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## Developing New Evergreen Azalea Hybrids, *Caitlin Klimavicz*



Caitlin Klimavicz is currently a junior at James Madison HS in Vienna, Virginia. Caitlin will speak on “Developing New Evergreen Azalea Hybrids”. She has regularly attended azalea meetings with the Northern Virginia Chapter since 1989. She has won first place two years in a row at her high school science fair, and received a first and second place award in the regional science fair based on her “Polyploidization of Evergreen Azaleas” project.

Caitlin has assisted her father in hybridizing fine evergreen azaleas since the late 1980s; producing 500-1000 new hybrids each year. During her presentation, she will talk about the wide-variety of evergreen azaleas, her ideal azalea, show pictures of her gardens, talk about her hybridization process, show many pictures of the resulting new hybrids (including the two latest azaleas registered just this summer), and conclude with a discussion on the future of azalea hybridization based on her high school science fair project.

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*

I am delighted to say that our speaker on Sunday, September 25, will be Caitlin Klimavicz. She will be speaking to us about her experiments and experiences in hybridizing and growing azaleas. I understand that she has quite a large number of digital photos that she will be showing us as part of her presentation.

If you did not pick it up in the previous paragraph, she will be showing digital photos, which will require a digital projector. I am sorry I missed our meeting and plant auction last month. I understand that we had a lively and constructive discussion on the merits of buying or renting a digital projector, with a decision to rent one for this meeting. (See “Previous Meeting” notes on page 2.) Since that meeting Phil Louer, with help from Don Hyatt, performed a search of sources for buying and renting digital projectors. Thank you Phil and Don. We will get the first benefit of that effort on September 25, when Caitlin shows her slides.

After several rainy months and a hotter than usual summer, we have not had any rain to speak of in September. This is a great time of year. The weather is very pleasant, and soon the leaves will begin to change colors.

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**Azalea Chapter Meeting**  
**Sunday**  
**September 25th**  
**at Green Spring Gardens Park**  
**1:30 P.M. EDT**  
**Directions are on page two**

### REFRESHMENT DUTY —

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



#### **A through J**

Our next meeting in December will be a Christmas Celebration. Refreshment plans for that meeting are forthcoming.



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I have recently planted most of the cuttings I took last year, have found that most of this year's cuttings have grown roots, and have put those with roots into pots and under screens to protect them from the animals.

Come on September 25 and learn from what Caitlin will be telling us. It is a Redskins-free Sunday.

Dan Krabill, President

### REPORT FROM LOUISIANA

Robert (Buddy) Lee, President of the ASA, reports on September 12th from Hammond Louisiana that he, along with several other azalea members in the region, survived the hurricane, but lost much of the forest timber on their lands. One nursery near by was destroyed. He reports that as you go east from his location, damage was more severe.

Buddy and his wife have been spending their days helping the Red Cross to transport meals into needy areas. The many volunteers have been feeding up to 6,000 meals a day.

**NEXT CHAPTER  
MEETING—  
DECEMBER 4TH  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

### (NEW) Directions to Green Spring Gardens Park

**Green Spring Gardens Park** is located on Braddock Road just off Little River Turnpike (Rte. 236) between Annandale and (I-395).

**From I-495:** Take Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike East.) Travel 3.5 miles. Turn left on Braddock Road. Drive 0.2 mile and turn right onto Witch Hazel Road.

**From I-395:** Take Exit 3B (Little River Turnpike West.) Travel 1.25 miles. Turn right on Braddock Road. Drive 0.2 mile and turn right onto Witch Hazel Road.

### Previous Chapter Meeting

In the absence of President Krabill, Vice President Eve Harrison conducted the meeting. The need for a digital projector was discussed, concluding with the decision to rent one for the upcoming meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Bill Lorenz to have Phil Louer check for rental possibilities with a \$300 per day maximum. The vote was unanimous to proceed with that course of action.

The plant auction then took place and resulted in a total of \$349 for the chapter treasury.

Jane Newman, Secretary

*PS. Phil Louer and Don Hyatt met with Acuity Audio Visual in Manassas following the above meeting. Arrangements were made with Acuity for the chapter to rent a 2500 lumen Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) projector for this meeting at \$125 per day. The Acuity representative offered to bring the projector to the meeting and take it back afterwards at no additional cost. The offer was accepted.*

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