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Annual Chapter Azalea Plant Auction, *Membership*

Our next meeting is the annual azalea plant auction on Sunday August 27th at **1:30 PM EDT**. The meeting will be held at **Phran's Azalea Trails**, (the home of chapter members Frances and Phil Louer) near Haymarket, VA. Travel directions are on page two.

Our plant auction is a particularly good opportunity for those new to growing azaleas, and for those who may have only a few varieties. As such, it is a good meeting to invite guests who are also looking for special azaleas grown by Society members.

Also, if there is a member of another chapter you would like to invite, or a member of our chapter whom you have not seen for a while, or a gardener friend, please give them a call and encourage them to come.

The proceeds from this auction augment the chapter treasury. Extra funds will be needed to prepare for the annual convention to be held here in 2009.

If you do not have plants to bring for auction, by all means come anyway. You will have fun watching eager bidders.

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*

On Sunday, August 27 we will have our annual plant auction at the home of Frances and Phil Louer. An extra benefit of meeting at the Louers' house is their large azalea garden, which is beautiful throughout the year. Thank you Frances and Phil for hosting this meeting. Driving instructions for getting to their house are elsewhere in the Clipper.

Please come, especially if you are a new member, whether or not you have any plants to donate to the auction. The plant auction provides all of us with the opportunity to acquire additional azaleas for our gardens at modest prices.

If you have them, please donate azaleas of any size. Extra cuttings from a previous year's cuttings exchange make good auction plants – I usually want one or two of each variety I select at the cuttings exchanges, and am almost always successful in rooting either all or none of the cuttings I receive. If you can bring photos of plants you are donating, they will be very helpful to people looking to buy. Also, please feel free to bring plants other than azaleas.

This is probably the best meeting of the year for inviting guests. If you have friends or neighbors who like azaleas and have room for more in their gardens, please invite them.

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REFRESHMENT DUTY —

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

A through J

For our next meeting in September 2006, the duty will fall to those whose last names begin with K through P.

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Despite 100-degree weather for nearly a week, my azaleas have done well this summer, with the exception of those unfortunate to have been planted near the back fence. Those plants got a strong dose of my neighbor's Round-Up or other herbicide. I have been amazed during the last month or so to see seemingly dead plants, which had shown no sign of life for more than a month, gradually recover and grow leaves despite the weather. Still, I have lost a few plants that will be hard to replace. What this tells me is to never throw away a dead-looking plant that you really want, unless you have given it plenty of time to recover.

I look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Dan Krabill, President

PREVIOUS CHAPTER MEETING—JULY 9TH

We enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch and a relaxing afternoon at Eve and Bob Harrison's new location near Luray, VA. It is a beautiful setting on a hill in front of a large mountain and the National Park. Following lunch, we took a tour of their developing garden, observing how wonderfully Eve is planning the garden in the natural setting of trees and terrain.

The azalea cutting exchange took place next with everyone satisfied with their 'takeaways'. A short business meeting addressed early preparation plans for our hosting the National Convention in 2009.

Thanks a bunch to Eve and Bob for having us—it was a great to visit their remote location in the mountains.

Directions to Phran's Azalea Trails

Take I-66 to Exit 40. Turn north on Route 15—James Madison Highway -towards Leesburg for about 3 1/2 miles.

Just **before** the traffic light and 7-Eleven at Sudley Road (Route 234), turn left on Waterfall Road (Route 601).

Go one mile to Padgett Drive. Turn right on Padgett for one block; then turn right on Palmer Lane. **Phran's Azalea Trails** is the third house on the left. *The travel time is about 40 minutes from the Beltway.*

An alternative is to depart I-66 at Exit 47 and take Sudley Road (Route 234) north through the Battlefield for about 10 miles to the traffic light at James Madison Highway (Route 15). Turn left for 100 yards and turn right on Waterfall Road (Route 601). Follow directions as above on waterfall Road.



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**NEXT CHAPTER MEETING—
OCTOBER 29TH—
“PLANTS THAT HOLD A GARDEN
TOGETHER”
KAREN REXRODE**

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