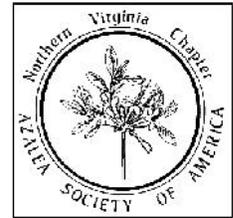


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NEXT
CHAPTER MEETING:

SEPT 11 1:00

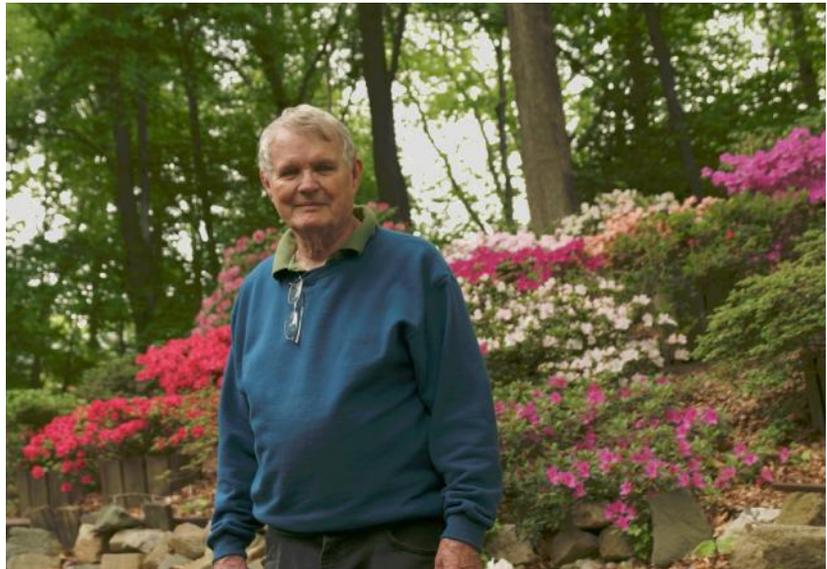
AUCTION

GAINESVILLE
Merrifield Garden Center

Directions on p. 4

Silent Auction 1:00
Live Auction 2:00

REFRESHMENT DUTY –
Everyone: Please bring a dish to share



Bob Stewart's hybrids have been in demand for years!



RBS 37



RBS 47



RBS 54 Robin Marie

Flower pictures above courtesy Carolyn Beck

Recycled Garden Pots

Jack Fowler has identified a program, run by Virginia Tech, which collects and recycles plant pots from garden centers throughout the state (<http://www.hort.vt.edu/vagardenersrecycle/participants.html>). In addition to reclaiming the plastic, they also provide pots for individuals to use.

To collect these pots, the individuals need to participate in the sorting process (scheduled at a date this fall TBD). Jack has volunteered to help sort and collect pots needed by our members. If you desire pots, please provide Jack a list of the pots you'd like. If you are also potentially interested in volunteering to help sort down in Richmond, please make Jack aware of that and he will provide you further information as it becomes available.

Rick



The July Cutting Exchange drew almost 30 members to Kay Jackson's house!

From the President

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the final days of summer. As I look back on this year's chapter activities and look forward to the remaining program, I take satisfaction in what we have achieved this year. As I've said many times before, nothing can be done in the chapter without the assistance and hard work of its members. I am extremely appreciative of the support of our chapter members and those elected to leadership positions.

We are always looking to provide activities and programs which are of interest to our members. This year we offered garden tours in Charlottesville which were well received. We had a highly successful plant sale in May which, besides generating funds, made our chapter visible to the public.

And finally, we had a well-attended and

enjoyable cutting exchange in July.

We have a number of interesting and worthwhile activities ahead of us. Our annual auction is not only a lot of fun, but it allows members, and members of the public, to obtain uncommon azaleas to add to their collections. In October we have the opportunity to help restore native azaleas to Hooper Bald and to assist in expanding the Glenn Dale azalea collection at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Finally we have our annual Holiday Party in December.

Plans for next year are already underway. We encourage program input/suggestions from our members so that we can continue to provide interesting and worthwhile programs. If you have any suggestions, please provide them to any of the chapter officers. Thanks for all you have been doing and I hope to see you at the azalea auction.

Rick

If you would like to receive the clipper via email, saving the club printing and postage, and are not already doing so, please send me a note at: bsperling@cox.net

Pictures of you have been updated through the July Cutting exchange at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/bsperlin/AzaleaMeetings2001>

Did you know that we're alive in cyberspace? Check us out at: www.nv-asa.org

Update on FONA's Save the Azaleas and Boxwood Campaign
by **Don Hyatt**

The campaign to fully endow the azalea and boxwood collections sponsored by the Friends of the National Arboretum has been making slow progress in trying to raise a second million dollars. To date, only about \$50,000 has been received which is just 5% of that goal. There have been a few major contributions recently, including a \$5000 donation from the American Rhododendron Society and a matching \$5000 donation from the American Boxwood Society. There was also a personal contribution of \$1000 from one of the members of the Middle Atlantic Chapter ARS this summer, but major donations have been slow to arrive, especially at this time of year. It is important that members of the ASA continue to support this very worthwhile campaign.

FONA's Executive Director, Kathy Horan, said we need to look for creative ways to raise public awareness next spring. One way to reach the goal more rapidly would be to gain support from some major contributors, people or organizations who could donate tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars at one time. Thoughts that have been discussed include sponsorship of portions of the garden or naming rights to some of the better unnamed hybrids on the Glenn Dale Hillside. Ben Morrison planted 1200 cultivars on Mt. Hamilton in 1947, and varieties that have now stood the test of time but were not included among his 455 Glenn Dale hybrids, could be named and introduced. FONA is still in the brainstorming phase, so if you have some great ideas, please share your thoughts.

The Arboretum did hire an Intern, Dave Empel, to work with Barbara Bullock in the Azalea Collection this summer. Barbara says he was a good choice and worked very hard. He made a big difference! Several local chapters of the ASA and ARS had contributed to that fund, and FONA said there is still \$6200 left to put toward hiring another Intern next year. It does take \$7000 to fund one of those positions, so perhaps we can help meet that goal, and consider supporting an Intern in future years as well.

Note:

The whole, up-to-date story can be found on **Steve Henning's** site: <http://savetheazaleas.org>

Dave Nanney is handling the library. Here are a few more of the books he can bring to the meeting on request:

All About Azaleas, Camellias And Rhododendrons Ortho Books. Editor's include Fred Galle
Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Camellias Sunset Book. edited by Philip Edinger
Pest Management Guide Virginia Cooperative Extension Service
Summary of Registration Data For The Robin Hill Azaleas by Donald H. Voss
The Smaller Rhododendrons by Peter A. Cox
Rhododendrons Of The World by David G. Leach
Rhododendron Hybrids: A Guide To Their Origins by Homer E. Salley and Harold Greer
Rhododendron Hybrids Second Edition by Homer E. Salley and Harold Greer
A Brocade Pillow–Azaleas Of Old Japan by Ito Ihei

Southern Living Azaleas by Fred C. Galle
Shrubs by Roger Phillips & Martyn Rix
R.H.S. Colour Chart by The Royal Horticultural Society
Azaleas in Kurume This copy of the 1989 Monograph of Kurume Azaleas is the product of the Kurume Azalea Festival held in Kurume in 1989.
Rhododendron Portraits D.M. van Gelderen and J.R.P. van Hoey Smith
Kalmia The Laurel Book II Richard A. Jaynes
Success with Rhododendrons and Azaleas H. Edward Reiley
The Bell Book B.Y. Morrison.
The Rhododendron Species vol IV Davidian. 1995
small Satsuki book 1997
American Azaleas Clarence Towe
Floral Treasures of Japan – The Satsuki Azaleas Alexander Kennedy. 1997
Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening 4th edition Norman Taylor. 1961

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October 8 - 10 Hooper Bald Project

*October 30 Fall Meeting with
Norfolk Botanical Gardens'
horticulturist Marcus Jones*

*December 4 Social at Lars Larson's
in Fairfax Station*

September 11th at 1:00: Plant Auction at Gainesville Merrifield Garden Center

6895 Wellington Rd, Gainesville, VA 20156
703-368-1919

From the north, east, or west:

Route 66

South at exit 44 onto 234/Prince William County Parkway for 1.4 miles

Right on Balls Ford Road for 0.8 miles.

Left on Wellington Road and travel 0.2 miles.

The garden center is on the left.

From the south:

Route 234/Prince William County Parkway north.

Left on Wellington Rd for 2 miles.

The garden center is on the right.

For GPS directions, use Manassas instead of Gainesville