

May 2025 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

This is a big month for the society with the annual convention in the Brandywine Valley. Normally conventions are sponsored by society chapters. We are fortunate and thankful that this year's convention is being sponsored by Jenkins Arboretum in Devon, PA. We don't have any chapters in the area so this gives us the opportunity to see some wonderful gardens which we normally wouldn't visit during a convention.



The chapter has had a long relationship with Jenkins Arboretum, especially in helping them expand their collections. We worked with them in creating a Holly Springs Legacy Garden which was dedicated in May 2022. It will be great to see the progress after three years of growth.

A report on the convention will be in next month's message with a more detailed report in a future issue of ***The Azalean***.

Chapter Workday at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden 3 Apr – by Carolyn Beck



Dave Nanney spreads mulch --
Photo C. Beck

On Thursday, April 3rd, we held a workday in the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens (MGB) in Vienna, Virginia. The day started out a little damp due to some much needed rain during the night and into the early morning hours, but the air dried a little and the temperatures were fairly comfortable. So the six NV-ASA volunteers, along with a crew from MBG, were able to get a huge amount of work done.

In Section A (the original area) we raked the leaves, put down Holly Tone around all the Klimavicz azaleas, removed some tough Liriope that had spread into what will be a planting space for more Klimavicz hybrids, did a little pruning, weeded, and spread leaf mulch.

In section B we moved large rocks to the back of the bed, discarded small rocks, and

did a little weeding.

Over the summer, we are going to work on completing a design layout for both sections in preparation for fall planting.

The volunteers from NV-ASA were **Barb Kirkwood, Ralph Habegger, Dave Nanney, Leo Garcia, and Paul and Carolyn Beck.**



Final result of the workday - photo C. Beck

Chapter Plant Sale at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens 27 April 2025

The chapter held its first plant sale of the season at Meadowlark Gardens Botanical Garden in Vienna, VA. After being postponed due to bad weather, we had a beautiful day for the sale. We sold 82 plants for a total of \$2,123. Our thanks go to **Ralph Habegger, Joanne Neckel, Carol Bruch, Lars Larson, Craig Hudson, Bill Miller, Barb** and **John Kirkwood**, and **Carolyn** and **Paul Beck** for their help in making the sale a success.

Below are photos of the sale. More photos will be in next month's message.



Carolyn and Craig view the plant placement – photo - B. Kirkwood



Carolyn Beck and Carol Bruch setting up the azaleas for sale – photo B. Kirkwood



l-r Craig Hudson, Ralph Habegger, Paul Beck, Carol Bruch, Bill Miller, Lars Larson, foreground Barb Kirkwood – Photo C. Beck



Chapter President Barb Kirkwood with a special delivery – photo C. Beck

New Members

The chapter welcomes **Laurel Hill** from Mechanicsville, VA; **Elizabeth Trimble** from Baltimore, MD; **Lachelle Castellana** from Leesburg, and **Melissa Worthington** from Burke, VA.

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.

Below are pictures from the **Larson** garden.



Garden View



Girard's Hot Shot



Myuno No Tsuki



Summer Dream



Ruth Tichnor



Lovely Linda

White's Nursery Open House 16 and 17 May 2025 9am to 5pm

Chapter members **Deb & Mike White** would like to invite you to White's Nursery 2025 Spring Open House at 22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, MD 20876.

Satsukis for Sale

Chapter associate member **Lewie Phillips** has Satsuki azaleas for sale. His website is satsukionline.com.

Glenn Dale and other Azaleas for Sale

Chapter associate member **Ronnie Palmer** owns Azalea Hill Nursery in White Hall, Arkansas. He has a large number of Glenn Dale azaleas as well as other Legacy varieties for sale. His website is <https://azaleahillgardens-arkansas.com/>.

2025 Calendar of Upcoming Events –

Date	Event	Organization	Location
May 7-9	ASA Convention	Jenkins Arboretum	Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, Pennsylvania
May 16 and 17	White's Nursery Open House	White's Nursery	22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, MD 20876
June 5 - 8, 2025	ARS Convention	American Rhododendron Society	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

Other Activities/Notes –

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 authoring 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.