

## June 2024 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

May was a busy month for most of us as we were getting our gardens back in shape with new plantings, weeding and removing debris. Hopefully, some of you will send photos of your gardens to share with our fellow members.



The chapter also held plant sales at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and to Bonsai Society Members at the **Beck's** house.

There are no formal chapter activities planned for June, however members are invited to participate in the ASA sponsored annual azalea and rhododendron viewing hikes in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. This is always an enjoyable event, and participants may join any or all of the hikes on the itinerary. More information is below in this message.

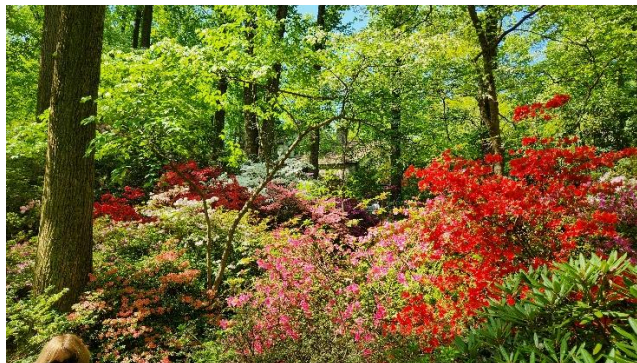
### American Rhododendron Society District 9 Meeting 28-30 April

The Potomac Valley Chapter (PVC) of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS) sponsored the District 9 meeting of the ARS from 28-30 April at the Country Inn & Suites hotel in Annapolis, MD. While many members of our chapter are also members or associate members of the PVC, they extended an invitation to all of our members to attend, and we were well represented.

The meeting consisted of a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, two days touring gardens, a plant sale and auction, and a banquet. We visited the gardens of chapter members **Rosa** and **Bob McWhorter** and **Carol Segree**. Additionally, we visited Historic London Town and Gardens and Hidden View Farm (a home and wedding venue owned by **Richard Bradshaw**). All of the gardens were in top form. Below are a few photos. Additional photos are at the end of this message.

We also had excellent talks by **Tony Dove** on Landscaping and London Town Gardens and **Don Hyatt** on the Marshy Point Azaleas.

Thanks to **Carol Segree** and the Potomac Valley Chapter, ARS for the work done on this excellent meeting.



McWhorter Garden



London Town Gardens



Segree Garden



Hidden View Farm (Bradshaw) Garden

## **Chapter Plant Sales**

The chapter held three plant sales at the end of April and during May. Mother Nature was not helpful this year with inclement weather causing one of the sales to be rescheduled for a date when many of the blooms were past peak and for dampening (no pun intended) the turnout at the venues where the sales were held.

Despite the sales being lower than in past years, we still made a decent amount. The two sales at Meadowlark brought in \$3492. The sale to the Bonsai Society members yielded \$1174.



As most of you are aware, at the end of the year, the chapter makes donations to other, primarily horticultural, 501(c)3 organizations. The amount we are able to donate is dependent upon the amount we have in our treasury.

We thank everyone who has worked so hard in planning, coordinating, and conducting these sales.

## **Appalachian Mountain Hikes 14-21 June**

Every June, members of the society take hikes in the Appalachian Mountains to view the azaleas, rhododendron, mountain laurel and other native plants in bloom. This year's hikes are being organized by Society President **Charlie Andrews**.

A copy of the detailed itinerary was sent to each member last month. A copy of the itinerary is also located [here](#) on the NV-ASA website.

As in the past hikes, the procedures are as follows:

- You may join any part or all of the itinerary.
- **Let Charlie know what you plan to do so he will be expecting you.**
- Provide **Charlie** your cell phone number so you can communicate if necessary during the trip.
- You are responsible for your own motel reservations (see detailed itinerary for the motel for each base location).
- On each day's event, they may carpool to reduce the number of vehicles.
- Plan to provide for your lunch needs while you are out each day.



- Be prepared for hiking, photographing, and all weather conditions.

If you have questions or are interested in attending any or all of the hikes, please contact **Charlie** at [candrews@mindspring.com](mailto:candrews@mindspring.com) or (770) 630-9798.

## **Cutting and Plant Exchange – 14 July**

The next chapter meeting will be held on 14 July at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. In addition to our normal exchange, for part of the meeting some members will be giving presentations about their gardens. If you would like to give a 10–15-minute presentation on your garden, contact **Carolyn Beck** at [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com).

We are working towards a database of azalea cuttings available from member gardens. Eventually, we would like a member to search the list and select cuttings, and the program would send the information to the member who has the plant. It is a complicated program and will take time to build. In the meantime, our beginning steps are to collect lists from members who have plants for potential cuttings. Please send your lists to **Barb Kirkwood** in an Excel sheet if possible.

If you have a specific plant you would like cuttings from this July, send that request to **Barb** as well and she will try to locate a member who has the plant.

More information will follow in the next Clipper on how to take cuttings, and resources for propagating from cuttings.

## **New Members**

The chapter would like to welcome **Evelyn Gondek** from Nottingham, PA.

## **Garden Photos**

In past years we have featured photos from members' gardens in both the monthly message and ***The Azalea Clipper***. Don't be shy...if you have photos of your garden which you are willing to share, send them to the corresponding editor at [rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickfbauer@gmail.com).

Larson Garden (photos by **Lars Larson**)



Rhododendron "Big Red"



Clematis



Bauer Garden (photos **Rick Bauer**)



Looking towards the Serenity Garden through the Klimavicz Legacy Garden



Serenity Garden with Formosa and Kings Luminescence Pink Azaleas



Eclectic collection of plants including deciduous azaleas.



Entry lane with Formosa azaleas, hydrangea, and other varieties

Chanticleer Garden – Wayne, PA (This is one of the gardens which will be visited during the 2025 convention -photos **Rick Bauer**)



Tennis Court Garden



Chanticleer House



Cutting Garden



Teacup Garden





Pond Garden



Teacup Garden

## **Azalea Pruning**

We need assistance in pruning some of the chapter azaleas. If you're able to assist or if you need more information, contact Carolyn Beck at [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com).

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events –**

Below is the schedule for 2024. Additions and deletions will be made as changes occur.

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Jun 14-21	Appalachian Mountain Hikes	ASA	Various
Jul 14 1:30-4 pm	Cutting and Plant Exchange plus garden presentations	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sep 21	Fall Azalea Sale	NV-ASA	Beck House
Oct 6 1:30-4 pm	Fall Meeting w Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 8 1-4 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

## **Other Activities/Notes –**

**Pots Available – Carolyn Beck** has a large number of 4-inch pots and 15-cell trays to share. If you are interested in any of these items, contact **Carolyn** at [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com).

**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**. We are also always looking for articles for ***The Azalea Clipper***. They can be on any azalea related subject (e.g., gardens (public or private), hybridizers, companion plants etc.). Please consider writing an article. Contact **Rick Bauer** at [rickfbauer@gmail.com](mailto:rickfbauer@gmail.com) or 757-771-4446 if you have any questions.

***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.



ARS District 9 Meeting photos - continued.



McWhorter Garden



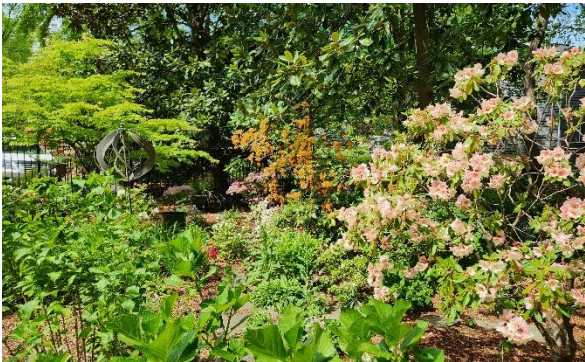
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