



The Azalea Clipper

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The Beaudry Garden, *Jean and Norman Beaudry*

The next NVAASA chapter meeting will be held at the George Mason District Library in Annandale on **February 3rd at 1:30 PM**. The speakers for this meeting are Jean and Norman Beaudry, who are members of the Azalea Society and reside in Bethesda, Maryland.

Jean Beaudry is a native Washingtonian. She and her husband, Norman, have been interested in gardening, especially with rhododendrons and azaleas, since the mid 1960's. They currently garden on three acres in Bethesda which they purchased from Cornelia and Spencer (Sandy) Sanders, fellow members of Potomac Valley Chapter ARS in 1985.

The presentation at this meeting will cover the current garden and how it has evolved from a wooded garden with additional azaleas and hollies to the plant collection it is today.

Elections of chapter officers will be held at the beginning of the business session.

There will be refreshments, as usual. *Please check the Refreshment Duty notice below to see if you should bring some goodies to eat.* ☺

Chapter Officer Election

Election of officers for the chapter is normally scheduled for the last meeting of a calendar year. Unfortunately, the winter weather caused us to cancel that meeting in December 2007. The election is now scheduled for this upcoming meeting on February 3rd 2008. The nominating committee has offered the following slate:

- President – Eve Harrison
- Vic President – Rick Bauer
- Secretary – Rosie Field
- Treasurer – David Nanney

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Please be prepared to cast your vote.

Refreshment Duty—

For this meeting, the duty falls to those whose last names begin with the letters—

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District Library
Annandale,
VA —
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From the President

Eve Harrison

Happy New Year! I sound a bunch happier than I actually am, though if anyone has been reading the yahoo azaleas questions site, you certainly know by now that my entire garden was attacked by up to 20 deer in the last two weeks! I had just sprayed my reliable Liquid Fence two days before and woke up to see all 5 of my 5' Euonymous Greenspires denuded and eaten down! In a panic I re-sprayed them, thinking I must have forgotten them in the rush of doing the entire garden. Next morning, all 11 evergreen aucubas were treated to the same destruction and as time went on one set of plants after the other was attacked, including all sasanqua camellias! I'm still in the throes of trying to stop the destruction and prevent further damage. Tune in next time.

I'm sure everyone was equally disappointed that we were unable to have our annual Christmas party in December due to reports of a huge ice storm forecast for the Valley. The better part of valor encouraged us to cancel the party since several of our most westerly located members were due to be iced in. By 9:30 a.m. the day of the party the ice had melted and I do think I could hear collective groans emanating from the whole of Northern Virginia up the valley to us! No worry from a food standpoint- I put the freshly made apple pie in the freezer along with the ham for a proposed azalea spring picnic..date yet to be determined.

Norma Merritt went out of her way to plan a marvelous party for us, including having her grand piano available for carols and we are very grateful for all

the care she took. I hope we can try again on another date when the weather isn't such a threat. Thank you, Norma.

Speaking of the auction, I spoke with Merrifield Garden Center this morning about the possibility of having another auction there at Fair Oaks again and we got the Green Light along with many thanks! Looks like lots of planning will be in the works over the coming months. Please be sure to tag any plants you will consider donating to the event as you see them bloom this spring. Pictures and/or descriptions will be very helpful to accompany each plant to the auction. We have the option of Aug. 24th or 31st for the date, so after discussions at the Feb. 3 meeting we can go ahead and firm up a date with the garden center.

We all offer our very best wishes to Phil Louer for a speedy recovery from his recent back surgery. Phil does an excellent job of getting out our Clipper each time, no matter what! Send him any ideas or news from your gardens.

After many months I will be so excited to see you all again. Think "No Snow" on Feb. 3!!!

All the best!

Eve

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Azalea Society Membership

Membership in the ASA runs from January to December each year, and dues notices were sent to members last October.

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in your payment as soon as possible. Dan Krabill is our ASA Treasurer.

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DIRECTIONS TO GEORGE MASON BRANCH LIBRARY

The George Mason Branch Library is located at 7001 Little River Turnpike (Route 236) in Annandale, VA. It is on the south side of Little River Turnpike at the intersection of **Hillbrook Dr.** to the south and **Evergreen Lane** to the north — between the Capital Beltway, I-495, and the Shirley Highway, I-395.

- ◆ **From the Beltway I-495:** go east on Route 236 about 1.70 miles to Hillbrook; the library is on the right at the corner.
- ◆ **From Shirley Hwy. I-396:** go west about 2.75 miles to Hillbrook. Turn left to the library on the corner.