



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event will be the Holiday Social and Annual Meeting at 1 pm on 3 December at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Members are asked to bring a potluck dish. Instructions for RSVPing are in this message.

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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Holiday Social and Annual Meeting 3 December 1:00 4:00 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The next chapter meeting will be held on 3 December.

This will be our annual Holiday Social and Annual Meeting. It's a great opportunity to socialize with other members of the chapter and also to make decisions for the chapter as we go into 2024.



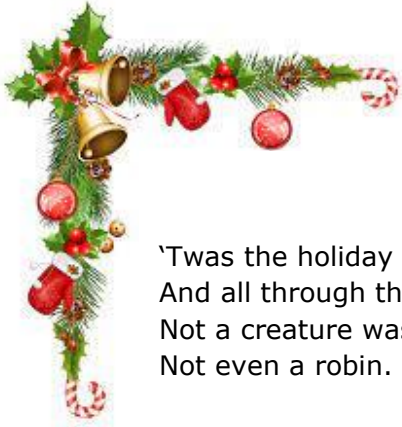
2021 Holiday Social at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

As with all of our activities, we require someone to help setup/take down decorations for the event. If you are able to help, contact **Leslie Nanney** at 703-624-3754 or **Barb Kirkwood** at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com.

This will be primarily a potluck event (the chapter will provide the main meat dish). Members are asked to bring a favorite dish to share. To coordinate who is coming and dishes to share, we will have a SignUpGenius which can be accessed on any electronic device. We kept it simple, how many are coming, what will you bring, name and contact. You can access it through this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4FA4AC29A7FF2-45672909-holiday>. If you wish, you can also call **Leslie** with your RSVP.

You can also see who has signed up and what they plan to bring.



President's Message

'Twas the holiday season
And all through the garden,
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a robin.

The azaleas are all tucked
In the garden with care
In hopes that in spring
Those blooms will be there.

Our Azalea Society members
Will be gathering in good cheer
To feast and to vote
For our program next year.

And that is the limit of my rhyming ability.
Please come join us on Sunday, December 3. We do need to know about how many people are coming so **please** sign up on our Signup Genius or give a call to me or the **Nanneys**. This is a family event! Got kids? Bring them along. We all love sharing our garden enthusiasm with young people. Need a ride? Call me and I will try to connect you with someone nearby.

To those far away
Who can't join us today,
We wish you happy holidays
And many blossoms in May!

Barb

Holiday Social and Annual Meeting – continued

Besides enjoying socializing and the good food, we have business which must be taken care of. Specifically, we will be electing officers for next year, voting on chapter donations for this year and approving the budget for next year. On the next page is information on the list of officer candidates, suggested donations, the financial report for 2023 and the proposed budget for 2024.

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**

Chapter Donations for 2023

The Executive Committee is recommending the following recipients and amounts for the chapter donations:

\$1000 Green Springs Title I

\$2000 Jenkins Arboretum

\$3500 for the ASA General Fund

\$500 Kirkwood Church (in thanks for providing the meeting facility).

Financial Report for 2023 and Proposed Budget for 2024

Attached at pages 5 and 6.

New Members

The chapter would like to welcome **Inez Jackson** from Silver Springs, MD and **Mary McCutcheon** from Arlington, VA. We hope to welcome them personally at a future chapter 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
Dec 3 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Calendar for 2024

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 17 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Meeting with speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Apr 2-5	ASA National Convention	ASA	Auburn, Alabama
Apr 27	Azalea Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
May 4	Azalea Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Garden
Jul 14 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Cutting and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sep 21	Fall Azalea Sale	NV-ASA	Beck House
Oct 6 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Fall Meeting w Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Azalea Foster Homes Needed

We have an abundance of 6000 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 and can loan it out to us, please contact **Barb Kirkwood** at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com.

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**

Northern Virginia Chapter, Azalea Society of America
Treasurer's Report, January 1, 2023 – Oct 22, 2023

Balance as of 1/1/2023:

FVCB Savings.....	\$6,884.63
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,149.35
FVCB Checking	\$3,601.00
Total	\$21,634.98

Balance as of 10/22/2023:

FVCB Savings.....	\$29,897.15
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,177.15
FVCB Checking	\$9,165.85
PayPal.....	\$388.70
Total	\$50,628.85¹

2022 Plant Sale Summary

Sale	Plants	Gross	Budget	Fees	Net
2023 Member Only Sales	87	\$1,417.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,417.00
2023 Non-member Sales	49	\$703.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$703.00
2023 Bonsai Sale	82	\$2,024.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,024.00
2023 Meadowlark	238	\$5,028.00	\$4,000.00	\$502.80	\$4,525.20
2023 Joint Convention	620	\$8,470.51	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,470.51
Total	1076	\$17,642.51	\$14,500.00	\$502.80	\$17,139.71

Significant 2023 Items

The most significant item from 2023 was the net proceeds from the convention of almost \$8,500. Due to the low registration numbers and high member expense, we anticipated incurring a loss from the convention.

Plant sale revenue was \$17,139.71, or 118% of the \$14,500 budget. The **Member-Only** sale this year was ad hoc, and was not very successful, yielding only \$1,417. Meadowlark plant sales were \$5,028, much better than expected. Meadowlark continues to be a highly successful venue.

The propagation expense was \$3,495.85 against a budget of \$3,000.

Suggested Club Donations, to be voted upon at the business meeting:

Current cash on hand is \$50,628.85. Current obligations are \$5,455. Our chapter is very healthy. The following are the recommended 2023 end of year donations:

\$1,000 Green Springs Title I
\$2,000 Jenkins Arboretum
\$3,500 ASA General Fund (\$1,000 earmarked for editor)
\$500 Kirkwood Church
\$7,000 Total donations

¹ Outstanding obligations of \$5,455 (Meadowlark).

NV-ASA 2020-2023 Expenses and 2023-2024 Budgets

Category	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME	\$8,817.10	\$16,372.99	\$11,090.21	\$18,583.32	\$15,500.00	\$8,715.00
Interest Income	\$224.10	\$219.99	\$73.46	\$57.21	\$100.00	\$200.00
Dues	\$0.00	\$665.00	\$750.00	\$715.00	\$600.00	\$650.00
Donations	\$597.00	\$447.00	\$27.75	\$168.60	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sales	\$7,996.00	\$15,041.00	\$10,239.00	\$17,642.51	\$14,500.00	\$7,565.00
Fall Sale	\$1,068.00	\$2,620.00	\$1,891.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bonsai Society	\$247.00	\$1,613.00	\$1,751.00	\$2,024.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Member Only	\$6,224.00	\$6,440.00	\$2,580.00	\$1,417.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
Meadowlark	\$457.00	\$4,368.00	\$2,888.00	\$5,028.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,129.00	\$703.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Convention		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,470.51	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$11,101.79	\$14,150.07	\$21,156.28	\$5,217.12	\$11,630.00	\$8,715.00
Convention	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative	\$602.87	\$1,139.32	\$637.39	\$449.48	\$850.00	\$585.00
Mailings	\$65.90	\$55.00	\$11.60	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$612.38	\$184.24	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$25.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82.68	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Website	\$464.52	\$94.85	\$32.99	\$100.99	\$300.00	\$200.00
CC/Bank Fees	\$72.45	\$251.17	\$168.48	\$125.09	\$250.00	\$150.00
Zoom	\$0.00	\$125.92	\$157.40	\$157.40	\$125.00	\$160.00
Clipper	\$357.99	\$254.39	\$0.00	\$252.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$4,500.00	\$6,835.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00
Hospitality	\$26.88	\$40.68	\$200.95	\$39.74	\$400.00	\$200.00
Insurance	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Programs	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$150.00
Honorarium	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$150.00
Meadowlark	\$68.55	\$430.00	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$400.00	\$500.00
Commission	\$68.55	\$430.00	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$400.00	\$500.00
Member Sales	\$56.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Propagation	\$4,011.75	\$3,823.68	\$2,552.14	\$3,495.85	\$3,000.00	\$2,800.00
Supplies	\$3,003.75	\$3,378.46	\$2,477.14	\$2,409.71	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Purchases	\$1,008.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$1,022.61	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
Barcodes		\$445.22	0	\$63.53	\$0.00	\$0.00