

Not the Clipper

Vol 3 No. 1 December 2016 **Holiday Social Information**

Join us on Sunday **December 4th** from 1 – 5 at the home of **Barb and John Kirkwood**. We always have a great time visiting with each other and enjoying the myriad of edibles, so **remember that everyone should bring a dish**. The Kirkwood's have invited the group before 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 discussed in this mailing. The password-protected website, www.nv-asa.org, contains the complete budget. Also, below is the **proposed slate of officers** and the **schedule** for the coming year. See you there!

Proposed Slate of Officers

President: **Barbara Kirkwood** Vice President: **Lars Larson**
Secretary: **Joanne Neckel** Treasurer: **Paul Beck**

From Suzannah Richards, White Gardens Intern

I will be entering my senior year as an undergraduate at Old Dominion University. I will be attaining a Bachelor's of Science in Ocean and Earth Science with a concentration in geology along with a certificate in GIS (geographic , information systems) to complement my degree.

This past summer, I was lucky enough to join the Green Spring Gardens team as one of the horticultural interns. My intern title 'White Gardens Intern' refers not to Green Spring Gardens but to a nearby garden several miles down the road from Green Spring Gardens. Not long ago, White Gardens was a residence to John C. and Margret White, and within the past few years was sold to the FCPA. White Gardens is currently in the planning and development stages of one day becoming a small, visitor friendly garden for residents of Fairfax and surrounding areas.

Working at Green Spring indoors on ArcGIS and outside collecting data at White Gardens has been a wonderful and invaluable experience. My superiors have been patient and kind, and the work itself stimulating. Every day I commuted back and forth from Fredericksburg where I live, and every day it was worth it! Thank you Friends of White Gardens and Green Springs Gardens for this opportunity!

Suzannah Richards, White Gardens Intern, supported by a donation from our club.

Rick Bauer's President's Message

This will be my last Azalea Clipper President's message. After many years (I've lost count), I am turning over the presidency of the chapter. I am proud of what we have achieved in the chapter over the last several years. We have the largest membership in the ASA, we have a strong program, we have had successful collaborations with gardens such as Norfolk Botanical Garden, we have instituted the Legacy Project to continue the legacy of beautiful azalea varieties which are not in the commercial market, we have a new website with a wealth of information and photos of azaleas and, most recently, we were a driving force behind an immensely successful joint national convention in Williamsburg. Additionally, we have been a major force at the national level. None of this could have been accomplished without the vision and hard work by a large number of members.

I am please to announce that **Barbara Kirkwood** has agreed to serve as our

president next year. Barbara, while relatively new to the chapter and society, brings a great deal of energy, hard work and new ideas to the chapter. I look forward to supporting her as she moves the chapter forward. I share her enthusiasm and hope that our members will pick up on her enthusiasm and step forward with their ideas and volunteer to assist as their schedules allow.

I have agreed to run as president of the national organization. I will join two other chapter members as elected officers at the national level. I have commenced discussions with other members of the society as a whole to increase and diversify participation at the national level and to work together to achieve goals for the benefit of the society. I'm thankful that I have the support of members of the Northern Virginia Chapter. Thanks again for all you have done to make our chapter the great chapter that it is.

Rick

Suggested Club Donations, to be voted upon at the business meeting:

\$3,000 to **Margaret White garden**

\$1,000 to **Norfolk Botanical Gardens**

\$1,000 (in the name of **Don Voss**) to the **Friends of the National Arboretum**

\$1,000 to **Friends of Green Spring**

This space for rent. Inquire within.

Past and Proposed Budgets

Category	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
INCOME	\$8,039.48	\$5,844.64	\$7,030.00	\$10,503.57	\$7,280.00	\$7,100.00
Interest Income	\$223.00	\$164.64	\$130.00	\$149.18	\$130.00	\$175.00
Dues	\$490.00	\$15.00	\$450.00	\$10.00	\$450.00	\$525.00
Donations	\$1,029.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Convention				\$3,346.39	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Sales	\$6,297.00	\$5,665.00	\$6,450.00	\$6,878.50	\$4,700.00	\$6,400.00
Auction	\$4,080.00	\$3,982.00	\$4,150.00	\$4,933.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Green Spring	\$1,017.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,945.50	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00
Richmond area		\$583.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Member Only	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other						\$500.00
EXPENSES	\$7,747.27	\$3,140.79	\$6,905.00	\$2,151.54	\$7,155.00	\$7,100.00
Administrative	\$1,838.76	\$1,370.86	\$1,450.00	\$342.38	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
Mailings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplies	\$485.99	\$82.62	\$750.00	\$144.34	\$600.00	\$200.00
Equipment	\$1,236.46	\$1,102.98	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Website	\$18.00	\$83.65	\$150.00	\$94.28	\$150.00	\$200.00
Credit Card Fees	\$54.66	\$76.61	\$100.00	\$103.76	\$100.00	\$150.00
Bank Fees	\$43.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Clipper	\$745.05	\$493.81	\$650.00	\$267.79	\$650.00	\$600.00
Donations	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Hospitality	\$100.78	\$170.06	\$200.00	\$143.91	\$200.00	\$200.00
Insurance	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$445.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Programs	\$325.00	\$150.00	\$730.00	\$278.54	\$300.00	\$300.00
Honorarium	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Room Rental	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$28.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
Auction	\$253.50	\$219.06	\$800.00	\$237.28	\$775.00	\$440.00
Flyers, Photos	\$50.00	\$19.06	\$100.00	\$37.28	\$75.00	\$75.00
Purchases	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Room Rental	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Green Spring	\$335.93	\$312.00	\$425.00	\$208.20	\$380.00	\$210.00
Purchases	\$184.88	\$147.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Commission	\$151.05	\$165.00	\$225.00	\$208.20	\$180.00	\$210.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Only	\$93.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Purchases	\$93.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Propagation	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$228.44	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies				\$228.44	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Purchases	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00

Party and Food Instructions

Barbara Kirkwood

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone this December 4 at 1PM. Our meeting and carry-in holiday party will be at *that other Kirkwood place in Great Falls*, not the church in Springfield. We are going to try some technology to get an idea about what others are bringing so that we don't have the ham the club is providing and 20 pumpkin pies. I, myself, could easily make a meal of pie, but others may not be as pie-enthusiastic.

I have sent out an email from me through **SignUp.com** that will allow you to choose a broad category: appetizer, salad, drinks, etc. It will say "**Azalea Society Holiday Gathering: Please sign up.**" Your invitation is specific to your email and does not require you to join anything to use the program. When you click on the link ***Sign Up Now/Learn More***, it will ask you to verify your email so the program can input your information into the sign up section. It will then take you to our message and place to select one of those broad categories. If you click on the comment area, you can leave a note about your specific dish, such as Pumpkin Pie under dessert. You should also be able to see who is coming and what they are bringing.

The program requires a specific number for each category, so I just picked out a number. If your category is filled, just select Other. If you change your mind about what you want to bring, can't make the program work, or have any other conflicts, it is not a problem. This is just an effort to help us organize better. If you are coming as a couple, reply to only one of the invitations. We'll see how this works and then decide if we want to use it again.

Questions? Call me: 703-268-6958

Azalea Workday At The National Arboretum *Barbara Bullock*

Hello everyone!!

I sincerely hope everyone has had a successful gardening year. You are receiving this notice because you have worked on one of these project days in the past, or you have expressed interest in joining us in the future. If you believe you have received this in error, kindly send me a private note, and I'll remove your name from this list. If you know of any person or group that might be interested in this, please forward. I believe the more, the merrier. I'm looking for at least 20 volunteers.

The leaves are dropping here at the Arboretum and we're doing all we can to remove them from the trails and from those plants we love so dearly. If you have the time, I am seeking up to 20 volunteers to assist me with fall clean up/winterization for **Saturday December 3rd, from 10am to 3pm** in the National Arboretum Azalea Collections. I am currently without any support staff in the collections; my supervisor Carole, has assigned my former intern, Keegan to assist me one day per week on big tasks. The detail work is left and that is what we will be working on. If this interests you, read on...

Tasks will include raking, tarping, some weeding, some pruning, and a lot of pulling leaves off or out of our azaleas. If this interests you, please get back to me via email or phone so I have an approximate head count. I am sending this to those of you who have worked with me before, but

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Share Your Knowledge!

By Barbara Kirkwood
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When I first started attending meetings of the Northern Virginia chapter of the Azalea Society of America, I noticed all the very talented and knowledgeable members, and everyone seemed willing to share their knowledge with new members. We don't have enough meetings a year to highlight all our gifted people. I also noted that one of the goals of the Society is to share knowledge about azaleas.

In 2017, we are going to try something new that will emphasize the expertise of our members AND promote gardening in general and azaleas specifically. In March, we are planning to have a one-afternoon mini gardening conference at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church with multiple presentations by our talented members and some select people from some of our sister gardening organizations. It will be a service project for the chapter and we will promote it to the Washington area. We need several people to help plan it to start right now.

This is what I need from you. Think about your talents and what you could present in a mini session of 20-30 minutes. It could be about azaleas, beautiful gardens you have visited, composting, garden layout, fertilizing, pest control, propagating, bonsai, or any other aspect of gardening you can think of. Our audience could include brand new gardeners, other experts, and children.

We want to get other people as excited about gardens and plants as we are. It is an opportunity for us to showcase our phenomenal membership while giving something to our communities. It may even bring in some new members to our chapter.

It would be fabulous if every one of our members shared something. If you only have 10 minutes of expertise to share, we'll pair you with another member. I will reach out to our members (read that as twist your arm) to see what you would be willing to present, but what I would really like is for you to jump up and volunteer to participate in this new opportunity. Send me an email right now (address above) to let me know of your interest even if you have not yet come up with a topic. I want to give our members the opportunity to present before we reach out to other organizations.

We only have a little over three months to organize this project, so we do need to begin right now. We do have plenty of experience after the convention last April. At least this time it won't involve buses, hotels, or meals.

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you're welcome to forward to anyone you know with gardening experience. Our next Saturday work day will be April 1st, 2017.

As usual, if you are not already registered as a volunteer at the USNA, please fill out the attached One-Day Service form and email it or bring it with you on the day of work. Try to arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the start time – **we will meet in the lobby of the Administration Building**. Wear appropriate clothing for the day, layering is best. Bring lunches with you and we'll have lunch in the garden. Be sure to bring your own gardening gloves and non-breakable water bottles – I'll have all other tools.

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Sometimes we have to cancel. I don't like to do this, but in the event of wet or drizzly weather or if you are at all wondering, **please call 202-245-4523** before 8:30am on the morning of our work day before leaving your house – **to check if I have had to cancel**. The receptionist arrives at 8am, and so I will have made a decision after 8am. I will not cancel if it's cold, since the work we do should warm us up nicely. ☺ See you in the garden!

A form must be filled out and there are other details, so contact me at Barbara.Bullock@ars.usda.gov or (202) 245-4511

Directions To Holiday Party At The Kirkwood's

If you are coming from the **Beltway**, take **7, Leesburg Pike** towards Leesburg, about **11 miles**. **Turn Right** on **Georgetown Pike** and make an **immediate Left** on **Seneca Rd.** (There is a **Sunoco** Gas station at the corner of 7 and Georgetown Pike.)

Stay on Seneca about **two miles**. (Be sure to stay Right at Kentland and Seneca.) **Turn Right** on **Seneca Knoll Dr.** (Just to keep it confusing, there are several streets with Seneca before Seneca Knoll...Seneca View Way and Seneca Farm Way. **Seneca Knoll is the next street after Seneca Farm Way.** There is a right turn lane as a cue.) We are on the **third house on the right**. There are two driveways and you are welcome to park in either one. Unfortunately, they are only one car wide and folks will need to move cars if you plan to leave early. Otherwise park on the street.

If you are coming **from the Fairfax County Parkway**, exit going **East on Route 7, Leesburg Pike**. Drive about **1.5 miles**. You will see the **Sunoco** Station on the left. **Turn Left on Georgetown Pike and an immediate Left on Seneca Rd.** Continue as in the paragraph "Stay on Seneca ..." above.

Schedule

December 4: Holiday Social at the Kirkwood's

March 18: Mini Conference at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

March 30 - April 1: ASA Convention, Hammond Louisiana

April 18 Chapter Meeting with Speaker at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

April 27-30: ARS Convention, Eureka, CA

May 6 Parkfairfax Plant Sale, Alexandria

May 6-7 (tentative): Member Garden Tours

May 20: Green Spring Garden Plant Sale

July 16: Cutting Exchange at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

September 9: Green Spring Gardens Fall Plant Sale (Tentative)

September 15-16: Ginter Gardens Fall Plant Sale (Tentative)

September 23: Public plant sale and auction at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

October 21: Executive Committee meeting, place TBD

October 22: Meeting with speaker at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

December 3: Holiday Social, place TBD

