

## Aug 18 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

As I write this message, I'm looking out at my green garden. The recent heavy rains are just what it needed. While I lost a few plants, including some azaleas, during the dry spell, those that survived are looking great. I'm even seeing some new growth.

I've also inventoried my nursery stock and am adding to my private Legacy garden collections of **McDonald**, **Klimavicz**, **Holly Springs** and **Stewart** cultivars. These additions were started from cuttings obtained at previous cutting exchanges. Below are photos of some of the varieties I'm adding. (Thanks to **Carolyn Beck** for the beautiful photos).



Special Friendship - Stewart hybrid (Photo –Carolyn Beck)



Holly Springs Crimson Queen (Photo Carolyn Beck)



Lovely Linda - Klimavicz hybrid (Photo - Carolyn Beck)



Buck Claggett - Stewart hybrid (Photo - Carolyn Beck)

## Cutting Exchange – 15 July 1-5 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

The chapter had another successful cutting exchange. Twenty-two members and guests (including one of **Don Hyatt's** former students and his daughter) attended the event. The event included a pot luck and a plant exchange. The chapter donated 45 **Glenn Dale** azaleas to the plant exchange and three as door prizes.

This event is always a great opportunity to add to your plant collection either through the plant exchange or by obtaining cuttings to propagate. This year was no exception. I'm sorry I missed the meeting, however I look forward to being there next year.



Attendees check out the plants on the exchange table (Photo Barry Sperling)

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

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.

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 early September. A notification will be sent out to all members at that time.



**2016 Azalea Auction/Sale**

It requires a great deal of effort to set up and tear down. We will be soliciting volunteers in early September. I hope you will be able to assist.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Sep 29 1-5 pm (set up 28 Sep) Changed	Auction/Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 28 1-5 pm Changed	Fall Meeting Don Hyatt – Bremen Convention Rick Bauer- Finland post tour	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 29 Changed	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 9	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Beck’s Home

**Other Activities/Notes –**

**Miscellaneous –**

**ADDED - 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lars.larson@cox.net) or (703) 277-3441.

I hope to see a large number of our members at the fall auction. We appreciate those of you who can volunteer your time to setup, run and/or tear down the auction/sale, as well as participate in the event.

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