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## Relocation Experiences, *Eve and Bob Harrison*

Have you ever moved from one location to another and, in the process, moved hundreds of azaleas, rhododendrons, and other flowers? If you have, then maybe you can sympathize with Eve and Bob Harrison, who did just that over the last year. They moved from near Harpers Ferry, WV to a larger acreage near Stanley, VA in the Shenandoah Valley.

Eve and Bob will try to do justice to their many experiences in establishing a garden where the ground was washed down the hillside after 25 years of hogs trampling and eating everything except Burdock, a hideous weed that is nearly impossible to kill unless it is attacked young. They plan to have pictures to pass around. Who knows, maybe you will need to make a similar relocation someday, and you can learn from their experience.

**The meeting is scheduled for the George Mason Library in Annandale. Directions are on the back.**

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



### From the President *Dan Krabill*

In less than three months we will once again be enjoying wonderful displays of color provided by azaleas in our gardens and throughout the Washington area. I wandered around our yard the last two weekends and noticed that, unless we get a late frost that kills buds, this should be a very good year for blooms. I also have been taking care of about 300 rooted cuttings and other small plants that seemed too small to survive the winter outside. The new growth on these plants as the days start to get longer is a sign to me of better things to come in a few months. I am also working to expand one of my azalea beds, by burning old firewood and removing ivy, as the number and size of my azaleas get bigger and the size of the lot stays the same.

This should be a good year for our Northern Virginia Chapter of ASA, based on what is planned so far. Typically, we have four meetings with speakers during the year, plus a cuttings exchange and a plant auction. We also hope to have a tour of member gardens in the spring. This year, the ASA's national convention will be in and around Montgomery County, Maryland from May 12 to 14, with an opportunity for a post-convention tour

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*Azalea Chapter Meeting  
Sunday  
February 5th at  
George Mason  
District Library  
1:30 P.M. EST  
Directions are  
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### REFRESHMENT DUTY —

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



### **K through P**

For our next meeting in April 2006, the duty will fall to those whose last names begin with Q through Z.

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the following Monday and Tuesday, first at the Louers' garden in Haymarket and then along the Blue Ridge Parkway. This year's convention will be a joint meeting of the ASA and the American Rhododendron Society.

Our first meeting of 2006 on Sunday, February 5 will provide an opportunity to learn from two of our members the pleasures and otherwise of moving a huge and beautiful garden of azaleas, rhododendrons, and all kinds of other plants some 60 to 70 miles. Eve and Bob Harrison seem to have survived the move well and are eager to tell us and show us about their venture. I look forward to the meeting, and eventually to seeing their new garden and home.

I hope you will join us on February 5. We will also have a brief business meeting. Please bring ideas of the types of programs that would be of interest to you at future meetings.

Dan Krabill, President

**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING—**  
APRIL 2ND  
LOCATION AND PROGRAM TBA

## Dues Payments

Please note the year posted on the top of your mailing label. If the year is **2005**, your dues payment has not been received by Bob Steloh, ASA Treasurer, at 65 Sierra Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28739. **Please contact Bob; do not let your membership lapse.**

## 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 in the south side of Little River Turnpike at the intersection of **Hillbrook Dr.** to the south and **Evergreen La.** to the north— between the **Capitol 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 this corner.
- **From Shirley Hwy. I-395:** go west about **2.75 miles** to Hillbrook. Turn **left** to the library on the corner.

## Previous Chapter Meeting

The previous meeting was, in fact, a social gathering in observance of the upcoming holiday time at the home of Dan and Barbara Krabill. Dan had a DVD player set up with the TV and we got to see lots of photos of azaleas. Also, everyone brought a covered dish so we enjoyed a "fulfilling" afternoon.

Dan informed us that our chapter would now be hosting the ASA Convention in the year 2009. That is really not very far off, so plans will have to be formulated in the near future.

Certainly everyone enjoyed the afternoon at the Krabills' home. We express great appreciation to Dan and Barbara for hosting our gathering, especially on Dan's birthday. It was very gracious of them.

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