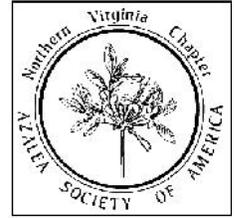


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NEXT
CHAPTER MEETING:
JULY 15 1:00 - 5:00

CUTTING
EXCHANGE
& POTLUCK
LUNCH

CAROLYN &
PAUL BECK'S HOME
Herndon



VP Carolyn and Treasurer Paul Beck work on a large variety of projects for the club, including hosting many meetings. The cutting exchange will return to their home and garden this July.

Cutting Exchange Details

The cutting exchange and potluck lunch will be held at **Carolyn and Paul Beck's** on **Sunday, July 15th**. We will begin about **1:00 pm**. Please bring **cuttings** from your favorite azaleas and a **dish** to share. **Lee and Carol** will carry on their tradition of bringing **homemade ice cream**. **Beverages** will be provided. All parts of the event will be indoors.

Don Hyatt will be presenting an informal presentation/demonstration on how to manage difficult to root varieties of azaleas.

Please **RSVP to Carolyn Beck** if you plan to attend and let her know what type of dish you will bring.

Directions can be found on page 6. Please park on the street. There are only a few spaces on the driveway, and we want to save these for people who require a shorter walk. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn.



From The President

We're half way through what has already been a busy and successful year for our chapter. We're always trying to find new and interesting activities for our members and appreciate suggestions from them. We really appreciate the efforts of members who volunteer to help us execute the programs.

In March we tried something different with a luncheon meeting at the Wildfire Restaurant in Tyson's Galleria. In addition to our members, we were joined by some members of the Ben Morrison Chapter. We were treated to a very interesting presentation on Satsuki azaleas by Dr. Ajit Thakur. We received many positive comments and will likely try an event of this sort again in the future.

At the end of April, many of us took advantage of the opportunity to tour some of our member's beautiful gardens. I'd like to thank all who opened their gardens to our chapter members. I personally enjoyed visiting with Fran and Andrew Boninti in Charlottesville.

In May, a large number of our chapter members attended the national convention in Asheville, NC. While the early spring resulted in many azaleas being past prime, we still were treated to many beautiful

rhododendron, azaleas and companion plants. There were well over 400 attendees at the convention. Our chapter had 27 members in attendance. It was great to see chapter members from as far away as Florida and Toronto and to sign on new members from White Hall, Arkansas. I truly believe that even with geographic dispersion, there are benefits to being affiliated with a chapter rather than being in at-large status.

In mid-May we held our plant sale at Green Springs Gardens. It was a beautiful day and while the sales were not as great as in the past, we enjoyed meeting with the public, providing them the opportunity to buy plants not normally found in nurseries and providing them information on our society and chapter. This year we signed up a new member, Paul Davis, during the sale.

Our annual cutting exchange will be held on 15 July at Paul and Carolyn Beck's house. This event has been a chapter favorite for many years. I'm hoping to see a good turnout as in years past.

I hope you are all enjoying your gardens and that I will see you on the 15th for the cutting exchange.

Rick Bauer

Captions for p. 2

Upper Left: Rod Hoioos lures customers while Carolyn and Paul tally receipts at the Green Spring Gardens Sale. Photo courtesy Rick Bauer.

Upper Right: Former pres Eve Harrison catches up with Margie Jenkins at the ASA convention. Photo courtesy Carolyn Beck.

Middle Left: Dave and Leslie Nanney enjoy a

Dexter Rhodo at the convention. Photo courtesy Rick Bauer.

Middle Right: Grist Gardens on a convention tour. Photo courtesy Carolyn Beck.

Lower Left: Vaseyi on a cliff face on a convention tour. Photo courtesy Rick Bauer.

Lower Right: Rick and Susan Bauer with a Dexter Rhodo on a convention tour. Photo courtesy Dave Nanney.

Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale May 19th

Everything was perfect for the annual Green Spring Gardens plant sale. We had a wonderful site for our azalea tents and plants (thanks to the thoughtfulness of **Nancy Olney** who is in charge of assigning sites for the park). The weather was wonderful, our plants were healthy (even though some were not in bloom), and we had lots of good helpers.

We especially want to thank **Carolyn and Paul Beck**. They always do a marvelous job for the chapter--their thoughtful planning, hard work, and efficient implementation are much to be admired and appreciated.

Again this year,our helpers' enthusiasm for azaleas which, together with the excellent pictures provided by **Carolyn** for the plants which were not in bloom and the beautiful blooming plants provided by **Larry Martin**, helped close the sale for many of our plants. Our excellent crew included: **Rod Hoioos, Dave Meadows, Sharon Raden, Norma Merritt, Larry Martin, Barry Sperling**, and, of course, our president, **Rick Bauer** and **Carolyn and Paul Beck**. And they all appreciated the "treats" prepared by my wife, **Carole**, which sustained us all through the long day

WE THANK THEM ALL!.

Lee McElvain

Plants from David and Patsy Meadows

We are STILL trying to downsize the number of AZALEAS in our garden. We have 300 or more varieties. Many have been planted for 2-12 years, many others are still in pots. Members may choose a potted plant or we can dig up a planted azalea. We have many different size plants from liners(2 year cuttings) to 8-12 year plants.

We live in Warrenton and members can contact us to see plants in the garden.

Our phone - 540-349-0120 and Email - tdmeadows@hotmail.com

Prices vary by size of plants. I also give a \$1 off each plant for quantities of 5 or more. You can't leave the garden without a 'free-bee'; we have too many not to give some away! The garden is open for members, family and friends.

In the following partial list, L=2' or more, M= less than 2' and more than 1', S= 10"-18"

Contact them for the numbers available and the rest of this list which has been truncated for space:

L/M/S Amber Glow, L/ Aphrodite, / Apple Blossom, S/ Bea, L/M/S Ben Morrison, Beni Kirishima, S/ Birdsong, L/M/S Blaauws Pink, S/ Blue Tip, S/ Carrie Amanda, S/ Chanson, S/ Cherry Blossom, S/ China Sea, S/ Chinzan, L/M/S Christina, L/M/S Conversation Piece, L/ Coral Bells, S/ Corrine Murrah, L/ Corsage, M/S Dauntless, S/ Dayspring, M/ Delaware Valley, S/ Dr Curtis Alderfer, S/ Dream, S/ Easter Parade, S/ Ellie Harris, L/M/S Elsie Lee, L/ Fashion, S/ Frosted Orange, L/ Girard Crimson, L/ Girard Fuschia, L/ Girard Rose, L/ Girard Scarlet, L/M/S Glacier, S/ Great Expectations, L/ Hardy Gardenia, L/M/ Helen, Curtis, L/ Herbert, L/ Hot Shot, L/S Janet Rhea, L/ Johanna, L/ Karen, L/ Karens, S/ Linda Jean, S/ Linda Stuart, L/ Macrantha Orange,...{and MORE}

Azalea Society of America (ASA) National Convention 2012

The ASA held a joint convention with the **American Rhododendron Society (ARS) in Asheville, NC**. The event was well attended by 475 members from both societies. The **Northern Virginia** chapter was well represented with 27 members in attendance.

The early spring resulted in many of the azalea varieties being past prime, however this didn't keep us from enjoying the gardens. Many rhododendron and companion plants were in full bloom, as well as some of the later blooming azalea varieties. Some of the attendees (depending on the particular tour bus), were able to view large stands of Vaseyi azaleas on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Unfortunately, at least one bus turned back before reaching the Vaseyi.

On the first night, **Don Hyatt** once again regaled us with an outstanding presentation on native azaleas which took us up and down the east coast. Another chapter member, **Nick Yarmoshuk**, from Toronto spoke on the second night of the convention.

There were a large number of quality plants available to purchase at the plant sale, or through the Silent Auction and the public auction held on the last night of the convention.

Transplant Nursery from Livonia, GA, provided a large number of plants for the sale. They had plants in excess of the convention requirements and offered them to plant societies for only the cost of transportation. We acquired a large number of these plants which we shared with the Norfolk Botanical Garden, Potomac Valley Chapter of the ARS and the Ben Morrison Chapter of the ASA (with them paying their share of the transportation costs).

As in past conventions, we enjoyed excellent speakers, great food and fine accommodations. What is most enjoyable, however, is the chance to meet with old friends and fellow azalea aficionados. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a convention in the past, I would highly recommend attending one.

The next convention will be held in **Athens, GA** followed by **Charleston, SC** in 2014.

Rick Bauer

Links of Interest

Don Hyatt's page of cuttings information:

<http://www.donaldhyatt.com/ARSPVC/articles/azaleacuttings.html>

The club on the net:

<http://www.azaleas.org/nv.html>

Barry Sperling's 2012 garden:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bsperlin/Azaleas2012>

David Meadows recommends Van Veen for quality propagation of our cuttings:

<http://www.vanveennursery.com>

Want to make an donation of \$10 to the club? It's easier than you think! Ask to receive the Clipper via email pdf rather than paper snail mail and it saves the club \$10/yr!! (AND ... the pictures in the pdf look BETTER than on paper!)

Taking Cuttings *(from the 7/10 Clipper)*

Select cuttings from **new growth found at the terminal branch ends** (avoid branches that have produced "sport" blossoms uncharacteristic of the named variety). Collect cuttings **after the stems are fully mature**, but before they turn woody. The parent plants must be in good health. A good time to take the cuttings is in the **early morning**. If drought conditions are present, **water the plants well the evening before**. Select stems of medium diameter rather than thin weak wood. Place cuttings (4 to 6) from each plant in a separate plastic bag (identified by the parent variety) along with a few drops of water, and seal it to retain 100% humidity inside. Print the name of the plant variety on the outside of the bag, along with a short description of the plant. **Avoid overheating of cuttings from direct sunlight**. Cuttings should be stuck in the rooting medium as soon as possible after taking the cuttings, but they can be stored in a closed container in the refrigerator for up to a week. {At the meeting ask our experts about growing cuttings!}

Directions to the Beck's Cutting Exchange *As noted on p. 1, please park on the street*

From the East: I-66 west to Rt. 50 west, up the hill to just past Fair Oaks Mall to West Ox Rd. Go north about 3.8 mi to a right on Folkstone Dr., which is the next light after Franklin Farm Rd. Right on Fort Lee St. at the 2nd stop sign. House is the 3rd on the left down a long concrete paved drive.

Or, from the East: Dulles Toll Rd/267 west to Reston Pkwy south, passing lights at South Lakes, Glade Ave., Fox Mill and Lawyers Rd. Left at light onto Folkstone Dr., and then as above.

From the West: Rt. 66 east to Fairfax County Pkwy/ 7100 north. Cross Rt. 50 and pass several lights to right/east onto Franklin Farm Rd to the next light. Left onto West Ox Rd to the next light. Right onto Folkstone, and then as above "From the East".

From the South: Fairfax County Pkwy going north past I-66 and Rt. 50, with a right/east onto Franklin Farm Rd. and as above "From the west".

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July 15 NVASA Cutting Exchange

October 14 NVASA Plant Auction,
Gainesville, Merrifield Garden Center

October 28 NVASA Executive Committee
Meeting, Beck's

November 11 NVASA Meeting with
speaker

December 2 Holiday Party, Barbara and
Roger Randall, Spotsylvania

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