



# The Azalea Clipper

Northern Virginia Chapter, Azalea Society of America

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## Plants That Hold a Garden Together, *Karen Rexrode*

The speaker for this meeting is **Karen Rexrode**, formerly the manager of Windy Hill Plant Farm. She is a noted plants woman and speaker and will speak on **"The Supporting Cast: Plants that Hold A Garden Together"**. Karen will share information about the plants she relies on to keep a garden exciting through deer attacks, humid summers, dry spells, soggy springs and insect infestations. She'll look beyond flowering capabilities and will concentrate on long-lasting attributes. Karen is as passionate about plants as any of us, so please attend the meeting to hear her thoughts.

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

The annual election of chapter officers will be held during the business session at this meeting. The following persons have been nominated:

- President—Eve Harrison
- Vice President — Barry Sperling
- Secretary — Jane Newman
- Treasurer — David Nanney

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

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*

The temperature was below 40 degrees this morning (Saturday, October 14), which reminded me that fall is really here. The impatiens are holding up nicely and the mums are in full bloom. The nandina have a lot of small red berries and our lone camellia has some nice pink flowers. Some of the trees are showing color, and some have already shed most of their leaves. And many of the azaleas are showing buds, that will provide the displays of beauty in the spring that bring us together as a group. It is time to do whatever we do to get our gardens ready for winter, which for me is nothing for healthy azaleas. I have an unusually large number of recently rooted cuttings and weak azaleas to protect from the squirrels and chipmunks until it is time to bring them inside for the winter.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Karen Rexrode, formerly of Windy Hill Plant Farm, speak to us on The Supporting Cast: Plants that Hold a Garden Together at our October 29 meeting at the George Mason Library. I hope to get some ideas for making my garden more interesting during the 9 to 10 months of the year when the azaleas are not in bloom. We will also elect officers for next year.

Looking forward, Eve Harrison is  
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### October 2006

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*Azalea Chapter  
Meeting Sunday  
October 29th,  
1:30 P M EST,  
at George  
Mason Branch  
Library in  
Annandale -  
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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**

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planning a Christmas party for our chapter in December. And it is never too early to begin making plans to attend next year's ASA National Convention, which will be held March 29 to April 1, 2007 in Nacogdoches, Texas.

I hope you will come to the meeting on the 29th. The Redskins are off for the weekend.

Dan Krabill, President

### PREVIOUS CHAPTER MEETING—AUGUST 29TH

The last meeting was the chapter's annual azalea plant auction, this time held at Phran's Azalea Trails,— the gardens of Frances and Phil Louer. Bob Harrison did an excellent job as auctioneer. We had a good selection of plants, and the bidding was a little more than it has been in past years.

The only business was an offer from Barry Sperling seeking pictures of any plants from members who would like to have them included in a new CD that he is making.

Thanks a bunch to Frances and Phil for having us visit their gardens near Haymarket—it was a great afternoon in the country.

Jane Newman, Secretary

### 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.

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING— CHRISTMAS PARTY IN DECEMBER— DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

### In Memoriam

We regret to inform the Chapter of the death of Chapter member -

**Phil Collins**

in July 2006. Phil had a great collection of very large Glenn Dale azaleas.

**May he rest in peace**

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