

The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event will be a joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS).

Don Hyatt will be the speaker.

It will be held 23 March 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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Joint Meeting with Potomac Valley Chapter of the ARS 1:30 - 4:00 pm 23 March Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Chapter member **Don Hyatt** will be giving a presentation on "Garden Art and Accents, plus a Touch of Whimsy" on 23 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This will be a joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the ARS.

Over the years, **Don** 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.



Woodpecker carving in Beaudry garden – photo C. Beck



Many images were photographed on ARS and ASA garden tours such as the two above taken by Don. The smiling Friar was in **Barbara Hall's** garden which 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 image to the right shows **Norm** standing in front of the sculpture to give an appreciation of the scale. **Carolyn Beck** took the prize photo on the previous page with the brilliant red Japanese maple foliage.

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.



Norm Beaudry and woodpecker carving in his garden - photo D. Hyatt



Brookgreen Sculpture Garden

"Diana of the Chase"

Famous Bronze Sculpture
by Anna Hyatt Huntington



Brookgreen Vista

Brilliant Caladiums provide
summer color in the garden

Pictured to the left are photos by **Don** 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.

For those members who can't attend in person, we will also be broadcasting the presentation via Zoom. Information on how to access the presentation is at the end of this newsletter.

In addition to **Don's** presentation, we will also have one of our always popular plant exchanges. Information on how to prepare and label the plants is also at the end of this newsletter.

President's Message

Well, it certainly has been a winter. I hope the very cold temps this year have at least killed off some of the insect pests.

We have our convention coming up in Pennsylvania, just outside Philadelphia. This is practically in our own back yard and is drivable in less than four hours.

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President's Message -continued

If you have ever wondered what the conventions are like, NOW is the time to join in. We can work on some carpools if there is an interest.

Come join the spring meeting on 23 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian. Our own Don Hyatt will be presenting, and I expect to gain some inspiration on adding a bit of Whimsy to my own garden.

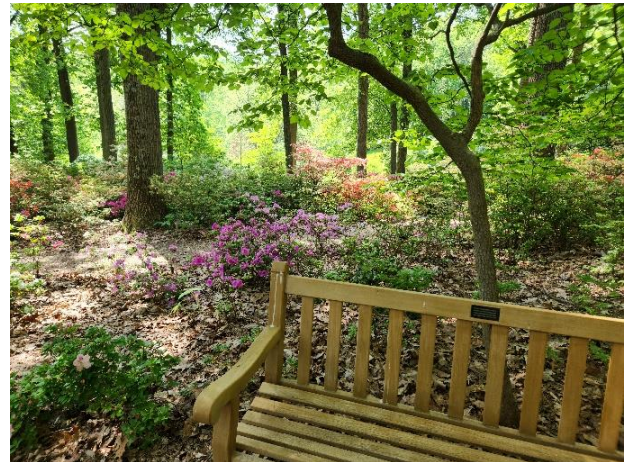
We have our one and only sale at Meadowlark coming up on April 19 with rain dates for April 26 or 27. We are always looking for our newer or less active members to come be friendly enthusiasts to help set up, share knowledge, and help others select new plants for their gardens. This sale will fund our donations to various garden related organizations. Here is a link for a [Signup Genius](#) or give me a call and let me know what times you are able to be there. Come for an hour or come all day and keep me company. It's always a lot of fun, and even I know more than most of the garden visitors who purchase our plants, so anyone in our group is qualified as a "specialist".

Barb

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.



Pete Vines bench in Holly Springs Legacy Garden in Jenkins Arboretum – photo R. Bauer

There are some beautiful gardens on the itinerary including Winterthur, Jenkins, Mt. Cuba, and Chanticleer. There are also a number of other gardens and other sights worth seeing in the area if you want to extend your stay.

The dates for the convention are May 7-9. Put it on your calendar. **Registrations must be made by April 8th, after which time a \$50 fee will be applied.** A full refund is available only for cancellations made before March 8, 2025.

The convention will be held at The Desmond Hotel in Malvern. Parking is free and a full hot breakfast is included with your reservation. 80 rooms have been reserved with a special

convention rate of \$169 per night Wednesday night through Friday night. 20 rooms have been held at the convention rate for both Tuesday night and Saturday night for those wishing to extend their stay. **Rooms must be reserved by April 8th to receive that rate.** Reservations made after that date will be subject to room availability and higher pricing.



Holly Springs Legacy Garden - photo R. Bauer

You can get more information at this [link](#).

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 a historic area close to Valley Forge and Philadelphia.

Linus Chen provided additional information on local venues in the Brandywine Valley: "For those of you planning to attend the ASA Convention in May, the United Kingdom YouTube channel "Garden Masterclass" has a video on "Private Gardens of Philadelphia" (a recently published book by **Nicole Juday**). It features the

photographer and author; the latter quickly mentions three gardens, including **David Culp's** "Brandywine Cottage" garden. (**David** also organizes the March Galanthus Gala). Though the video doesn't feature azaleas, hopefully the video will get you excited about the ASA convention. The video can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Membership Renewal

We still have members whose memberships expired on 31 December who have not yet renewed. Those members in that category should have received a message from the society treasurer advising them that they needed to renew their membership. Additionally, your membership expiration date is on the envelope containing the winter issue of **The Azalean**.

Please renew your membership as soon as possible. We hope you renew, however if you do not intend on renewing, please contact **Pat Insley** at membership@azaleas.org so that we don't have to keep bothering you with reminders.

Membership dues are \$30.00 per year with **The Azalean** in hard copy, and \$25.00 for online-only access to **The Azalean**. There are several ways of paying your dues which are shown on the society website at <https://www.azaleas.org/joinus/>. Memberships can easily be renewed by calling our membership administrator, **Pat Insley**, at (703) 597-7539 and providing a credit card number. You may also mail your membership renewal check, made out to **ASA**, to:

Pat Insley, Membership Administrator
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Calendar for 2025

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sunday 23 March 1:30- 4pm	Meeting with speaker Don Hyatt and plant exchange	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's yards presentations	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Saturday 20 September	Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Beck Home
Sunday 2 November	Fall Meeting with speaker Kathy Jentz	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
Sunday 7 December	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.

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=OVhNdjhHaWpaamNGR1IQWkVEa2xxdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 082 5140

Passcode: TS7E4i

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.