

Not the Clipper

Vol 1 No. 1 December 2013 **Holiday Social Information**

Join us **December 15th** from 1 – 5 at the home of **Jean and Lars Larson**. We always have a great time visiting with each other and enjoying the myriad of edibles, so **Patsy Meadows** reminds us that everyone should bring a dish. The Larson's were nice enough to invite us back after we took over their house for the party in 2011 and we appreciate their efforts! Along with the food and camaraderie we will be electing officers as well as discussing the budget and donations for the coming year. The **budget** is contained in this mailing as well as **thank-you notes** from last year's donation recipients. The password-protected website contains the complete budget. Also in this newsletter is the **proposed slate of officers** and the **schedule** for the coming year. See you there!

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From **I-66** exit onto **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286, old 7100)** south
After stoplight at Pope's Head Road, continue south about 1 mile to second exit
Exit right onto **Ladues End Lane** and immediately turn left onto **Ladues End Court**. Follow road for 1/4 mile, 5785 is the first house on the left

From **I-95** South, exit onto **Highway 123** north
Exit onto **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286, old 7100)** North
After stoplight at Burke Centre Parkway, continue north about 1 mile
Exit left at first intersection onto **Ladues End Lane** and continue as in the previous paragraph.

From **I-395/I-495 Springfield**, exit onto **Old Keene Mill Road**
Continue west about 6 miles until it intersects with **Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286, old 7100)**
Turn right onto Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286, old 7100) north. About 1 mile beyond Burke Centre Parkway exit left at the first intersection onto **Ladues End Lane** and continue as above.

Follow the driveway to the house, park around the right by the garage or on the circle. Late arrivals: along driveway or along road.

Dues Now Handled Differently

Your dues for 2014 are due to be paid in December. The yearly membership has increased to \$30 this year, by approval of the ASA board and membership at this year's convention. This year, for the first time, we will be collecting your dues through our chapter and mailed to the National ASA treasurer at one time. Please make your **check** payable to **NV-ASA** and give to **Paul Beck** at the holiday social on December 8th, **or** mail it to him no later than the end of December. Paul's address is:

2963 Fort Lee Street
Oak Hill, VA 20171-1812.

Schedule

December 8: Holiday Social at the Larson's

March 16: Joint meeting with PVARs at the Potomac Community Center

March 28-30: ASA Convention, Charleston, SC

April 27: Member Tours of Open Gardens

May 17: Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, Annandale

July 20: Cutting Exchange

September 20: Public plant sale and auction

October 11 (tentative): Joint meeting with PVARs

October 26: Executive Committee meeting

December 7: Holiday Social

Proposed Slate of Officers

President: **Lars Larson**

Vice President: **Paul Davis**

Secretary: **Susan Bauer**

Treasurer: **Paul Beck**

Proposed Donations - \$5000

National Arboretum for support of an intern

Green Spring Gardens for Title I school education and intern work at the White Horticultural Garden

Norfolk Botanical Gardens

[See thank-you notes below]

From **Barbara L. Bullock**, Curator of Azaleas & Rhododendrons, U. S. National Arboretum

As I understand it, the NoVa-ASA funds were combined with the Boxwood donations to hire this year's intern, Mr. Philip Davis from Crownsville, MD. Although the boxwood curator retired this year, the intern was supervised by a horticulturist and had the opportunity to work with research geneticist, Dr. Richard Olsen on boxwood.

Philip's appointment was for 3 months, beginning June 3; and so his time was split evenly between the 2 gardens. During that time, he met and worked extremely well with my volunteers. He mowed, weeded, watered, and helped me to rebuild several sections of trails. He was highly motivated, cheerful, energetic, and I wish we could keep him. Before his 3 months were up, 2 other fund holders donated amounts and we have successfully extended him at the USNA through January, 2014 – but not in the Azalea Collection. He was an excellent intern and I would strongly recommend him in any of his career endeavors.

My sincere gratitude to the chapter for your support.

From *Mary Olien*, Manager, Green Spring Gardens

I am writing to give you an update on the contributions that the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of American made to support Children's Programs at Green Spring Gardens and an intern at the White Gardens.

The funds for the Children's program at Green Spring Gardens was used to enable children attending Title 1 schools, which are schools with a high percentage of economically disadvantaged children, to attend our school programs for half the normal \$7 fee (\$8 for out-of-county students). Last school year we served 6180 children, of which 1963 were from Title 1 schools. Your \$500 contribution was credited to the Friends of Green Spring, and together with their funding, \$7,243 was spent to support the program.

The funds for the intern have not yet been spent. The funds were deposited into a Park Authority donations account that may only be spent to support the White Gardens. The organization that was to fund the other half of the required amount did not come through, and we were not able to hire an intern. We hope we will have the funds, \$3500, together for next year.

Thank you very much for your generosity and support.