



The Azalea Clipper

Next Chapter Event:

The next chapter event will be our Holiday Social/ Annual Meeting. This is our annual potluck dinner and business meeting.

It will be held 7 December 1:00-4pm 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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Holiday Social and Annual Meeting 1:00 - 4pm – 7 December Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The chapter will be holding our annual Holiday Social and Annual Meeting on 7 December at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This is always an enjoyable event where we can socialize with our fellow members and enjoy tasty dishes, many of which are member favorites and eagerly awaited.



Chapter members enjoy a variety of delicious dishes prepared by fellow members at the 2024 social

The chapter will be providing the main meat course and members are requested to bring in their favorite appetizers, salads, casseroles, desserts etc.

To coordinate who is coming and dishes to share, we will have a SignUpGenius which can be accessed on any electronic device. We kept it simple, how many are coming, what will you bring, name and contact. You can access it through this link: [SignUp Genius](#). You can also see who has signed up and what they plan to bring. If you wish, you can also call/text/email **Barb Kirkwood** at 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com or **Diane Marcus** at (301) 983-1098 or dianelynn@starpower.net with your RSVP.

This event also serves as our annual meeting. The schedule for next year will be presented, officers will be elected, the financial report for 2024 will be presented, donations for 2024 will be recommended for approval and the budget for 2025 will be presented for chapter approval.

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The slate of officer candidates, recommended donations, financial report and proposed budget are attached at the end of this message.

As with all of our activities, we require members to help setup/take down decorations for the event. If you are able to help, contact **Barb Kirkwood** (call or text) 703-268-6958 or kirkwoodb@aol.com or **Diane Marcus** (301) 983-1098 or dianelynn@starpower.net.

President's Message

It's that time of year to renew your membership. Do it while you are thinking about it so the powers that be do not need to send you a reminder. This will be my last president's message as our board will have some changes for next year. It has been an honor to lead our group, and the horticultural friends I have made have filled my life with joy. I have learned so much from the expertise in our group. I wish you all have beautiful azaleas in the spring and that Bambi visits only your neighbor's yard. I'll reprise an updated poem from last year.

'Twas the holiday season
And all through the garden,
Not a creature was stirring
Not even a robin.



The azaleas are all tucked
In their wee winter rooms
In hopes that in spring
There'll be plenty of blooms.

Our Azalea Society members
will be gathering in good cheer
To visit, to feast and to vote
For next year.

Please join us on Sunday
December seven at one,
Be at Kirkwood Presbyterian
In rain, snow or sun.

Come with a smile.
Come with good dishes.
Let's ring in the holidays.
With loads of good wishes.



We do need to know about how many people are coming so ~~please~~ sign up on our [Signup Genius](#) or give me a call. This is a family event! Got kids? Bring them along. We all love sharing our garden enthusiasm with young people. Need a ride? Call me and I will try to connect you with someone nearby.

To those far away
Who can't join us today,
We wish you Happy Holidays
And many blossoms in May!

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workdays – November 7th and 13th

The chapter held its final workdays for the season at the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on 7 and 13 November. On the 7th had a great turnout of volunteers to dig holes, plant azaleas, water (carted in by water buffalo) and apply Repellex. The task was even more difficult since the ground was very hard due to the dry weather. We thank **Paul and Carolyn Beck, Barb Kirkwood, Leo Garcia, Lars Larson, Bill Miller, Hiep Pham, Dave Nanney, David Meadows, and Ralph Habbeger** for their hard work.



l-r David Meadows, Leo Garcia, Barb Kirkwood, Bill Miller, Paul Beck, Lars Larson, Ralph Habbegger, and Hiep Pham - photo Carolyn Beck

On the 13th, **Paul and Carolyn Beck, Ralph Habbegger, Hiep Pham, Bill**

Miller and David Meadows returned to the garden where they spread about five yards of mulch and watered all the new planting in Section B. Mounds of fallen leaves were piled onto the unplanted sections to help with weed suppression and a few crocus were planted to help welcome the spring.

More companion plants will be added in the future.

More photos are at the end of this message.

Ben Morrison End of Year Event – 10 December 10:45 am - Noon

Ben Morrison Chapter has invited our members to their end of the year event.

December 10, 2025, 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon Brookside Gardens Conservatory, 1500 Glenallen Avenue, Silver Spring 20902 (note: not 1800 Glenallen for the visitor center)

This event is free.

The conservatory will host the Washington, Virginia, Maryland Garden Train Society. On display will be various flowers and plants, including some sculptured mums, and of course several trains and carefully constructed mini-habitat.

A very interesting exhibit is a miniature Glen Echo Amusement Park, which is now part of the National Park Service.

For those interested, they will dine at Regina's restaurant in Wheaton at 12:30 PM.

Regina's (Greek-Italian) restaurant:

11423 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 2002

RSVP To **Budne (Reinke)** cell 301-943-4357 (call or text)

Calendar for 2025

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sunday 7 December	Holiday Social and Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Calendar for 2026

Date	Event	Organization	Location
22 March	Spring Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
To be scheduled	Meadowlark Workday	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
12-15 April	ASA Convention	ASA	Athens, Georgia
25 April- rain date 4/26	Meadowlark Sale	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
Late April	Takoma Park Garden Visit	NV-ASA	Takoma Park, Maryland
21-25 April, 2026	American Rhododendron Society (ARS) Convention	ARS	British Columbia, Canada
9 May or 30 May	Bonsai Day	NV-ASA	Beck Home
June 6 or 13	Meadowlark pruning workshop	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
12 July	Cutting Exchange and Member yards	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
To be scheduled	Meadowlark Workday	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
October 18	Fall Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
To be scheduled	Board Meeting	NV-ASA	To be determined
6 December	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

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**.

Klimavicz Garden Workday continued



David Meadows and Lars Larson dig holes for the new plantings` - photo B. Kirkwood



Dave Nanney and Carolyn Beck place the Klimavicz azaleas – photo B. Kirkwood



Bill Miller plants a Klimavicz azalea - photo B. Kirkwood



Carolyn Beck prepares a hole for a Klimavicz azalea - photo B. Kirkwood

Garden Photos

While we are at the end of November, some of us surprisingly still have gardens in bloom. These blooms include fall blooming azaleas such as the Encore series. Below are some photos from member gardens.



Encore in Barb Kirkwood's garden - photo B. Kirkwood



Tina's Whorled in Larson garden – photo L. Larson



Swansong in Lars Larson's garden – photo L. Larson



Encore Autumn Royalty and Autumn Twist in the Bauer garden – photo R. Bauer



MP Humdinger and August to Frost in Bauer Serenity Garden – photo R. Bauer



Japanese Maple acquired at the 2009 ASA convention in Herndon – photo R. Bauer



Encore Autumn Twist with Witch Hazel tree– photo R. Bauer

Annual Meeting

Officer Candidates

President – Rick Bauer
Vice President – Laurel Hill
Treasurer – Paul Beck
Secretary – Pat Insley

Recommended Donations for 2025

Jenkins Arboretum - \$2000
Green Springs Title 1 - \$1000
ASA General Fund - \$2500
Kirkwood Presbyterian - \$500



Northern Virginia Chapter, Azalea Society of America

Treasurer's Report, January 1, 2025 – November 14, 2025

Balance as of 1/1/2025:

FVCB Savings.....	\$4,961.37
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,397.68
FVCB Checking	\$4,428.27
PayPal.....	\$0.00
Total	\$20,787.32

Balance as of 11/14/2025:

FVCB Savings.....	\$19,986.48
FVCB 2-yr CD.....	\$11,632.82
FVCB Checking	\$3,802.55
PayPal.....	\$0.00
Total	\$35,421.85¹

2025 Plant Sale Summary

Sale	Plants	Gross	Budget	Expenses	Net
2025 Member Only Sales	30	\$583.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$583.00
2025 Non-member Sales	13	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$345.00
2025 Convention		\$5,649.50	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,649.50
2025 Meadowlark	81	\$2,098.00	\$4,000.00	\$342.30	\$1,755.70
2025 Bonsai Sale	0	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2025 Fall Sale	141	\$2,398.00	\$3,000.00	\$446.00	\$1,952.00
2025 Nov 2 Meeting Sale	80	\$415.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$130.00
Total		\$11,488.50	\$11,000.00	\$1,073.30	\$10,415.20

Significant 2025 Items

The most significant item from 2025 was the unexpectedly large revenue from the convention hosted by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. All of the plant sales were under budget, and in the case of Meadowlark, significantly under budget. Even though the weather was great, the turnout was much below prior years. Note also that we did not have a Bonsai sale due to scheduling conflicts. Net plant sale revenue was \$11,488.50, or 104% of the \$11,000 budget. The **Member-Only** sale this year was ad hoc, and was not very successful, yielding only \$583. Meadowlark plant sales were worse than expected; however, Meadowlark is still a highly successful venue. We collected \$68.71 in credit card fees against \$63.95 charged by PayPal.

Suggested Club Donations, to be voted upon at the business meeting:

Current cash on hand is **\$35,421.85**. Current obligations are \$2,955. Our chapter is financially healthy. The following are the proposed 2025 end of year donations:

\$1,000 Green Springs Title I
 \$2,000 Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens
 \$2,500 ASA General Fund
 \$500 Kirkwood Church
\$6,000 Total donations

¹ Outstanding obligations of \$2,955 (Meadowlark).

Category	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
INCOME	\$11,090.21	\$31,583.32	\$11,351.85	\$12,725.11	\$12,400.00	\$5,900.00
Interest Income	\$73.46	\$57.21	\$272.85	\$245.82	\$250.00	\$300.00
Dues	\$750.00	\$715.00	\$655.00	\$720.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Donations	\$27.75	\$1,168.60	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
CC Fees				\$70.79		\$50.00
Sales	\$10,239.00	\$29,642.51	\$10,374.00	\$11,488.50	\$11,200.00	\$4,700.00
Fall Sale	\$1,891.00	\$0.00	\$4,315.00	\$2,398.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Bonsai Society	\$1,751.00	\$2,024.00	\$1,174.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Member Only	\$2,580.00	\$1,417.00	\$742.00	\$583.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Meadowlark	\$2,888.00	\$5,028.00	\$3,492.00	\$2,098.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,129.00	\$703.00	\$651.00	\$760.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Convention	\$0.00	\$20,470.51	\$0.00	\$5,649.50	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$21,156.28	\$16,583.27	\$20,798.85	\$6,925.98	\$12,400.00	\$5,900.00
Convention	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative	\$637.39	\$449.48	\$450.13	\$544.61	\$520.00	\$345.00
Mailings	\$11.60	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$184.24	\$0.00	\$75.23	\$24.35	\$25.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$82.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Website	\$32.99	\$100.99	\$142.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mileage				\$159.20	\$0.00	\$50.00
CC/Bank Fees	\$168.48	\$125.09	\$170.78	\$65.48	\$150.00	\$75.00
Zoom	\$157.40	\$157.40	\$62.12	\$120.58	\$80.00	\$70.00
Clipper	\$0.00	\$252.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$5,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Insurance	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$477.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Programs	\$200.95	\$39.74	\$212.61	\$89.34	\$350.00	\$325.00
Hospitality	\$200.95	\$39.74	\$212.61	\$89.34	\$200.00	\$175.00
Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Meadowlark	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$1,234.20	\$212.30	\$500.00	\$300.00
Commission	\$288.80	\$502.80	\$349.20	\$212.30	\$500.00	\$300.00
Cost of goods	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Propagation	\$2,552.14	\$4,614.25	\$5,924.91	\$5,602.73	\$6,550.00	\$2,450.00
Supplies	\$2,477.14	\$3,528.11	\$2,665.32	\$2,558.73	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
Purchases	\$75.00	\$1,022.61	\$3,155.00	\$2,054.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Barcodes	0	\$63.53	\$104.59	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Labor				\$990.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00