

# The Azalea Clipper

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**NEXT: ANNUAL AUCTION & SALE**

**OCTOBER 12 (SATURDAY) 1:00 - 5:00**

**Light Refreshments Will Be Served**

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church (directions p. 6)**

Our annual plant auction will include three different ways to acquire many wonderful plants, mostly azaleas: the silent auction, which begins at 1:00 pm, the live auction, commencing about 2:00 pm, and a wide selection of small azaleas at a fixed price. The fixed price plants will be available for purchase (cash, check or credit card) anytime during the event.

As a special feature, we are planning to auction off the naming rights of one or more azalea cultivars. So, if there is someone special in your life you would like to honor, this is a great opportunity.



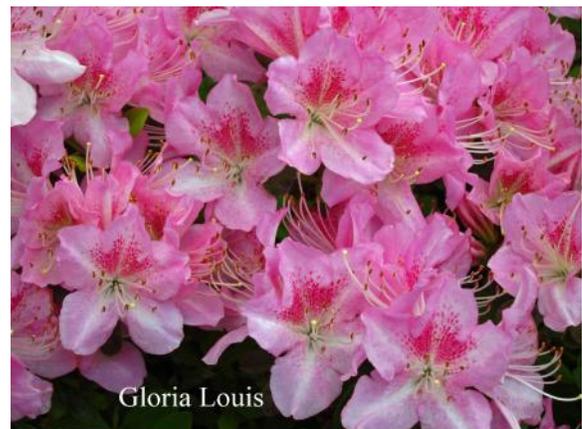
Many of the Louer's plants came from our auction, and they've contributed many plants to it. Photo by Phil Louer.



There will be over 250 varieties available, including deciduous and evergreen azaleas, rhododendrons, and some other types of plants; surely something for everyone. Handouts will be distributed to all attendees and will include plant descriptions. We also plan to have the handout information available on our website ([www.nv-asa.org](http://www.nv-asa.org)) by the end of September.

This function is open to the public, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors; anyone who might be interested in azaleas and gardening. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to assist during set up the day before, or participate in any of the various activities on Saturday, please contact David Meadows, Volunteer Coordinator ([tdmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:tdmeadows@hotmail.com); 540.349-1020).





**Diane Vance and Frances Louer** share a tour of the Louer displays. Photo by **Buddy Lee**.



**Credits:** Text on p. 1 by **Carolyn Beck**. Individual flower pictures by **Carolyn Beck**. Flower names clockwise from above left: 'Phil Louer', 'Jane Newman', 'Monique Marie', 'Humdinger'



## ***Frances Lucille Louer***

Frances Lucille Louer, age 88, passed away Monday, June 17, 2013. She is survived by her loving husband Phil as well as five children and their families, including Leslie and David Nanney. Frances was born in Marion, Ohio in 1924, the daughter of Clarence and Helen Hedge. She came to Washington in 1943 to work for the War Department. Frances began growing azaleas in the late 1960's. She joined the American Rhododendron Society a few years later and also completed the Master Gardeners course.

Frances was a founding member of the Northern Virginia chapter ASA in 1981 and became its first corresponding secretary. She and Phil produced the chapter newsletter for 30 years. In 1983 they moved to a new home on five acres in Haymarket, Virginia and began to assemble one of the largest privately held azalea collections in the country. It now has 9,200 plants of 3,500 different cultivars displayed in a beautifully designed woodland garden.

Frances was also a member of the Wildflower Society. Her garden grew to include many wildflower species, as well as large plantings of ferns, hosta, iris, daffodils and daylilies. Frances always welcomed visitors to the garden and hosted as many as 20 tours every spring for local plant societies, church groups and of course the ASA and ARS. She contributed many cuttings to the chapter's annual cutting exchange and was happy to welcome anyone to collect cuttings from her garden.

In 2009 the ASA awarded Frances and Phil the Distinguished Service Award for their long-standing contributions to the Northern Virginia Chapter and the National ASA.

Frances was a "master" gardener in every sense of the word. She will be missed by all her friends in the ASA.

Leslie Nanney



## ***Sybil Przypek***

Longtime ASA and Northern Virginia Chapter member Sybil Przypek passed away peacefully on July 25, 2013. Sybil was a native of North Carolina and a Yorktown, VA resident since 1976. Sybil made a big contribution for azalea lovers in York County. She had the vision to establish the York County Learning Garden and Arboretum. She made her vision a reality on Goodwin Neck Road where she planted and tended azaleas and rhododendrons—well over fifty varieties which were the first plants in the new garden. Plants were obtained from azalea and

rhododendron hybridizers, such as LeMac Nursery, and horticultural organization plant sales. Sybil watered the plants by bringing filled gallon milk jugs from home in the back of her car to the Learning Garden and Arboretum. The Garden's wonderful springtime show by the azaleas and rhododendrons are a continuing tribute to Sybil. In addition to the ASA, Sybil was also an active member of the Colonial Virginia Chapter of American Holly Society, and a member of the MAC Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society where she was a former President, Vice President and also served in other official positions.

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## *President's Message*

*Rick Bauer*

It's hard to believe that summer is over. Hopefully all of you had a good one. I appreciated the higher than normal rainfall as it made my watering duties much easier. It was great seeing the large turnout we had for our annual Cutting Exchange in July. We thank Frank and Bonnie Pattie for opening their beautiful home and garden to us and for planning such great weather! The views of the Potomac from their backyard are incredible! We had a delicious selection of food and a large number of cuttings available for our members. We also thank Joe Coleman for coming up from Atlanta to give us a talk on his method of propagating azaleas.

As we head into the fall, we have a number of big activities ahead of us. The next activity is our annual azalea auction on 12 October (note this is a Saturday). This is an important event for the chapter as it is a major fund raiser, a prime venue

for introducing our Legacy hybrids to the general public and a means to advertise our chapter to other plant enthusiasts. This also takes a lot of effort to conduct. I'm always appreciative how our members step forward to assist in conducting chapter activities. We are also in the process of planning for next year's programs. We're looking to continue past efforts to collaborate with other plant societies and to present interesting programs to our members. As always, we appreciate suggestions from members on activities and/or speakers to include in our program. If you have any suggestions, please contact me or one of the other chapter officers:

<http://www.nv-asa.org/contact/index>.

I hope to see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

### *Sybil Przypek (cont)*

Sybil was honored with the highest MAC chapter award, the Bronze Medal. She and Walter attended many of these organization's regional conventions and ARS and ASA national conventions, usually returning with a car full of plants for their yard, friends and, of course, the Learning Garden.

She will be missed by all that knew her; she leaves behind a legacy of dedicated service and lasting accomplishments.

### *Websites*

Chapter: [www.nv-asa.org](http://www.nv-asa.org)

National ASA: [www.azaleas.org](http://www.azaleas.org)

Photographs of **club meetings from 2001**:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/107122934160070398356/albums/5480186324430876721>

Photographs of **last club meeting**:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/107122934160070398356/albums/5903499792058529185>

**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 and can be enlarged!)**

## *Live Auction – Silent Auction – Fixed Price Details*

The Northern Virginia Chapter will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> annual azalea auction on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, Virginia. The activity will include a **Silent Auction** from 1 -2 PM and a **Live Auction** from 2-5 PM. Additional opportunities to purchase uncommon evergreen and deciduous azaleas will be between 1-5 PM in the **Fixed Price** offerings. These auctions are not only entertaining, but more importantly support the chapter's activities throughout the year. This event has proven to be a great opportunity to expand one's collection of the special, unique and beautiful azaleas. This year's auction has several new features that should make this an enjoyable and exciting event.

A wide variety of azaleas will be available with many hybrids developed by chapter members that are not found in the commercial markets and are developed for our local growing conditions. As part of the auction offerings, bidders will have the opportunity to **Purchase Naming Rights** for several new azalea species. Members will also be able to **pre-register** on the chapter website, reserve fixed price plants in advance, and **pay** for purchases with a **credit card**. Additional auction information, directions to the auction and pictures will be available after September 25<sup>th</sup> on the chapter website: [www.nv-asa.org](http://www.nv-asa.org)

**Lars Larson**

This year, for the first time, we will be **accepting credit cards** for purchases. We have located a company that provides credit card charging services for a nominal 2.75% flat rate. We hope this will work out successfully and also enable us to do more business at sales such as Green Spring Gardens in the spring. Below is a brief summary of the changes you will see this year:

- **Pre-registration.** We are encouraging all members who plan to attend the auction to pre-register on our web site. We hope this will streamline the registration process and eliminate the bottlenecks seen in the past. Pre-registering can be done at any time.

--To pre-register you must have a login on the web site. If you do not yet have a login, please go to the web site and click on the **Register** button just below the logo on the left menu bar. You will be asked for your email address, phone number and zip code to validate your membership.

- After setting your login password, you will then need to login to the web site using the **Login** button just to the left of the Register button.

- Next, click on the **Plant Sales** link on the left menu bar. This will take you to the page which displays information about the auction and a **Member Only Information** section: (continued p.6)

### Member Only Information

**Please READ the following BEFORE ordering.**

[Click here](#) for detailed instructions on how to reserve the Fixed Price plants before the auction.

If you plan to bid at the auction, please pre-register by [clicking here](#).

Create a Shopping Cart

- Click on the blue "[clicking here](#)" link (see above) to pre-register (see graphic on p. 5)
- **Reserving fixed price plants** before the auction: In order to streamline the purchasing of fixed price plants, we are allowing you to reserve them in advance of the auction. Pickup time and location are to be determined. This process is performed on the web site, using the **Plant Sales** page
- Before ordering any plants **PLEASE** read the posted instructions on the **Plant Sales** page (You must be logged in).
- Starting September 25th the FIXED PRICE plants will be available for pre-ordering.

Paul Beck

### **Directions to Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**

8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152, 703-451-5320

[Kirkwood.office@verizon.net](mailto:Kirkwood.office@verizon.net)

#### **From the East:**

Rte **95** to exit **169B, Franconia Rd West**, which becomes **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about 3 miles, passing Greeley Blvd, to **Right** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**

Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

#### **From the West:**

**Fairfax County Parkway** (Rte 286)

East on **Old Keene Mill Rd** (Rte 644) about **3.5 miles**, passing Rolling Road to **Left** at a light on **Carrleigh Parkway**

Make a U-turn at **Dabney Avenue**

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**October 12 Saturday** Plant Auction and Sale, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Carrleigh Pkwy., Springfield

**November 17** Meeting with speaker

**December 8** Holiday Social

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