance of **Ralph Habegger** and **Mike Mitchell**, conducted a sale of primarily Satsuki azaleas to members of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Club. They sold 82 plants for a total of \$1,544.

### Smoky Mountain Trip – Jun 12-19

For years **George McLellan** and **Don Hyatt** have led trips to the Southern Appalachians to see the wonderful flora. This year, we have the following schedule, set by **Steve Wright** of Jenkins Arboretum. The way it works is you can pick and choose which parts of the trip you want to participate in, make your own motel reservations, and join in the fun and camaraderie. We usually carpool on each day's excursion to reduce the number of vehicles involved and eat evening meals together. Most hikes are short; Roan can be up to three miles one way. A hiking staff and good hiking shoes are quite useful. Don't forget your camera.



Calendulaceum on Roan Mountain

Society President **Charlie Andrews** recently sent out the dates and itinerary for the hikes. **To better plan,**

**please let Charlie know if you plan to join the hikes and for which portions. Charlie Andrews, candrews@mindspring.com**

Itinerary:

June 12, Monday

Dolly Sods, WV

*R. prinophyllum*, including dark forms and double/hose-in-hose. Lots of *Kalmia*.

Mon night: Super 8 by Wyndham, 420 Beverly Pike, Elkins WV.

June 13, Tuesday

Spruce Knob, then Elk Mountain (Rt. 112). WV

*R. prinophyllum*, dark forms at Spruce Knob. *R. calendulaceum* forms near Rt. 112.

Tue night: Econo Lodge Marion VA I-81, 1420 N Main St, Marion, VA

June 14, Wednesday

White Top Mountain, VA

Hundreds of very good *R. calendulaceum*. Great diversity of color forms, rivals (or better?) than Roan.

Wed night: Comfort Suites Boone-University Area, 1184 Highway 105 Boone NC

June 15, Thursday

Roan Highlands (on better day) or Elk Knob and Snake Mt.

Hundreds of *R. calendulaceum* and *R. catawbiense* at Roan

Thu night: Comfort Suites Boone-University Area, 1184 Highway 105 Boone NC

June 16, Friday

Roan Highlands (on better day) or Elk Knob and Snake Mt.

Hundreds of *R. calendulaceum* and *R. catawbiense* at Roan

Fri night: Comfort Suites Boone-University Area, 1184 Highway 105, Boone NC

June 17, Saturday

Head to Franklin NC with stops all along the Blue Ridge Parkway (Pisgah Inn, Frying Pan Gap, Graveyard Fields, Devil's Courthouse, and other locations). Mt. Toxaway?

Blue Ridge Parkway: *Pieris floribunda*, *Castanea dentata*, *Hypericum buckleyi*, *Trillium* spp., *Galax urceolata*, *Lilium superbum*, *R. carolinianum*, *R. calendulaceum*, *R. viscosum* var. *montanum*, and *R. arborescens*. Mt. Toxaway has *R. minus*, *R. calendulaceum*, *R. arborescens*, and *R. viscosum* var. *montanum*.

Sat night: Microtel Inn Franklin, 81 Allman Dr, Franklin NC

June 18, Sunday

Wayah/Wine Spring Balds. Then lunch in Robbinsville on the way to Hooper Bald. Follow Hooper with exploration of *R. cumberlandense* then on to hotel.

*R. calendulaceum* (including a double), *R. arborescens*, *Kalmia* at Wayah/Wine Spring. Hundreds of very large-flowered *R. calendulaceum* specimens with great color variation on Hooper (including reds). *R. cumberlandense* farther west out Cherohala Skyway.

Sun night: Rodeway Inn, 731 S Main St, Sweetwater TN

June 19, Monday

AM to East Fork Nursery, 2769 Bethel Church Rd, Sevierville TN

Purchase plants; travel home

### **Holly Springs Legacy Garden – Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA**

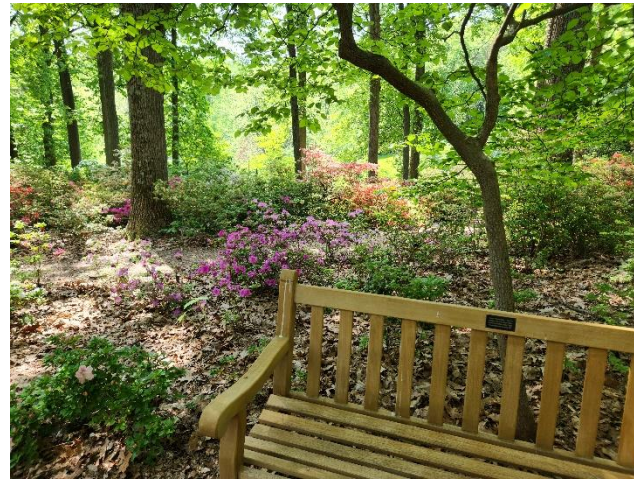
For several years, the chapter supported the development of a Holly Springs Legacy Garden at Jenkins Arboretum. This provided a perfect venue for enjoying some of the hybrid varieties developed by chapter member **Pete Vines**.

The garden was dedicated on 14 May 2022. A number of our chapter members attended the dedication ceremony, including **Pete** and members of his family.

Below are photos taken this year the day after the first anniversary of the dedication.



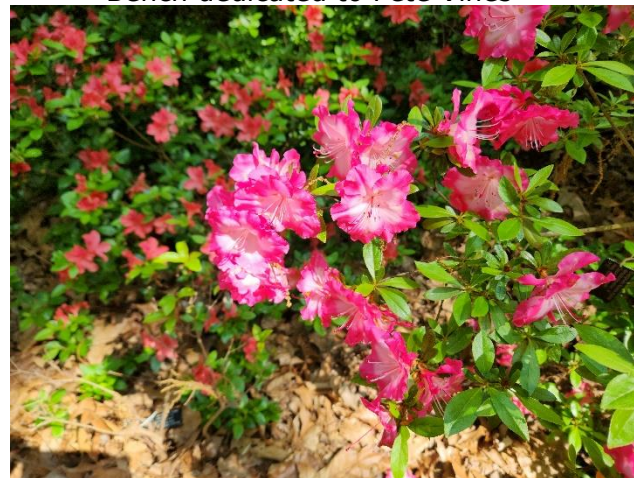
View of the garden



Bench dedicated to Pete Vines



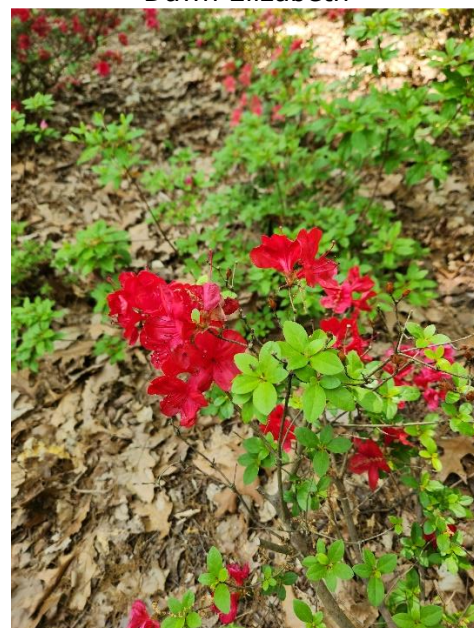
Rose Gutierrez-Kolb



Dawn Elizabeth



HS Purple Passion



HS Crimson Queen

## **July Cutting Exchange - 16 July Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

Just an early reminder of our July meeting at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This is our annual cutting exchange. This is always a terrific opportunity to get cuttings of many beautiful azalea varieties which you can propagate and add to your collection. We will also have a plant exchange and deciduous azaleas available for sale. More information will be in the July ***Azalea Clipper***.

### **Azalea Foster Homes Needed**

We have an abundance of plants from various sources, including the convention, and our propagation efforts. We need to find a couple of members who would be willing to "foster" some plants until we can get them to sale. Care is pretty easy. They need a shady or afternoon shade area and some occasional water if Mother Nature does not provide. Even a rank amateur can be highly successful at this task and even a small space will help us out for a few months. If you have some space, you can loan out to us, please contact **Barb Kirkwood** at 703-268-6958 or [kirkwoodb@aol.com](mailto:kirkwoodb@aol.com).

### **New Members**

The chapter is pleased to welcome **Patricia Insley** and **Alison Hutzler** from Herndon, VA and **Angela Maria Lungu** from Great Falls, VA. We hope to welcome all of them personally at an upcoming chapter function.

### **Garden Photos**

In previous messages, we have asked members to submit photos from their gardens. If you have photos to share, send them (and any descriptions if available) to [rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickfbauer@gmail.com). We will publish them in future editions.

Below are photos submitted by members. Some are of their gardens and others are of gardens visited.



Unknown pink azalea variety with the vine Kadsura japonica 'Fukurin' growing through it – photo Linus Chen



Azalea in the Shapleigh Garden – photo J. Shapleigh



Shapleigh Garden – photo J Shapleigh



Shapleigh Garden – photo J. Shapleigh

**Joanne Neckel's** garden club recently toured the Enid A. Haupt garden at the Smithsonian. Below are some photos taken in the garden. All photos by **J. Neckel** except for top left.



Also, we are planning to put together a presentation of chapter member garden photos for the fall meeting. We will put the provided photos together into one presentation for the meeting. You may submit any number of photos you desire, but we're looking for about 10-15 pictures per garden/ collection.

Depending on how many submissions we get, we will adjust the number of photos per garden for the meeting presentation. During the meeting, members can describe their photos, if desired, or we can just show the photos without anyone needing to present to the chapter.

Any topics regarding the azaleas are fine - it will be interesting to see various photos. Topics might include:

- Garden development over the years
- My favorite azaleas in bloom
- Rare or unusual azaleas
- Largest or smallest azaleas (flowers or plants)
- Hybrids a member has developed
- or any other topic a member would like to include.

### **ASA Apparel**

Attendees at the recent ASA/ARS Joint Convention were given the opportunity to order t-shirts, polo shirts, short and long sleeve denim shirts and caps with the ASA, ARS or convention logo. Due to popular demand, these items can still be ordered directly from the manufacturer. An email describing the offerings and instructions on how to order was sent to all chapter members.

While you can currently order items as described in the email, they are working on expanding the offerings and creating a method to facilitate ordering by society members.



### **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 midway point of contact for soliciting volunteers and for disseminating necessary information to them. This will take a couple of 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](mailto:kirkwoodb@aol.com).

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events –**

Below is the schedule for 2023. The calendar is also available on the chapter website at <https://nv-asa.org/events>.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
June 12-19 <b>(added)</b>	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ASA	Smoky Mountains
16 July	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 22 or 29 (TBD)	Meeting w/speaker	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 3	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD

## **Other Activities/Notes –**

### **Miscellaneous –**

#### **Hoophouse/cinder blocks available**



**David Meadows** has the chapter's hoophouse which neither he, nor the chapter needs. The hoop house structure is 8'x40'x36" in size. The base is 4x4 x8 pressure treated with the uprights/supports being 2x4x8 treated. The hoops are CPVC pipes 1/2"x10'. Sections of the hoop house could be used to make a 'smaller' structure.

He also has about twenty cinder blocks which were previously used to set up shelves for our plant sales.

If you are interested in any of these materials, contact **David** at [tdmeadows@gmail.com](mailto:tdmeadows@gmail.com) or (540) 349-0120.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.