



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

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It will be held 14 July 1:30-4 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

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 with Member Garden Presentations 14 July 1:30 4:00 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian

The next chapter meeting will be held on 14 July at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

This will be our annual cutting and plant exchange. Instructions for taking cuttings are at the end of this message.



Members are encouraged to bring any of their extra plants to share with other members. Instructions are also posted for preparing plants for the plant exchange. **There will also be a few dozen deciduous azaleas for sale.**

There are a number of guidance artifacts for propagating azaleas on the Azalea Society of America website. These are located at <https://azaleas.org/propagation-2/>.

Additionally, chapter members will be giving presentations on their private gardens. This is a continuation of the program from our October meeting.

President's Message

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE HEAT!

It was just a few months ago that I was longing for spring. Now I spend my evenings out watering to stay ahead of our record-breaking heat.

Our group is getting ready for our annual cutting exchange where those of us with talent (not me!) can obtain cuttings and propagate new azaleas for our yards. We have great information on our Azaleas.org website

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President's Message

for cuttings and propagation. Get your supplies ready before our meeting on July 14. 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.

We also continue our program of showing off member gardens at the meeting. Bring in and trade some of your extra garden plants and divisions and take something new home to try. Come in person to get plants/cuttings, but we would love for our distance members to join us online for the meeting.



Garden Photos

In past years we have featured photos from members' gardens in both the monthly message and **The Azalea Clipper**. If you have photos of your garden which you are willing to share, send them to the editor at rickfbauer@gmail.com.

Sperling Garden – below are photos from **Barry's** garden taken in the spring.



Fox and Azaleas



Panorama



Break 'O Day



Panorama Shot

All photos are by **Barry Sperling**. More photos of **Barry's** garden are at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/PdHTrCfREZA1MmiD6>.

Calendar for 2024

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Jul 14 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Cutting and Plant Exchange/Garden Presentations	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sep 14 (rain date 15 Sep)	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

Zoom session login information

To join the meeting via Zoom, click on the link below and login with the meeting ID and Passcode.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84596647305?pwd=b2e0zmTzy3u4EVZ1S7VS9kBrSbTFjI.1>

Meeting ID: 845 9664 7305

Passcode: 472892

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84596647305?pwd=b2e0zmTzy3u4EVZ1S7VS9kBrSbTFjI.1>

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. name, hybridizer, flower description and "cutter" would help a lot!

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**.