



The Azalea Clipper

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It will be held 18 October 1:30-4:00 pm at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

We're on the Web!

<https://www.nv-as-a.org>

The Northern Virginia Chapter web page is a great source for late breaking news, such as weather-related cancellations.

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Chapter meeting with Speaker and Plant Exchange – 18 October 1:30-4:00 pm, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Our next meeting will be held on 18 October at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. **Kara McCall**, Executive Director of [Red Wiggler Care Farm](#) will share the farm's mission and work.



She will cover therapeutic horticulture concepts and discuss the [Care Farming Network](#). Care farming is “the **intentional integration** of agricultural practices with therapeutic interventions to promote health, well-being, and belonging.” They “provide care and support to **diverse populations**, such as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), veterans, trauma survivors, and people in recovery.” The presentation will be broadcast via Zoom. Instructions for accessing are available on page 3. We hope you're able to join us.

Our planned Bonsai Society plant sale did not take place this year. As a result, we have plants available for sale to our members in advance and at this meeting. A list of the plants is on the [Northern Virginia website](#). Members who want to order plants, but will not be attending the meeting, may pick them up at the Beck's by arrangement ahead of time. Let them know so that they do not bring your plants to the meeting. Fall is a great time to buy known varieties and to plant them.

Finally, we will have our last plant exchange for the year. Bring your extra plants to share and add plants to your collection. Instructions on preparing the plants are on page three of this message.

President's Message

Happy Fall. We just ended a very hot, and in many cases, dry summer. I'm enjoying working in the garden again and don't have to limit it to 6-9am in the morning.

Our upcoming meeting should be an interesting one. I had never heard of the Care Farming Network, though I had heard of farm related activities involving animals being incorporated in some therapy regimens. This approach appears to focus on gardening.

We also have another workday in the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark. These are normally scheduled close to the date to take into account the predicted weather conditions. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile activity, contact **Carolyn Beck** and she will notify you directly when these opportunities are scheduled.

Finally, we have one more opportunity this year to add to our plant collections with our final plant exchange of the year and a sale of named variety azaleas. I hope you can join us.



Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday – 1 October

The chapter developed the Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and continues to maintain and expand the garden. This is done through periodic workdays. A number of our members have volunteered to participate in these workdays. Since they are dependent on favorable weather reports, they are normally scheduled shortly before the day we are working. **Carolyn Beck** contacts those members who have volunteered, and notifies them of the scheduled date.

Our next workday is 1 October with another tentatively scheduled for the week of 5 October. If you are interested in volunteering for either or both of these days, please contact **Carolyn** at (703) 860-5676 or carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com.

Azalea Society Convention 2028

Azalea Society conventions are typically sponsored by individual chapters. The Society is approaching its 50th anniversary. The Northern Virginia chapter was one of the original chapters in the society, being formed in 1980. We have volunteered to host the 2028 convention.

In July we signed the contracts for the convention hotel, the Crowne Plaza in Herndon. It is the same hotel we used for the 2009 convention. It will be newly renovated when we hold the convention.

The convention will be held 21-23 April 2028. At this time our plan is (subject to sufficient interest) to offer an optional additional day of garden tours on 24 April.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

4 inch pots needed

Carolyn Beck is looking for 4" square pots and 15-cell trays to hold them, new or used. These are needed for the 2028 convention plant sale. If you have pots, contact **Carolyn** at carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com or (703) 860-5676.

Calendar for 2026

Date	Event	Organization	Location
1 Oct and week of 5 Oct	Klimavicz Legacy Garden Workday	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
15 October	Board Meeting	NV-ASA	Zoom
18 October	Fall Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian
6 December	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian

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=OVhNdjhHaWpaamNGR1IQWkVEa2xudz09>

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 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**.