

Sep 18 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Susan and I just got back from a trip to Norway so I'm a little late with the message this month. Our trip to Norway took us above the Arctic Circle. We were able to visit the northernmost botanical garden, the Arctic-Alpine Botanic Garden, in Tromsø, Norway. I was amazed to see the wide variety of plants which survive above the Arctic Circle. Below are a couple of pictures. I will provide more in my October presentation at the chapter meeting.



Rhododendron hillside in Arctic-Alpine Botanic Garden



Eryngium alpinum "Queen of the Alps"

Fall Auction/Plant Sale – 29 Sep 1-4pm (set up 28 Sep)



Auction plants waiting to go to the highest bidder

We moved the annual Fall Auction/Plant Sale to the end of September due to a conflict with another plant society event. This is always an enjoyable activity and is another opportunity to add some beautiful azalea varieties to your collection.



Sale plants set up outside of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

We also open our sale/auction to the general public. This exposure of the chapter to the general public has gained us new members in the past. Hopefully this year will be no different.

A list of the available plants will be on our website in a few days. A notification will be sent out to all members after the information is posted.

It requires a great deal of effort to set up and tear down. If you are able to assist, please contact Joanne Neckel at (703) 690-6013 or vaneckel@verizon.net.

I have also attached a flyer for the event to the email forwarding this message. Please share it with friends and family. If you participate in Nextdoor.com, I'd appreciate it if you'd post this event and flyer. Refreshments will be provided by the chapter for this event.

Chapter Meeting October 28 1-5 pm

In my June message, I talked about the ARS convention in Bremen, Germany and the follow-on tour to Finland. **Don Hyatt** and I will be giving talks on both of these events at the October meeting. A number of our chapter members participated in this “once in a lifetime” event along with a large number of other ASA members.

We’re looking forward to sharing our pictures of some beautiful gardens in Germany and Finland. We hope you will be able to join us.



Hartwig Schepker, Director of the Bremen Rhododendron Garden, leading a tour

Sad News

I’m sorry to report that one of our long-time members, **Norma Merritt**, passed away on 27 July. She was 92. **Norma** had been a member since 2004 and was one of our regular attendees at chapter functions. I was always amazed at her energy and her sharp mind. She was an inspiration and will be sorely missed.

New Members

We would like to welcome **Mason McDaniel** to the chapter. **Mason** lives in Springfield and is a former student of **Don Hyatt’s** when he attended Thomas Jefferson High School. Some members had the opportunity to meet **Mason** and his daughter **Stella** at the July cutting exchange.

We also would like to welcome **Stefanie (Steffi) von Loh** to the society and our chapter. A number of us met **Steffi** at the Bremen Rhododendron Garden where she is a member of the staff. She and her fellow staff members bent over backwards to make our visit to Bremen unforgettable. She has an obvious interest in azaleas, particularly deciduous, and I recommended she join the Azalea Society. She did and is looking forward to making a trip to the states to see the native azaleas in the future.



Steffi von Loh

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for 2018. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sep 29 1-5 pm (set up 28 Sep)	Auction/Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 28 1-5 pm	Fall Meeting Don Hyatt – Bremen Convention Rick Bauer- Finland post tour	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA

Oct 28 Changed	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 9	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Beck's Home

Other Activities/Notes –

Miscellaneous –

Note on NV-ASA website security:

Recently, Google has started to require secure connections for those using its **Chrome** browser. It is anticipated that other browsers will follow suit shortly. In order to comply with this new security requirement, we have purchased a security certificate for the chapter website. You may encounter a security message warning that the connection is not secure when attempting to access our website. If you do, please insert the characters "https://" at the start of the URL. For example, put the full address "<https://www.nv-asa.org>" or the abbreviated one "<https://nv-asa.org>" in your browser. After a few accesses, your browser should remember that you are using a secure connection, and the "https://" may no longer be required.

Photos for *The Azalea Clipper*/Facebook – Barry is looking for pictures of your garden to share with other members on our chapter **Facebook** page and in the **Clipper**. Now is the time to show off a little. Send your pictures to **Barry** at bsperling@cox.net.

We are also always looking for articles for ***The Azalea Clipper***. They don't have to be long and can be on any azalea related subject (e.g., gardens (public or private), hybridizers, companion plants etc.). Pictures are also always appreciated. Please consider writing an article. Contact **Barry** if you have any questions bsperling@cox.net or 703-765-7062. **Clipper** articles can also be the basis for later submissions to ***The Azalean*** (see below).

The Azalean – The editors of ***The Azalean*** depend on member submissions of articles of interest to the general **ASA** membership. If you have an article to share, send it to them at theazalean@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. Illustrations are highly encouraged and should be at least 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi.

Speakers – We continue to strive to provide speakers on topics of interest to our members. If you have heard, or are otherwise aware of, speakers who might be of interest to our chapter, please contact **Lars Larson** at lars.larson@cox.net or (703) 277-3441.

I hope you're able to volunteer your time to help at our annual auction. I look forward to seeing you there.

Rick