

## **Mar 19 Message to Members**

Chapter Members,

Please join me in congratulating chapter member, Horticulturist **Barbara Bullock**, on her upcoming retirement. After 29 years at the National Arboretum, **Barbara** is ready to enter the next stage of her life. With all of her new free time, she expects that she will be able to join us in more of our activities. We look forward to seeing her.

### **Norfolk Botanical Garden Collaboration**

The chapter has had an ongoing collaboration with the Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG) over the past several years. I met with **Les Parks**, Director of Horticulture at NBG and other members of the NBG staff. We discussed plans for continued and future collaboration. Specifically, we will be working with them to continue to expand their collection of Glenn Dale azaleas and to add McDonald varieties which they currently do not have in their collection. We also discussed other possible initiatives which will have to be discussed by our Executive Committee before we undertake them.



McDonald Collection at NBG

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

I'm looking forward to the upcoming convention and am pleased by the response of our chapter members. Once again we will have great representation by the chapter's members and associate members.

### **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 American Rhododendron Society (ARS). Chapter associate member **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. There will also be a plant exchange which is always a good opportunity to share your extra plants and to obtain new varieties. Put this one on your calendar. More information will be provided in ***The Azalea Clipper***.

### **Klimavicz Garden Planting – 1 April (rain date 8 April)**

As part of the Legacy Project, the chapter has been working with Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA to establish a garden of **Joe Klimavicz's** azaleas. The beds have been prepared and the plants have been procured. Now it's time to plant the azaleas. A workday is scheduled for 1 April with a rain date of 8 April. If you are able to participate, please contact Carolyn Beck [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com) or (703) 860-5676.



Antoinette Martin - photo Joe Klimavicz

**Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale May 18 9am-3pm**

The chapter has participated in this event for several years. We've had good response from a large number of chapter volunteers in the past. Unfortunately, this year many of the usual volunteers have calendar conflicts which preclude their participation. We would like to find out who would be willing to volunteer to help. We are prepared to scale back the scope of our participation based on the number of members who volunteer. If you want more information on the sale or are interested in volunteering, please contact Carolyn Beck [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com) or (703) 860-5676.



Chapter Tent at 2016 Sale – photo Lars Larson

**White's Nursery Open House May 19 9am-5pm**

Chapter members **Mike** and **Deb White** will be holding their annual open house at their nursery on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They will have end of season inventory reduced prices. This is always a good time to get some beautiful azaleas and rhododendron and the **Whites** have a large selection of quality plants.



One of the White's Nursery Greenhouses

For more information contact: **Deb White** (301) 471-5958 or [whiteaz@verizon.net](mailto:whiteaz@verizon.net) Or **Mike White** (301) 788-3293 or check out their website [www.whites-nursery.com](http://www.whites-nursery.com).

**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 1 Rain date Apr 8	Klimavicz Garden planting at Meadowlark	NV-ASA	Meadowlark Gardens, Vienna, VA
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 16-19	ARS Convention	ARS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 18	Green Spring Gardens Plant sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA</a>
May 19 9am-5pm <b>(ADDED)</b>	White's Nursery Open House and Sale	White's Nursery	White's Nursery 22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, MD 20876
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 –

**(ADDED) Input for March *Azalea Clipper***– If you have anything to publish in the March *Azalea Clipper*, please provide it to **Barry** [bsperling@cox.net](mailto:bsperling@cox.net) by 10 March.

**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 **Diane Marcus** at [dianemarcus@starpower.net](mailto:dianemarcus@starpower.net) or (301) 983-1098.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Summerville. Also, please put the 31 March meeting on your calendars. **Charlie Andrews** is very knowledgeable on native azaleas and will have plenty of beautiful photos to go with his presentation.

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