

January 2014 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. I'm looking forward to this year.

We had a wonderful holiday social last month. I'm sorry that some of you were unable to attend due to the date change, but we didn't want to endanger any of our members due to the inclement weather. I thank **Lars** and **Jean Larson** for opening their beautiful home to our chapter. I also thank those members who were able to attend. The December meeting is an important one in that we make a number of important decisions for the chapter. The first is the election of officers. Our chapter officers for 2014 are:

President – **Lars Larson**

Vice President – **Paul Davis**

Secretary – **Susan Bauer**

Treasurer – **Paul Beck**

We also had a very successful year financially. The Executive Committee recommended and the chapter approved, donations totaling \$5000. The chapter also approved the allocation of donations, as determined by the Executive Committee, to the following organizations:

Green Spring Gardens Title 1 Program – \$1000

Green Spring Gardens for Margaret White Garden Intern – \$2000

Friends of the National Arboretum (for Intern) – \$1000

Norfolk Botanical Garden (for azalea garden) - \$1000

As you are aware, we are co-sponsoring (with three chapters of the ARS) the **2016 ASA-ARS Convention** in Williamsburg. **Don Hyatt** has created a website for the convention which will be updated as we get closer to the event. Check it out at <http://arsasaconvention2016.org/>.

I'm also happy to report that the **ASA** has gained two new chapters. The **Cape Fear Chapter** is in Wilmington, NC with chapter president **Matt Hunter**. The **Central Carolina Chapter** is based in Charlotte, NC with Chapter President **Chris Wetmore**. **Chris** is also one of the main people behind the new **ASA Facebook** page and has recently associated with the **Northern Virginia Chapter**. Welcome! The **Central Carolina Chapter** also includes former **Northern Virginia Chapter** members **Eve** (former Chapter President) and **Bob Harrison** and **Barbara Alexander**. To help the **Central Carolina Chapter** get off the ground financially, we will be providing them 100 plants to use in their plant sales.

The American Rhododendron Society is planning a trip to Northern Germany and Denmark after their national convention next year. This trip is also open to members of the ASA. Tour [information](#) and [itinerary](#) are at the hyperlinks. If you are interested in joining the trip or would like more information, please contact **Bill Heller** at william.r.heller@boeing.com.

As a reminder, national and our chapter have both created **Facebook** pages. I encourage all members on **Facebook** to "Like" both national's and our **Facebook** pages and to get their friends to "Like" us. Also, if you share the postings on these pages, it will get wider dissemination to your friends who see your **Timeline**.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Schedule for 2014 – Below is a calendar for this year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Mar 16, 2014	Meeting w Speaker George McLellan – The Winter Garden (joint with PVC ARS)	NV-ASA/PVC-ARS	Potomac Community Center
Mar 28-30	ASA Convention	ASA	Charleston, SC
Apr 27 (backup May 4)	Member Garden Tours	NV-ASA	Various
May 17	Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale	NV-ASA/FCPS	Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA
Jul 20	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Paul and Carolyn Beck's
Sep 20	Public Azalea Sale and Auction	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Springfield, VA
Oct 11 or 12 (tent)	Joint dinner meeting w/Speaker with ARS	NV-ASA/ARS	TBD
Oct 26	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 7	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD

Other Activities/Notes –

Legacy Project –

I have spoken about the **Legacy Project** for several months and have just submitted an article on the project to **The Azalean**. Hopefully it will be published in the near future. If anyone would like more information on becoming a "**Legacy Lead**" or otherwise participating in this project, please contact me.

Miscellaneous –

Carousel and Lens - Joe Klimavicz has a new slide carousel and wide angle lens for a carousel slide projector which he is giving away. If you are interested, please contact **Joe** at joeklim@gmail.com or 703-242-8724.

Azalea Clipper – Barry Sperling continues to produce an attractive and informative **Azalea Clipper**. He is always looking for content of interest to our members. If you have anything to share, please send it to him at bsperling@cox.net.

The Azalean – I hope you agree with me that the new editors of **The Azalean** are doing a great job. They 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 **Paul Davis** at padavisjr@aol.com or 703-408-7080.

Nurseries – A number of our members own nurseries or otherwise propagate azaleas for sale to the general public. A list of these members and their nurseries is located on our website at [Member Nurseries](#).

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