

Oct 2014 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Hopefully I'm able to send this message out to you as I'm currently in Croatia. While they don't have azaleas in bloom this time of year, we have seen some beautiful scenery and plants.

Unfortunately I was not able to participate in this year's azalea sale and auction on the day of the sale. The sale and auction were very successful. Thanks to all of volunteers who helped. More information is in this month's Clipper.

We have a few remaining activities for this year:

Joint Luncheon and Meeting with Harold Greer 11 Oct – We have had a great response for the upcoming luncheon at the Wildfire Restaurant. We have the great opportunity to share a delicious meal with members of the **Potomac Valley, Mid-Atlantic and Mason-Dixon Chapters** of the **ARS** as well as the **Ben Morrison Chapter** of the **ASA** at the **Wildfire Restaurant** in **Tysons Corner**. We are especially fortunate to have **Harold Greer** speak to our combined group. **Harold** and his wife **Nancy**, own **Greer Gardens** in **Eugene, Oregon**. He is a past president of the **American Rhododendron Society**, and served on the board of directors for over 25 years. **Harold** has made numerous contributions to the world of rhododendrons and azaleas. He is a noted author and photographer. His pictures have been published in books and publications, including the cover of **Smithsonian Magazine**. This should be an outstanding event and we anticipate a large turnout.

Dave Banks, Don Hyatt and **Paul Beck** have put together a site which will allow you to either register and pay for the event online, or download a form to send in with your check. The site may be reached from our chapter home page or by clicking [here](#). We expect this event to sell out fast so I recommend you get your reservation in early. Reservations will be accepted until we are completely booked or by **4 October**, whichever occurs first.

This event will also be a great time for the four organizations sponsoring the 2016 Convention to get together. An update on convention planning will be provided to the attendees (information will also be posted on our website after the event). A map showing the location of the **Wildfire Restaurant** is at the hyperlink in the calendar below:

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Schedule for 2014 – Below is the calendar for the remainder of this year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Oct 11	Joint luncheon meeting w/ ARS – Speaker: Harold Greer	NV-ASA/ARS	Wildfire Restaurant , Tysons II
Oct 26	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Dec 7	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Barbara and John Kirkwood's Home

Other Activities/Notes –

Legacy Project –

I have spoken about the **Legacy Project** for several months and an article on the project was recently published in **The Azalean**. If anyone would like more information on becoming a "**Legacy Lead**" or otherwise participating in this project, visit our [Legacy website](#) or [contact me](#).

ASA-ARS Convention 2016 –

Plans for the joint **2016 ASA-ARS Convention** continue to take shape. We are in the process of finalizing the gardens to be visited as well as the speakers. We think that the **Williamsburg** location will provide a lot of opportunities to enjoy historic and recreational venues in addition to the full schedule of events as part of the convention.

Legacy Hybridizers will be featured (along with other special azaleas). **Carolyn Beck** has volunteered to coordinate the chapter efforts in identifying, propagating and raising azaleas for the convention. Currently the focus is on identifying the cultivars we want to propagate. **Carolyn** would like suggestions from everyone.

We would like as many of our group to participate in the chapter's efforts to provide 2000 plants. There is a wide range of activities...hopefully something for everyone. If you can help with any of the activities on the [linked list](#), please contact **Carolyn**.

Miscellaneous –

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](#).

We look forward to getting back to the states and seeing you at the 11 October luncheon at the Wildfire Restaurant.

Rick