



The Azalea Clipper

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It will be held 8 December 1:00-4 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Members are asked to bring a dish to share and to RSVP on [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com) or by calling Barb at 703-268-6958

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 1:00 4:00 pm 8 December Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The next chapter meeting will be our Holiday Social and Annual Meeting.

This is the capstone meeting of our chapter and includes a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting.



President Barb Kirkwood opens the 2023 annual meeting – photo Rick Bauer

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 **Barb Kirkwood** (call or text) 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com.

This will be 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](https://www.signupgenius.com) 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/4090B4FA4AC29A7FF2-53132243-holiday>

You can also see who has signed up and what they plan to bring. If you wish, you can also call/text/email **Barb** at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com with your RSVP.

We have had another successful year in the chapter. We have gotten together for meetings with interesting presentations on Satsuki azaleas by **Dr. Ajit Thakur** and Bob Stewart's azaleas by **Rick Bauer**. Chapter members also shared beautiful photos of their gardens.

We can't forget the plant exchanges where we all had the opportunity to take home mature azaleas as well as companion plants.

We have continued to support the Legacy Project with plant sales including Legacy varieties which introduce them to the general public. This is in addition to the work we continue to do to maintain and improve the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Garden. We thank the staff of Meadowlark for their support.

Many of us also gathered in Auburn, AL for an outstanding annual convention sponsored by the Alabamense Chapter.

Let's all get together for the final event of the year to share camaraderie and good food.

Officers for 2025

Chapter officers serve one-year terms aligned with the calendar year. The following chapter members have volunteered to serve as officers during 2025. We thank them for stepping forward to continue to serve in these important positions.

President – **Barb Kirkwood**

Vice President – **Dave Nanney**

Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

Secretary – **Joanne Neckel**

Year End Charitable Contributions

The chapter generates revenue each year, primarily through our plant sales. Part of the revenue generated is used to support chapter activities. Historically, a large portion of this revenue has been used to support other, primarily horticultural, organizations as well as the national society.

Below are the recommended recipients and amounts for our 2024 contributions.

\$1,000 Green Springs Title I (subsidizes garden access by low income children)

\$7,500 Meadowlark Botanical Gardens – Irrigation (to support the Klimavicz Legacy Garden)

\$1,000 ASA General Fund (supports the programs of the national organization)

\$500 Kirkwood Church (in appreciation for them allowing us to meet in their assembly hall)

Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2025

The Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2025 is enclosed at the end of this message.

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 their little winter rooms
In hopes that in spring
There’ll be plenty of blooms.

Our Azalea Society members
will be gathering in good cheer
To visit, to feast and to vote
For next year.

Please join us on Sunday
That will be December Eight.
We gather at one,
So let’s make that a date.

Come with a smile.
Come with good dishes.
Let’s ring in the holidays.
With loads of good wishes.

We do need to know about how many people are coming so **please** sign up on our [Signup Genius](#) or give me a call at 703-268-6958. 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!

Chapter Meeting 6 October – Bob Stewart's Azaleas

Rick Bauer gave a presentation on **Bob Stewart's Azaleas** at our chapter meeting on 6 October. **Bob** was a long-time member of the ASA and the chapter and hybridized over 200 beautiful varieties of azaleas.

Initially, he named his varieties after family members and close friends. Additionally, he contributed varieties to the chapter to auction for naming rights. Several years ago, he told **Carolyn Beck** that he could no longer spend the time and effort to continue naming his remaining numbered varieties. **Carolyn** offered to do it for him and **Bob** agreed with the condition that they be named after people who had contributed to the society or otherwise to the promotion of azaleas.

The presentation provided a background on **Bob** and his hybridization efforts and focused on the varieties named for contributors to the society and its goals.

As always, we were treated to excellent refreshments coordinated by our Hospitality Chair, **Sue Hedrick**.

Additionally, we held another of our popular plant exchanges. Members had the opportunity to take home a large variety of azaleas and companion plants.



Rick Bauer gives his presentation on Bob Stewart's azaleas – photo Kathy Jentz



Azaleas and companion plants in the exchange – photo Kathy Jentz

Meadowlark Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday - by Carolyn Beck

This fall, on a cool, bright day, our chapter had another workday in the Klimavicz Legacy Garden (KLG) at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens (MBG) in Vienna, Virginia. A group of seven, along with **Sarah Causey**, Horticulturist at MBG, completed several tasks in preparation for winter.

On occasion, deer manage to find a way to enter the garden, even though it is entirely enclosed with tall fencing. In an attempt to prevent them from munching on the azaleas, we inserted multiple tablets of Repellex in the ground around each plant. This should act as a deterrent for a full season.



Workday participants l-r Dave Nanney, Ralph Habegger, Hiep Pham, Sarah Causey, Paul Beck, Barb Kirkwood, David Meadows – photo Carolyn Beck

To help protect the azaleas roots from rapid shifts in temperatures, and to help maintain moisture, a layer of pine bark mulch was applied around each plant. Leaves were removed from the foliage.

Participants were **Barbara Kirkwood, Ralph Habegger, David Meadows, Dave Nanney, Hiep Pham, Carolyn** and **Paul Beck**.

We are hopeful that early spring will bring the opportunity to expand the planting of Klimavicz hybrids. This will depend, primarily, on the installation of additional irrigation. In the meantime, planning for this KLG extension project is underway. Several people will be working on the design aspects, and, if we get some much needed rain, we will schedule another workday in November to prepare the soil so that the planting can be done more efficiently.

ASA Convention Malvern, PA 7-10 May, 2025

The next ASA convention will be held in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and is being sponsored by Jenkins Arboretum. The chapter has had a great association with Jenkins over the past several years. We worked with them to develop a Holly Springs Legacy Garden and have contributed a large number of Satsuki and other varieties of azaleas.

Jenkins Arboretum is located in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and is surrounded by other beautiful gardens, a number of which we will visit as part of the convention. There are also others which you can visit on your own while in the area.



Holly Springs Legacy Garden in Jenkins Arboretum – photo Rick Bauer

The convention website is already online and taking reservations. The convention hotel, the Desmond, is also taking reservations at a special convention rate. All of the necessary information, along with a list of those who have already registered (including a large number of Northern Virginia Chapter members), is on the convention website at <https://azaleas.org/convention-2025/>.

This is a convention you shouldn't miss. It is only a three hour drive away from the Washington, D.C. area and is located in an historic area close to Valley Forge and Philadelphia.

Calendar for 2024

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Dec 8 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Calendar for 2025

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sunday 23 March	Spring Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Saturday 19 April- rain 4/26 or 4/27	Meadowlark Azalea Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Garden
May 7-9	ASA Convention	Jenkins Arboretum	Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, Pennsylvania
June 5 - 8, 2025	ARS Convention	ARS	Nova Scotia, Canada
Sunday 13 July	Cutting Exchange and Member yards	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Saturday 20 September	Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Beck Home
Sunday October 19th	Fall Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
December 7 (possibly 6 Dec) 1-4 pm	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

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.

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, 2024 – October 15, 2024

Balance as of 1/1/2024:

FVCB Savings.....	\$25,915.00
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,182.74
FVCB Checking	\$2,752.57
PayPal.....	\$451.03
Total	\$40,301.34

Balance as of 10/15/2024:

FVCB Savings.....	\$14,950.25
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,355.38
FVCB Checking	\$6,859.77
PayPal.....	\$503.55
Total	\$33,668.95¹

2024 Plant Sale Summary

Sale	Plants	Gross	Budget	Expenses	Net
2024 Member Only Sales	43	\$742.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$742.00
2024 Non-member Sales	22	\$514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$514.00
2024 Bonsai Sale	65	\$1,174.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,174.00
2024 Meadowlark x 2	189	\$3,492.00	\$5,000.00	\$352.20	\$3,139.80
2024 Fall Sale	263	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$1,354.00	\$2,961.00
Total	582	\$10,237.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,706.20	\$8,530.80

Significant 2024 Items

The most significant item from 2024 was the unexpectedly large total of the fall sale. There was a very good turnout from the NVBS, and approximately \$1,000 combined orders from LGBG and Laurel Hill personal purchases.

Plant sale net revenue was \$8,530.80, or 114% of the \$7,500 budget. The **Member-Only** sale this year was ad hoc, and was not very successful, yielding only \$742. Meadowlark plant sales were \$3,139.80, worse than expected, due mainly to bad weather on the first sale day.

Meadowlark is still a highly successful venue. This year we started offering the purchaser the option of paying the credit card fees for the fall sale. We collected \$50.41 against \$63.86 in fees. We will be offering the opportunity for purchasers to add the fees at all future sales.

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

Current cash on hand is \$33,668.95. Current obligations are \$5,455. We have lent Jenkins Arboretum \$10,000 interest-free to help with the 2025 convention. Our chapter is financially very healthy. The following are the recommended 2024 end of year donations:

\$1,000 Green Springs Title I
 \$7,500 Meadowlark Botanical Gardens - Irrigation
 \$1,000 ASA General Fund
 \$500 Kirkwood Church
\$10,000 Total donations

¹ Outstanding obligations of \$5,455 (Meadowlark). \$10,000 interest-free loan to Jenkins for 2025 convention

NV-ASA 2021-2024 Expenses and 2024-2025 Budgets

Category	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
INCOME	\$16,372.99	\$11,090.21	\$31,583.32	\$11,166.40	\$8,715.00	\$18,400.00
Interest Income	\$219.99	\$73.46	\$57.21	\$224.40	\$200.00	\$250.00
Dues	\$665.00	\$750.00	\$715.00	\$655.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Donations	\$447.00	\$27.75	\$1,168.60	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sales	\$15,041.00	\$10,239.00	\$29,642.51	\$10,237.00	\$7,565.00	\$11,200.00
Fall Sale	\$2,620.00	\$1,891.00	\$0.00	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Bonsai Society	\$1,613.00	\$1,751.00	\$2,024.00	\$1,174.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Member Only	\$6,440.00	\$2,580.00	\$1,417.00	\$742.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Meadowlark	\$4,368.00	\$2,888.00	\$5,028.00	\$3,492.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,129.00	\$703.00	\$514.00	\$65.00	\$200.00
Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,470.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Savings w/d						\$6,000.00
EXPENSES	\$13,150.07	\$21,156.28	\$13,583.27	\$11,787.67	\$8,715.00	\$18,400.00
Convention	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative	\$1,393.71	\$637.39	\$449.48	\$374.90	\$585.00	\$520.00
Mailings	\$55.00	\$11.60	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$612.38	\$184.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$82.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Website	\$94.85	\$32.99	\$100.99	\$142.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
CC/Bank Fees	\$251.17	\$168.48	\$125.09	\$170.78	\$150.00	\$150.00
Zoom	\$125.92	\$157.40	\$157.40	\$62.12	\$160.00	\$80.00
Clipper	\$254.39	\$0.00	\$252.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Donations	\$6,835.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00
Insurance	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Programs	\$190.68	\$200.95	\$39.74	\$61.23	\$350.00	\$350.00
Hospitality	\$40.68	\$200.95	\$39.74	\$61.23	\$200.00	\$200.00
Honorarium	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Meadowlark	\$430.00	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$349.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
Commission	\$430.00	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$349.20	\$500.00	\$500.00
Member Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Propagation	\$3,823.68	\$2,552.14	\$4,614.25	\$5,525.34	\$2,800.00	\$6,550.00
Supplies	\$3,378.46	\$2,477.14	\$3,528.11	\$2,265.75	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Purchases	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$1,022.61	\$3,155.00	\$800.00	\$4,000.00
Barcodes	\$445.22	0	\$63.53	\$104.59	\$0.00	\$50.00