

February 2026 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy Groundhog Day. As we recover from last weekend's storms, I hope Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow. I think many of us are looking forward to spring and getting back into our gardens.

Vice President **Laurel Hill** is working on finalizing our speakers for this year. We plan on having the first part of this year finalized this month and will provide this information to our members in next month's **Azalea Clipper**.



We're on the Web!
<https://www.nv-asa.org>

As you are aware, our chapter makes contributions to several organizations at the end of the year. One of these organizations is the Friends of Green Springs (FROGS) to support the Title 1 program. **Linda Nordstrom**, President of FROGS, has provided information in this newsletter on how FROGS supported Title 1 in 2025.

2026 Azalea Society Convention 12 – 15 April, Athens, Georgia

This year's Azalea Society convention will be held in Athens, Georgia. The convention was last held in Athens in 2013. There are some beautiful public and private gardens on the itinerary and some great speakers.

The hotel for the convention is the Spring Hill Marriott Athens West. The rate is \$149 per night plus taxes. This rate is good until 30 days before the convention start.

Don't miss out on attending. Registration is now open. More information on the convention program and links to convention and hotel reservations are on the [ASA website](#).

Best Article and Society Officer Voting

Annually, in conjunction with the timing of the society convention, members vote on the best 2025 article in **The Azalean** and half of the society officer positions (the other half are elected in alternate years). In the past this was done manually through paper ballots. ASA Webmaster **Paul Beck** put this process online. Members may vote for up to three articles in **The Azalean** and vote for (or write in) one candidate for each officer position. Voting must be done by 15 March. To access the online ballot, [click here](#).

2026 Society Membership

Society membership runs from 1 January to 31 December each year. A number of our chapter members have lapsed memberships. Membership dues are reasonable and go primarily to the publication of our journal, **The Azalean**.

Membership expiration dates can be found on your membership file on the ASA website or on the cover of the envelope containing your copy of **The Azalean**. You have the option of setting up an automatic renewal using PayPal. An easy way to renew is through the ASA website [membership page](#). If you have difficulty using online registration, you can also

download a form to send in with your membership with a check written on a US bank in US dollars. Finally, if you have any difficulties or questions, contact the ASA Membership Administrator, **Pat Insley**, at (703) 597-7539 or membership@azaleas.org.

Green Spring Gardens Title 1 Program by Linda Nordstrom, President, Friends of Green Springs (FROGS)



The Friends of Green Spring Gardens (FROGS) thank you for your contribution toward funding the Title 1 School Field Trips at Green Spring Gardens (GSG).

Green Spring Gardens offers six unique field trips for students in pre-K through fifth grade. Each trip features three engaging “stations” tailored to each grade level. Group sizes range from as few as 20 students to as many as 100, with most trips

accommodating 60–90 students. Field trips include: Green and Growing Gardens, Fantastic Flora and Fauna, Metamorphosis and More, Predator and Prey, Soil Secrets, and VA Ecosystems.

Schools pay a fee for student participation in these field trips, and FROGS subsidizes this cost for Title 1 schools. In 2025, the GSG Youth and Family team, along with trained volunteers, led 83 school field trips—20 of which served Title 1 schools (25%). A total of 4,783 students attended, including 1,384 Title 1 students.

2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Organization	Location
22 March	Spring Meeting – with speaker	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 w Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
To be scheduled	Meadowlark Workday	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
October 18	Fall Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Date	Event	Organization	Location
To be scheduled	Board Meeting	NV-ASA	To be determined
6 December	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

Other Activities/Notes –

Bowie Mills Cuttings Needed - Rick Edwards, the legacy lead for the Bowie Mills azaleas, is still looking for five varieties of Bowie Mills. If you have these varieties and can send him cuttings, please contact him at rickedwards098@gmail.com.

1. Aunt Bess
2. Debbie Beth
3. Dorothy King
4. Layne Ashlee
5. Susan Lynn

Satsukis for Sale - Chapter associate member **Lewie Phillips** has Satsuki azaleas for sale. His website is <https://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.