



# The Azalea Clipper

## Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event will be Member Garden Presentations at 1:30 pm on 22 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

We will also have a plant 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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## Member Garden Presentations and Plant Exchange – 22 October 1:30 -4:00pm

The next chapter meeting will be held on 22 October.

The program will be something new...chapter members sharing photos and descriptions of their gardens.

We will also have a plant exchange, which has become a favorite of many of our members.



Klimavicz Garden - photo J. Klimavicz

If you have plants to share, bring them to the meeting. Guidance on how to prepare and mark the plants is on the last page of this newsletter.

More information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

## President's Message

After our LONG, HOT summer, the cool weather of fall is certainly a welcome change. Our next event this year will be our October meeting featuring presentations from a number of members showing off their plants and gardens at peak performance. No matter where you are in the world, you will be able to connect by Zoom and join us.

We will also have a plant exchange, and I wish I could send some electronically to those located elsewhere. We are planning our year to come, and we have several jobs where we can use some help from coordinating our Klimavicz legacy garden at Meadowlark to organizing one or more of our sales next year.

We are a volunteer organization, and we need to have members step up to keep our organization going. Please give me a call or email to let me know you would be interested in taking on one of the small or large jobs.

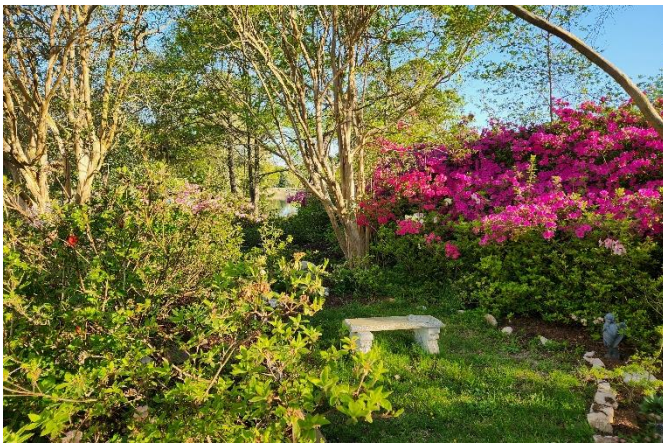
*Barb*

**Chapter Meeting 22 October 1:30 – 4:00 pm, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

The next chapter meeting will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. We have an interesting program scheduled for this meeting. A number of our members have beautiful gardens with extensive azalea collections and other companion plants. While many of these gardens have been open to member visits during the spring, not all of our members have had the opportunity to visit. Since we are broadcasting these presentations via Zoom, we are opening these gardens to our entire membership.

In addition to the presentations, we will also be having a plant exchange. These are not limited to azaleas. Bring any extra plants you're willing to part with and pick up some additions to your collections. Guidance on preparing plants for the exchange are on page 5.

The gardens/collections being presented are listed below:



Bauer Garden – Yorktown, VA



Beck Garden – Oak Hill, VA



Gutierrez Bonsai Collection – McLean, VA



Harrison Garden – Midlothian, VA



Klimavicz Garden – Vienna, VA



Mitchell Collection – Stafford, VA



Neckel Garden – Fairfax Station, VA



Sperling Garden – Alexandria, VA

We look forward to seeing you. If you are unable to join us in person, the presentations will be broadcast via Zoom. To join via Zoom at 2 pm:

Time: Oct 22, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88331034982?pwd=damdV25cgRVOtWtM3QEFUNCxadJpd1.1>

Meeting ID: 883 3103 4982

Passcode: 718912

## Officers for 2024

Below is a list of the members have volunteered to fill the leadership positions for the chapter in 2024:

President – **Barb Kirkwood**

Vice President – **Dave Nanney**

Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

Secretary – **Joanne Neckel**

If any other members wish to run for any of these positions, contact **Rick Bauer** by 6 October at [rickbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickbauer@gmail.com). Elections for chapter officers will be at the Holiday Social in December.

While not an elected position, **Rick Bauer** has volunteered to continue as Corresponding Secretary.

## Chapter Donations

The chapter is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We generate revenue each year through a number of sources, primarily our plant sales.

We traditionally make donations to several plant/nature based organizations each year such as Norfolk Botanical Garden, Jenkins Arboretum, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Azalea Society of America, and Friends of Green Spring Gardens Title 1 Program.

The Executive Committee will develop a list of recommended recipients and donation amounts at their meeting in October. These will be voted on at the annual meeting in December.

If you know of a program you would like to be considered for a donation, please bring information about your organization to the October meeting or send it to **Barb Kirkwood** at [kirkwoodb@aol.com](mailto:kirkwoodb@aol.com) before the meeting on October 22.

## New Members

The chapter would like to welcome **Carol Bruch** from Falls Church, VA and **James David Watson** from Doune, United Kingdom.

## 4 Inch Pots Available

If you need 4 inch plastic pots, contact **Rick Bauer** at [rickbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickbauer@gmail.com) and he will bring them to the 22 October meeting.

## Calendar for 2023

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 22 1:30-4:00 pm	Meeting with Member Garden Presentations and Plant Exchange	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).