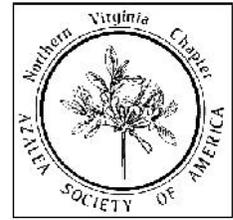


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NEXT
CHAPTER MEETING:

DEC 4 1:00 - 5

**HOLIDAY
PARTY**

FAIRFAX
Home of the Larsons

Directions on p. 2

REFRESHMENT DUTY –
Everyone: Please bring a dish to share



The last meeting featured the Norfolk Botanical Garden's acquisition plan for the Glenn Dales. **Marcus Jones**, top picture on left, spoke about the plans. **Barbara Bullock**, of the National Arboretum, discussed the history and features of their Glenn Dale Collection. **Dan Krabill**, second from left, spoke about the plants, leading the discussion and voting for favorites, assisted by **Don Hyatt**.



The club is considering publishing a directory. If you do NOT want some information public (address? phone number? email?) let us know.

Carolyn Beck is looking for greenhouse space for her large collection of club plants. Please contact her if you can help out.



Party at Norma's: Phil and Eve



Catching up: Val, Carol, Leslie, Lee



Lee is READY!

The Holiday party will have a small business component as we will discuss the budget, donation recipients and amounts, have an election of officers and cover any other business as it is brought to our attention.

The choice of which food item to bring is up to you and with luck all of the major food groups will be represented: sugar, salt, fat and chocolate. Hopefully some of you will bring more substantial fare...

As in prior years, we will be holding a gift exchange at the Holiday Party. If you would like to participate bring a wrapped gift, appropriate for any of us, with a value of \$10 or less.

Lars & Jean Larson

5785 Ladues End Court, Fairfax, VA 22030-4629

From **I-66** exit onto **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100)** south

After stoplight at Pope's Head Road, continue south about 1 mile to second exit

Exit right onto **Ladues End Lane** and immediately turn left onto **Ladues End Court**. Follow road for 1/4 mile, 5785 is the first house on the left

From **I-95** South, exit onto **Highway 123** north

Exit onto **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100)** North

After stoplight at Burke Centre Parkway, continue north about 1 mile

Exit left at first intersection onto **Ladues End Lane** and continue as in the previous paragraph.

From **I-395/I-495 Springfield**, exit onto **Old Keene Mill Road**

Continue west about 6 miles until it intersects with **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100)**

Turn right onto Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) north. About 1 mile beyond Burke Centre Parkway exit left at the first intersection onto **Ladues End Lane** and continue as above.

**Follow the driveway to the house, park around the right by the garage or on the circle.
Late arrivals: along driveway or along road.**

From the President

As our year draws to a close and we prepare for the holidays, I look back on the past year with a sense of satisfaction. We have tried to offer programs of interest to our members, building upon enhancements instituted in previous years. We have had interesting programs and speakers, plant exchanges with excellent participation by members, a successful plant sale at Green Springs Garden and an enjoyable and successful auction.

We had an incredible trip to Charlottesville to tour local gardens and enjoyed the hospitality of their gracious owners. A special thanks goes to Fran Boninti for making all of the arrangements in Charlottesville and for hosting dinner for the chapter at her home.

Many of us attended the national convention in Evansville, Indiana and enjoyed the beautiful gardens there and in Vincennes. We also participated with the American Rhododendron Society in restoring native azaleas to Hooper Bald.

One of the most exciting activities was initiating a collaborative effort with the Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG) to expand their Glenn Dale collection. We have made significant progress in implementing this program and I think that the associations we have developed will be mutually beneficial to NBG and our chapter into the future.

As we enter the new year, we hope to build on the past. We will continue to offer interesting programs for our members, continue our collaboration with NBG and embark upon a new initiative, the "Legacy Project," to document the work of our local hybridizers and maintain copies of their cultivars. None of what we have accomplished could have been done without the hard work of our members. I hesitate thanking each by name (you always miss someone), but I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the outstanding efforts of Carolyn and Paul Beck and the other members of the Executive Committee. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the holiday social.

Rick

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March 25 NVASA Meeting with speaker
May 4-8 Asheville, NC ASA/ARS Joint Convention
May 19 NVASA Plant Sale, Greenspring Gardens
July 15 NVASA Cutting Exchange
September 16 NVASA Plant Auction
October 14 NVASA Executive Committee Meeting
October 28 NVASA Meeting with speaker
December 2 Holiday Party

Note: the 4 officers listed below are also candidates for their positions

President: Rick Bauer

Vice President: Carolyn Beck

Secretary: Mary Hoioos

Treasurer: Paul Beck

**Corresponding Secretary and Clipper Editor:
Barry Sperling**