

Joint Meeting: ARS and ASA

Speaker: Don Hyatt

***“Garden Art and Accents,
plus a Touch of Whimsy”***

***Where: Kirkwood Presbyterian
Church, 36 Carrleigh Pkwy,
Springfield, VA 22152***

Date: Sunday, March 23, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Our first gathering of the year will be a joint meeting of our Potomac Valley Chapter ARS with the Northern Virginia Chapter ASA. The program will be held on Sunday, March 23, in Springfield, VA, at the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. We will also have a plant exchange.

Over the years, Don Hyatt has collected images of garden art, accents in the landscape, and whimsical features he has seen on various tours. He is finally putting together a new talk that will touch on a broad range of artistic ideas used in gardens. He hopes you will enjoy it.

Many images were photographed on ARS and ASA garden tours such as the two at the above right. The smiling Friar was in Barbara Hall’s garden we toured at our Williamsburg convention. The fanciful monkey was in the garden of Blossom McBrier near Erie, PA.

He will cover a few projects including the transformation of a large tree trunk in Norm Beaudry’s garden. The artist created a huge sculpture with three woodpecker carvings. The first image shows Norm standing in front of the sculpture to give an appreciation of the scale. Carolyn Beck took the prize photo (far right) with the brilliant red Japanese maple foliage.



Cheerful Friar Statue

Barbara and Alton Hall Garden
2016 Williamsburg Convention



Fanciful Monkey Sculpture

Blossom McBrier Garden
2014 ARS Cleveland Convention



Bird Carvings: Transforming a Tree Trunk

Norm Beaudry

Comparison for Scale
(Don Hyatt photo)



Japanese Maple

Color Echo
(Carolyn Beck photo)



Brookgreen Sculpture Garden

"Diana of the Chase"

Famous Bronze Sculpture by
Anna Hyatt Huntington



Brookgreen Vista

Brilliant Caladiums provide
summer color in the garden

Don will show images of some temporary art exhibits as well as permanent displays he has seen at public gardens including the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, the Garden in the Woods, Longwood, and other places in the US. He also will include garden art from Canada, Germany, and the UK. Pictured to the left are images from Brookgreen Gardens in South Carolina which showcases the work of Anna Hyatt Huntington, one of the first female sculptors in the US to receive world-wide acclaim. The 9000-acre botanical garden is famous for its incredible display of tens of thousands of colorful caladiums which they use to help showcase her work.

Don's presentation will touch on some other artistic garden accents including water features, masonry additions, and innovative paving ideas.