



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event the annual cutting exchange on 16 Jul at 1:30 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

We will also have a plant sale and exchange.

Refreshments will be provided by the chapter.

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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Cutting and Plant Exchange – 16 July 1:30 -4:00pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The chapter will hold its annual cutting and plant exchange on 16 July at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Members are requested to bring cuttings of their favorite azalea varieties.

Many of us also have extra plants in our gardens

which we would like to share with other members. Bring these to the plant exchange to share and you might find a plant that you would like to add to your garden.

Instructions for taking cuttings and preparing plants for the exchange are on page 4.

We will have a number of beautiful deciduous azaleas available for sale.

Due to the nature of the event, it will not be broadcast on Zoom.



President's Message

And suddenly it is summer!

Our group is getting ready for our annual cutting exchange where those of us with talent can obtain cuttings and propagate new azaleas for our yards. That does not include me even though I try every year. But I would love to hear about your successes. We have great information on our Azaleas.org website <https://azaleas.org/propagation-2/#cut> if you are new to propagation or need a refresher. Get your supplies ready before our meeting on July 16. We have a couple of good handouts on how to take cuttings to achieve the greatest success. <https://azaleas.org/wp-content/uploads/attachments/AzaleaCuttings-Diagrams.pdf>

<https://azaleas.org/wp-content/uploads/attachments/AzaleaCuttings-Photos.pdf>

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Some of our members desire specific cultivars they would like to propagate. If you have something in particular you want, you can try your luck at posting on our Facebook page and another member may have exactly what you desire.

Carolyn Beck has been highly successful at propagating some deciduous azaleas from seed and will be offering them for sale at the meeting. We will also be offering an opportunity to bring in and trade some of your garden plants and divisions. This allows us all to try something new or to enhance areas of our gardens.

And as your summer progresses, be sure to take some photos of your favorite garden areas to participate in our fall meeting. Azalea photos are always welcome, but this is not restricted to Azaleas. We are still looking to fill some leadership positions and I will be making phone calls to some of our members to gently twist your arms. If you would rather just volunteer, PLEASE give me a call. I look forward to seeing you on July 16 and I am sorry we will not have any programming for our remote members. But please plan to show us garden photos at our October meeting.

Barb

Bonsai Society Sale

Paul and Carolyn Beck hosted an azalea sale to the Bonsai Society on 20 May. It was very successful, with 82 plants being sold for a total of \$1544. Below are some photos provided by **Carolyn**.



A customer selects an azalea to use for bonsai.



The Dulings select azaleas for bonsai.



Gary Reese examines azalea bonsai candidates



Mike Mitchell with a Bonsai Day customer.

Calendar for 2023

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
16 July 1:30-4:00 pm	Cutting/Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 22 1:30-4:00 pm	Meeting w/speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Oct 22 4:00 – 5:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 3 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

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

Preparing Plants for the Plant Exchange

The plant exchanges provide an excellent venue for parting with your excess plants and for adding additional varieties to your collection. Plants should be watered before donating, though not overly wet (i.e., no dripping of water from the container). Please label them with the name of the plant and the donor (the latter is in case someone has questions about the plant).

Taking Cuttings

Select cuttings from new growth found at the terminal branch ends (avoid branches that have produced "sport" blossoms uncharacteristic of the named variety). Collect cuttings after the stems are fully mature, but before they turn woody. The parent plants must be in good health. A good time to take the cuttings is in the early morning. If drought conditions are present, water the plants well the evening before. Select stems of medium diameter rather than thin weak wood. Place cuttings (4 to 6) from each plant in a separate plastic bag (identified by the parent variety) along with a few drops of water, and seal it to retain 100% humidity inside. Print the name of the plant variety on the outside of the bag, along with a short description of the plant. Avoid overheating of cuttings from direct sunlight. Cuttings should be stuck in the rooting medium as soon as possible after taking the cuttings, but they can be stored in a closed container in the refrigerator for up to a week. {At the meeting ask our experts about growing cuttings!} A good label with the plant name, hybridizer, flower description and "cutter" would help a lot!