

September 2024 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

As we reach the end of summer, we're getting welcome cooler weather, and we have additional chapter activities coming up. First, we will be having our annual fall plant sale. This will be different than in the past in that we will have it at **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck's** house rather than Kirkwood Presbyterian. This reduces some of the effort in conducting the sale, however it still requires a lot of work. If you're able to assist, please contact **Carolyn** or **Paul** (contact information below).



We will have our next meeting on October 6th with a presentation on **Bob Stewart's** azaleas, with an emphasis on the newly named and registered varieties.

We hope to see you at either or both activities.

Fall Azalea Sale – 14 Sept (rain date 15 Sept) 9am – 1 pm Beck House

The chapter will be holding our fall plant sale on 14 September at **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck's** house at 2963 Fort Lee Street, Oak Hill, VA 20171 from 9am to 1pm.

Attendees are asked to park on the street (**please avoid blocking mailboxes**). Those with mobility issues may drive down the **Beck** driveway and **Paul** will park their vehicle on the street and retrieve it when they depart.



Plants arrayed for sale at the Beck house - photo Carolyn Beck

A list of the available cultivars will be posted on the chapter website by 8 September. We hope to have some deciduous on sale in addition to a large selection of evergreen varieties. **You are encouraged to invite friends and family members to this sale.**

Cash, check, credit card or Venmo will be accepted for payment.

If you have any questions, **or are available to volunteer**, contact **Carolyn** at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com, (703) 380-5676 or **Paul** at pabeck@gmail.com, (703) 209-2219.

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 corresponding editor at rickfbauer@gmail.com.

Fall Meeting with Speaker on Bob Stewart's Newly Named Azaleas – Oct 6 1:30 – 4 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Our next chapter meeting will be on 6 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. **Rick Bauer** will be our speaker, and he will give a presentation on **Bob Stewart's** azaleas, with a focus on the newly named and registered varieties. Almost all of these newly named azaleas are named after society members who have made contributions to the society, and the promotion of azaleas.

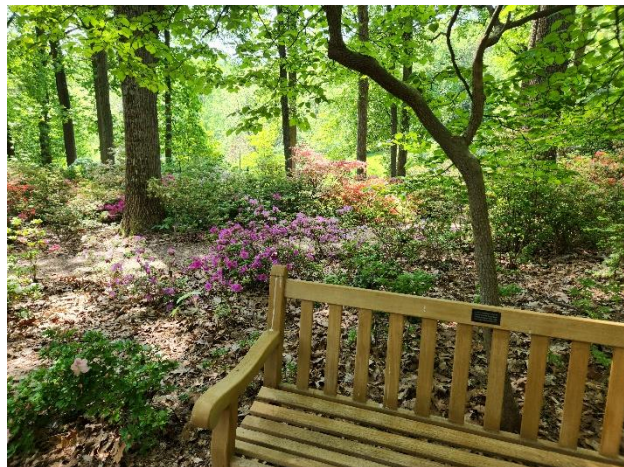


Barry Sperling azalea - photo Carolyn Beck

We will also hold another of our popular plant exchanges. If you have any extra plants that need a good home, plan on bringing them to share in October. More information will be in the October issue of ***The Azalea Clipper***.

2025 ASA National Convention – Brandywine Valley, PA 7-9 May 2025

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's ASA convention in Pennsylvania. Our friends at Jenkins Arboretum in Deven, PA have graciously offered to sponsor this convention. For the information of new members, we have had a great relationship with Jenkins over the past few years and have worked closely with them to establish a Holly Springs Legacy Garden and also to increase their inventory of Satsuki azaleas.



Bench dedicated to Pete Vine, hybridizer of the Holly Springs azaleas - photo Rick Bauer

The co- chairs of the convention, **Steve Wright** and **Tara Spears** are also members of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

The dates for the convention are May 7-9. Put it on your calendar. There are some beautiful gardens on the agenda including Winterthur, Jenkins, Mt. Cuba and Chanticleer. You can get more information at this [link](#).

Visit with Elizabeth Cosby

Elizabeth Cosby has been a member of the chapter for many years. When she joined the chapter, she lived with her sister **Madeline** and brother **Roy**, a Catholic monsignor, at their home in Hanover County, VA.

Her home is situated on 79 beautiful acres...much of which is planted with azaleas, rhododendron and other plants. The Cosbys opened their garden to many organizations, including our chapter, for visits. They also invited the ASA to visit during our 2016 convention in Williamsburg. An article on the Cosbys and their garden was in the [Winter 2014 issue](#) of **The Azalean**.

Elizabeth, Madeline and Roy were three of 11 Cosby children. Azaleas have been named for them as well as their brother **Lynwood**.

They generously donated their beautiful home and property to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. It has been renamed the Lewis Ginter Nature Reserve.

Sadly, **Madeline** passed away in 2014. **Father Roy** passed away on 18 February this year at 99.



Elizabeth continues to live at the family home. **Rick and Susan Bauer** had the opportunity to visit her in August.

Calendar of Upcoming Events –

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sep 14 (rain date 15 Sep) 9am-1 pm	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.

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 or 757-771-4446 if you have any questions.

The Azalean – The editor of **The Azalean** relies on member submissions of articles of interest to the general **ASA** membership. If you have an article to share, send it to theazalean@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word. Illustrations are highly encouraged and should be at least 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi.