

## Jan 19 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! The chapter finished out another successful year with our holiday social at **Paul and Carolyn Beck's** home on 9 December. Thirty chapter members gathered to enjoy good food and camaraderie. We had a delicious selection of dishes provided by members.

We also held our annual meeting. The members approved the budget for 2019 and voted to give the following end of year donations in 2018:

\$1000 to the Friends of the National Arboretum  
\$1500 to the Green Springs Garden Title 1 Program  
\$1000 to Norfolk Botanical Garden  
\$1000 to the Azalea Society General Fund

The following officers were elected for 2019:

President – **Lars Larson**  
Vice President – **Diane Marcus**  
Secretary – **Joanne Neckel**  
Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

More photos from our social are at the end of this message.

I also announced the winners of the three free one-year memberships selected by lottery from those society members who had renewed their memberships through 2019 or later. The winners are:

**Chip Benjamin** and **Doug Pulak** – Northern Virginia  
**Jackson** and **Pam McCarter** – Vaseyi  
**Elizabeth Wells** – Vaseyi

The winners are also posted on the ASA website and will be announced in the Winter Azalean. The Winter issue was mailed on 26 December and should be arriving shortly. Speaking of **The Azalean**, **Paul Beck**, ASA Treasurer and **Barb Stump**, **The Azalean** editor, did an analysis of the printing costs and determined that it was economically feasible to do color printing through the whole issue (vice a combination of color and black and white). Hopefully you will enjoy the additional color.

## New Members

We'd like to welcome **Ann Young** to the chapter. **Ann** lives in Williamsburg, VA. Hopefully we'll get a chance to welcome her in person at a future chapter event.



Delicious Selection of Dishes at the Holiday Social



Paul Davis, Lars Larson and Fred Newlan in deep discussion

## **Membership Renewal**

We are pleased with the response to our call to renew memberships. The Northern Virginia Chapter has been especially responsive. At this time, only 13 of our 102 2018 chapter members have yet to renew. If you have not done so yet, we hope that you will decide to remain a member of the chapter and society and submit your renewal dues as soon as possible. Your dues go primarily to support the creation and publication of ***The Azalean***.

## **North Carolina Nursery Plant Trip March 1-2**

**Don Hyatt** is organizing his annual trip down to nurseries in North Carolina. He has extended invitations to members of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the ASA and the Middle Atlantic and Potomac Valley Chapters of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS). This is a great opportunity to visit some quality nurseries which have a great selection of plants. I have visited a number of the nurseries in the past and am impressed with the wide variety of plants available (primarily what we would call companion plants). **Don** will be publishing more information as the date approaches.

## **ASA National Convention – Summerville, SC 14-16 March**

It isn't long until our annual convention in Summerville, SC. This should be a great convention with some beautiful gardens on the schedule and some great speakers. Nearby Charleston is also a beautiful historic city which is well worth a visit.

Convention registration is already underway. You can register by using the form in the Fall ***Azalean*** or by going to the ASA website and clicking on About the Society>Conventions. This will give you more information on the convention as well as the registration form. If you've been to a convention before, you know they are a great time. If not, I encourage you to attend the next convention in Summerville.

## **Chapter Meeting 31 March 1-4:30 pm**

Our first meeting of the year will be on 31 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. This will be a joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the ARS. **Charlie Andrews**, Vice President of the ASA and former president of the Azalea Chapter of the ARS will be giving a talk on native azaleas. Put this one on your calendar. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

Below is the schedule for 2019. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 1-2	North Carolina Nursery Plant Trip	ARS MAC/PVC;NV-ASA	Various
Mar 14-16	ASA Convention	ASA	Summerville, SC
Mar 31 1-4:30pm	Joint Meeting with Speaker Charlie Andrews	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>

Apr TBD	Potting Party	NV-ASA	Beck House
Apr 27-28	Member Open Gardens	NV-ASA	Various
May 4-5	Member Open Gardens	NV-ASA	Various
May 11 Tentative	Plant sale in Vienna	NV-ASA	Ayr Hill Garden Club
May 18	Green Spring Gardens Plant sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA</a>
May 16-19	ARS Convention	ARS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Early to mid June TBD	Smoky Mountain Hikes	ARS/ASA	Various Locations in the Smoky Mountains
Jul 14 1-4:30 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Sep 28	Fall Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 27 1-4:30pm	Meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct TBD	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 8	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

## Other Activities/Notes –

### Miscellaneous –

**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.

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## 2018 Holiday Social



**Paul Beck and Budne Reinke "supervise"  
Susan Bauer cutting the cake**



**Barbara Bullock, Margaret Vogel and Marvin  
Friedman in the foreground and Joe  
Klimavicz, Joanne Neckel, Dave Meadows and  
Leslie Nanney in the background**



**Lars Larson welcomes members to the social**



**Members congregate for the business  
meeting**



**The author with Budne and Diane Reinke -  
photo Fred Newlan**