



# The Azalea Clipper

Northern Virginia Chapter, Azalea Society of America

Volume 27, Issue 6

## Holiday Social Observance, *Membership*

This is a special meeting in the spirit of the approaching holidays. The main event will be “socializing with each other”, as we often do (sometimes extendedly) prior to our regular meetings. There will be a short business meeting, as Dan Krabill has some urgent business to get done. See his article on page two for more information. And, we will have refreshments.

The meeting will be at the home of Dave and Leslie Nanney in the West Springfield area. Directions to their home are on page 3. We appreciate greatly the Nanney’s offering of their home for this event.

**Please note—we plan to gather at 1:00 PM rather than the normal 1:30 PM.**

Remember, this is an informal gathering and exchange of information among us all. Don’t be bashful about bringing pictures, articles, or anything about your gardens or

### December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
<b>3</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b>						

your gardening experiences. Maybe we all can learn from each other and end up by having greater success in our future gardening activities.

For refreshments, we are asking each one to bring a dish to celebrate the holidays for a potluck meal. Bring hot or cold foods, salads, and desserts.



Coffee and tea will be provided.



*December 3rd at the home of Dave and Leslie Nanney at 1:00 PM EST Directions on page 3*

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY, 2007.

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER

# From the President *Dan Krabill*

We have had two organizational meetings to begin planning for the 2009 National Convention of the Azalea Society of America, the most recent being after our October 29 meeting. At the time we agreed to host the convention (then it was the 2008 convention) we decided on the theme "Hybridizers of Northern Virginia." The following summarizes where we are in the planning.

**Dates.** We have decided that the best time for garden tours of azaleas in our area is likely to be around the start of May. We are also inclined to follow the lead of the 2006 ASA/ARS joint convention and hold the convention from Friday through Sunday, with the garden tours on Saturday and Sunday, evening presentations on Friday and Saturday, the final banquet on Sunday evening, and plants sales on all days. Most ASA conventions have been Thursday through Saturday. The reasons for the Friday-Sunday schedule are lower hotel rates and also less traffic congestion for Saturday-Sunday garden tours than Friday-Saturday.

**Committees.** We have discussed the following positions and committees for the Convention.

•Chairman – Dan Krabill. If someone else wants to do this, please contact me.

•Treasurer – Phyllis Ritt-

man

•Secretary – Rosie Field

•Registrar/Sign-In – Phil and Frances Louer

•Hotel/Meals – Larry Martin, Barry Sperling – Larry has recently held a convention at the Crown Plaza in Herndon, and has contacted them on our behalf since our October 29 meeting. The feedback he got on rates is strongly supportive of our decision to hold the Convention from Friday through Sunday.

•Tours – • Eve and Bob Harrison and Don Hyatt have agreed to work on this.

•Transportation

•Speakers – This includes a speaker for the banquet on Sunday evening, and also speakers and panels for the Friday and Saturday evening sessions. Don Hyatt suggested several names, including Michael Derr, Karen Rexroth (who spoke at our October 29 meeting), and Clarence Towe (who spoke at a recent meeting of the Potomac Valley Chapter of ARS. We also have a number of possible speakers.

•Plant Sale/Auction Plants – In keeping with the theme "Hybridizers of Northern Virginia," we intend to feature hybrids of the following current or former chapter members at the plant sale: Bob Stewart, Joe Klimavicz, Don Hyatt, Pete Vines, George Ring, Don Hager, and Ruth Harrington. In addition, given the proximity, we will want to include Robin Hills (given Don Voss's connection and the fact that they were requested but not available at the

2006 convention), Buck Clagett (Montgomery County), Sandra McDonald (a chapter member, who lives in the Tidewater area), Glenn Dales, and native azaleas. Prospective providers of plants for the sale include Larry Martin, Don Hyatt, Phil and Frances Louer, Dan Krabill, Dave Nanney, Barry Sperling, Bob and Eve Harrison, and Joe Klimavicz and Bob Stewart of their own hybrids.

Dan Krabill will make calls to Joe and Bob, and also discuss specifics with the others listed above. We also discussed buying plants, and identified Jim Gears in Pennsylvania as a possible source.

We also discussed the importance of photos to enhance sales of plants that are not in bloom. We need to assign specific responsibilities here, and find locations to grow plants on for the convention – Bob and Eve Harrison indicated that they have space available. This is the one area that we need to make significant progress on next year.

Many people who were not at the after-meeting are not listed above. That does not mean that we do not need your participation and leadership. There will be plenty of work to go around, and not too much for any single person if we all pitch in. I hope we can repeat the successes of the 1998 ASA convention held by our chapter, and ably chaired by Joe Klimavicz.

Dan Krabill, President

# Previous Chapter Meeting October 29, 2006

The Chapter's October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the George Mason District Branch Library. The first order of business was the unanimous approval of the new officers, who are: President - Eve Harrison, Vice President - Barry Sperling, Secretary - Jane Newman, and Treasurer - Dave Nanney.

Barry Sperling again invited members to send him pix for inclusion in a new CD on gardens of Northern Virginia.

The speaker was Karen Rexrode,, former owner of Windy Hill Plant Farm, whose topic was "The Supporting Cast: Plants that Hold a Garden Together." Criteria for making her list include looking attractive through the garden-

ing season and being "tough" enough to withstand unfavorable weather. Deer resistance is also a consideration.

Karen's selections range alphabetically from acanthus spinosus to zinnia and range in general familiarity from some variations of phlox, epimediums and grasses to baccharis halimifolia and hakonachloa macro. She noted some viburnums offer a "threefor" - flowers, attractive foliage, and berries.

After showing her excellent slides, Karen fielded questions from the audience.

Jane Newman, Secretary

---

## DIRECTIONS TO DAVE AND LESLIE NANNEY'S HOME — 8646 TUTTLE ROAD

### FROM I-95,

Go **west** on **Old Keene Mill Road** through West Springfield for about 3.6 miles to **Hillside Road** on the right.

**Turn right** on **Hillside Road** past new houses to **Tuttle Road**.

**Turn right** on **Tuttle Road** to the end of the road and bear left on the driveway up to Nanney's home.



---

### FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKWAY,

Turn **east** on **Old Keene Mill Road** (SR 644) for about 2.7 miles to **Hillside Road** on the left (next road after Huntsman Blvd.).

**Turn left** on **Hillside Road** for one block to **Tuttle Road** on the right.

**Turn right** on **Tuttle Road** to the end of the road and bear left on the driveway up to Nanney's home.

### FROM ANY OTHER DIRECTION,

Find your way to Old Keene Mill Road and follow directions as above. Hillside Road is about 0.6 mile west of the intersection of Old Keene Mill and Rolling roads.

### IF YOU ARE USING MAPQUEST

To get directions, use the street address of 8652 Tuttle Road as mapquest has their house on the wrong side of the dead end.

**IF LOST — CALL 703-644-5651**

## Azalea Society Membership

We all know what it is like to receive a chapter dues notice, lay it aside, and then either forget to pay or think we have paid. 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. Bob Stelloh is our ASA Treasurer.

His address is:

Bob Stelloh, ASA Treasurer  
65 Sierra Drive  
Hendersonville NC 28739  
Phone: (828) 697-9959

His e-mail is:

bstelloh@mac.com

The **Azalea Clipper** is published BI-monthly by the **Northern Virginia Chapter** of the **Azalea Society of America**. The officers of this Chapter are:

<b>President:</b>	Dan Krabill	(703)534-7441
<b>Vice President:</b>	Eve Harrison	(540)778-1945
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jane Newman	(703)759-2574
<b>Treasurer:</b>	David Nanney	(703)644-5651
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Frances Louer	(703)754-2824

News items may be provided to **Frances Louer**,  
15800 Palmer Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169-1808.  
E-mail: plouer@msn.com

## The Azalea Clipper

Northern Virginia Chapter,  
Azalea Society of America



Frances Louer, Corresponding Secretary  
15800 Palmer Lane  
Haymarket, VA 20169-1808

---

*NEXT MEETING,*  
*SUNDAY DECENBER*  
*3RD*  
1:00 PM EST

---