



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event will have a speaker and plant exchange.

It will be held 6 October 1:30-4 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments will be provided by the chapter.

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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Meeting with Speaker on "Stewart Azaleas" and Plant Exchange - 6 October 1:30-4:00 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The next chapter meeting will be held on 6 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Rick Bauer will be giving a presentation on **Bob Stewart's** azaleas with a focus on the newly named varieties.



Bob Stewart's 'Wright as Rain' – photo C. Beck

Bob Stewart has been a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter since 1981. He was a prolific propagator of azaleas and had created a large number of beautiful varieties. This presentation will give brief background on **Bob** and his propagation efforts.

The main focus of the presentation will be on the initiative taken by **Carolyn Beck**, at **Bob's** request, to continue to name and register many of his remaining numbered varieties for individuals who had made contributions to the society and promotion of azaleas. The presentation will also be broadcast via Zoom. Instructions for logging on are at the end of this newsletter.

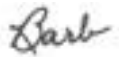
In addition to the presentation, we will have our ever-popular plant exchange. Please bring any extra plants you have to share with other members. Instructions for preparing the plants are at the end of this newsletter.

President's Message

Relief at last from the oppressive heat and dry hot summer. It took a toll on many of our plants and trees. I also saw a note come across social media saying our recommended tree planting months in Fairfax County have changed to 1 October through 31 May. Check to see if your local recommendations have shifted with our evolving weather patterns.

Thanks to Carolyn & Paul Beck, David Meadows, Ralph Habegger, George McLellan, Lars Larson, Bill Miller, Leslie Nanney, and White's Nursery for all the help putting together and running the fall sale at the Beck's home. Thanks to those who purchased plants this year as well as those who offered to pay the small fee the credit card companies charge for each purchase.

We are looking forward to another year of great programs for the NVASA, but we are in need of new leadership. You do not need to be an Azalea expert to do these jobs, but you do need to have some organization & people skills, and a desire to have fun and help others. Give me a call and I can give you details on officer duties (some things can even be done remotely).



Officers for 2025

Chapter officers serve one-year terms aligned with the calendar year. The officer slates are established prior to the chapter's annual meeting in December where they are voted on by the general membership.

The positions voted on each year are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Historically the same names appear as candidates for these positions. This is primarily due to the lack of members willing to step forward to take one of these leadership positions.

We'd like to encourage other chapter members to step forward to fill one of these positions. In particular, we are looking for candidates for president and vice-president.

If you are willing to serve or have any questions, contact Barb Kirkwood at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com prior to 1 November.

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 sizable portion of this revenue has been used to support other, primarily horticultural, organizations as well as the national society.

The amount of money available for donations is determined by the executive committee based on the chapter's end of year financial situation. In addition to the total amount available, the executive committee makes recommendations for organizations to receive

the donations as well as the amount. These recommendations are voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting.

We realize there may be other 501 (c) (3) organizations deserving of consideration for donations. In the past, these organizations have been identified at the annual meeting, without sufficient time for vetting. To preclude this occurring again, chapter members may submit their recommendations to the executive committee as well as justification for the donation (i.e., background on what the organization does and why they should be considered) to Paul Beck 703-209-2219 or pabeck@gmail.com prior to 1 November. All of the potential recipients will be published in the December **Clipper**.

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.

Calendar for 2024

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 6 1:30 – 4:00 pm	Fall Meeting w Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Dec 8 1:00 – 4:00 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

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).

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**.

Zoom session login information

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

NV-ASA Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8930825140?pwd=OVhNdjhHaWpaamNGR1lQWkVEa2xxdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 082 5140

Passcode: TS7E4i