

September 2025 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Finally, we have received some relief from the oppressive heat we've been experiencing this summer. I had gotten used to working for two hours in the morning between 6 and 8 to avoid the worst of the heat. Today I had to put a jacket on since the temperature was in the low 60's. Hopefully this is the start of our normal fall weather.

Our next chapter event is a plant sale to be held at the home of **Paul** and **Carolyn Beck**. It is a great opportunity to purchase excellent azaleas, many of which have been hybridized by chapter and society hybridizers.



We're on the Web!

<https://www.nv-asa.org>

Chapter Plant Sale – 20 September (rain date 21 September)

On September 20th (rain date September 21st), the NV-ASA Member Plant Sale will take place in the **Beck's** yard. Hours will be 9:30-1:30. We would like volunteers to help with set-up on the morning of the day prior, and to assist customers on the day of. If you are able to assist with this sale, contact **Carolyn Beck** at (703) 860-5676 or carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com.

Groups that will be invited will include PVC-ARS and the NVBS (Northern Virginia Bonsai Society). NV-ASA members are encouraged to invite family and friends.

The **Becks** live at 2963 Fort Lee St., Oak Hill (or Herndon), VA 20171, phone number (703) 209-2219 (**Paul's** cell). Please park on the street and not near any mailboxes. If walking down our long driveway is a challenge, please call **Paul's** cell phone to arrange for motorized transport.

Klimavicz Legacy Garden – Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Vienna, VA

The chapter has worked with Meadowlark Botanical Gardens for several years in developing and maintaining a legacy garden of **Joe Klimavicz's** azaleas. Chapter members continue to develop and preserve the garden through periodic workdays. We hope you can assist in future workdays to support this project.

Barb Kirkwood has been working closely with the garden for several years through several changes in leadership. The most recent efforts are in developing signage for the garden. Draft versions of the signage have been developed, and we hope to have the final signage completed shortly. This will explain the background behind the Legacy Project, **Joe's** azaleas, and the efforts of the Northern Virginia Chapter, in conjunction with Meadowlark, in creating the garden. Hopefully we'll be able to share the final signage in next month's message.

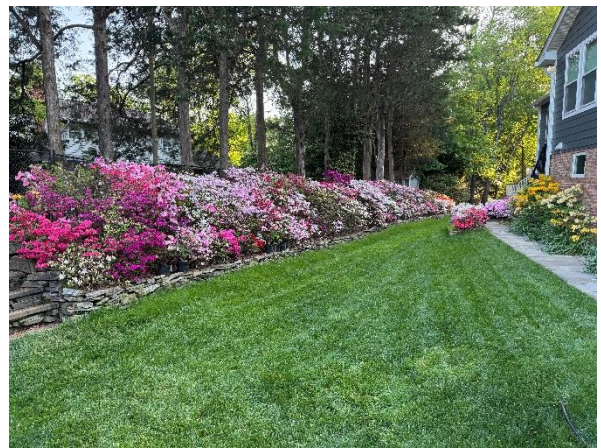
Chapter Meeting - 2 November Speaker Kathy Jentz

The next chapter meeting will be held on 2 November at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Chapter member and editor of **The Azalean**, **Kathy Jentz**, will be speaking on groundcovers to be used with azaleas and rhododendron. A selection of ground covers will be available for a modest cost. More information will be in next month's **Azalea 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 corresponding editor at rickfbauer@gmail.com.

Below are pictures from **Joe and Brenda Klimavicz's** garden. **Joe** is an avid hybridizer and much of his garden is used by **Joe** to evaluate his crosses.



New Members

The chapter welcomes Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, VA to the chapter. We have had a long relationship with Meadowlark in creating the Klimavicz Legacy Garden and in holding plant sales.

2025 Calendar of Upcoming Events –

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Saturday 20 Sept (rain date 21 Sept)	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 –

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/>.

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.