

Jan 15 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year. I hope that all of you had a great holiday season. I look forward to working with you and seeing you in the coming year.

Many of you were able to attend our Holiday Social at **Barb and John Kirkwood's** beautiful home on 7 December. I understand it was a great party and I'm sorry **Susan** and I couldn't attend as we were out of country. I'd like to thank the **Kirkwoods** for hosting the event.

There were a number of items voted on by the members in attendance. The slate of officers for 2015 is:

President – **Rick Bauer**
Vice President – **Lars Larson**
Treasurer – **Paul Beck**
Secretary – **Susan Bauer**

I'd like to thank the following chapter members for volunteering to serve in the following important non-elective positions:

Corresponding Secretary - **Barry Sperling**
Fund Raising- **Carolyn Beck**
Hospitality - **Patsy Meadows**
Librarian - **Dave Nanney**
Membership - **Rick Bauer**
Webmaster - **Paul Beck**

We could not carry out the planning and execution of chapter activities without the efforts of the above listed members. Thank **you** in advance for your support in volunteering when needed to carry out our programs.

We had another successful year financially. The **Treasurer's Report** including the budget for 2015 is located on our website under **Financials** (login required to view). Based upon the recommendations of the **Executive Committee** and approved by the membership, the following donations were made for 2014:

Friends of National Arboretum - \$1000
Green Spring White Garden Intern - \$2000
Green Spring Garden Title 1 - \$500

New Members - I'd like to welcome **Alan Phillips** to the chapter. **Alan** lives in Cary, NC. I'd also like to welcome **Linda** and **Ray Smith** as Associate Members. Many of our members know **Linda** and **Ray**. They are members of the **Ben Morrison Chapter** of the **ASA** and the **Mason-Dixon Chapter** of the **ARS**.

Membership Renewals - Your ASA membership needs to be renewed by the end of the year, unless you have a lifetime membership, or you have previously renewed for more than one year. This year, for the first time, we are accepting membership renewals online via our web site. Payment may be made by credit card, debit card, or PayPal account. This requires you to login to view your profile and renew your membership. If you have not already created a login, please Register on the web site. If your membership expires in 2014, there will be a **Renew Membership** button near the bottom of your Profile page, right after the **Year Expires** line. Complete details and instructions are published on the www.nv-asa.org home page. Also, please consider renewing your membership for a level

above **Regular**. There are three categories of membership above the Regular that help support the operation of the ASA, **Contributing**, **Supporting** and **Endowment**. Each has a different renewal amount, and the portion above the Regular membership is fully tax deductible.

As always, you may renew by check mailed to **Paul Beck**, 2963 Fort Lee Street, Oak Hill, VA 20171-1812. Regular dues are \$30 per year, and there are discounts for paying for multiple years (see the web site for details).

The Azalean – I know that many folks have questions on the status of **The Azalean**. The current editors have been trying to get us back on an annual schedule of four issues a year. The summer issue of **The Azalean** is being printed now and should be received shortly. The plan is to rush through the Fall issue with articles and ads).

They have a mid-January deadline for new articles and Chapter News for the Winter issue. Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest to society members. Information on how to submit is at the end of this message.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for 2015

| Date | Event | Organization | Location |
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| Mar 1 (Change) | Chapter meeting with speaker and Plant Exchange | NV-ASA | Kirkwood Presbyterian Church |
| Mar 26-29 | ASA Convention | ASA | Nacogdoches, TX |
| Late Apr/early May | Chapter member garden tours | NV-ASA | Various |
| May 16 | Green Spring Garden plant sale | | Green Spring Garden in Alexandria, VA |
| Jul 19 | Cutting Exchange | NV-ASA | TBD |
| Sep 26 | Azalea Auction | NV-ASA | Kirkwood Presbyterian Church |
| Oct 17 | Executive Committee Meeting | NV-ASA | TBD |
| Oct 18 | Chapter meeting with speaker and Plant Exchange | NV-ASA | TBD |
| Dec 6 | Holiday Social/Annual Meeting | NV-ASA | Carolyn and Paul Beck'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 have finalized 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 a spreadsheet is being created that identifies all the cultivars being grown, as well as the growers.

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 **Lars Larson** at lars.larson@cox.net or 703-277-3441.

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](#).

I look forward to the new year and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Rick