

Nov 15 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

I'm a little late with the message this month as I've been trying to reduce my inventory of plants in pots and increase my inventory of plants in the ground. This task was made more difficult by back to back weekends of azalea and rhododendron meetings which added to my potted plant inventory. The weather has been perfect so I've made some significant progress in getting my plants into the ground.

Holiday Social 6 Dec - This year's pot luck social will be held at **Carolyn and Paul Beck's** home. This is always a great event and an important one for our chapter. All members are asked to bring a dish to share. We will elect officers for next year, approve the budget for 2016 and make allocations of donations for 2015. More information will be provided in **Not the Clipper, Barry's** year end version of **The Azalea Clipper**.

Chapter Meeting 18 Oct Bonsai Azaleas - This was a great meeting with a large turnout to hear **Dr. Joe Gutierrez** speak on **Bonsai Azaleas**. I think I can speak for all in attendance that it was very interesting and informative. Personally I always thought it took years, even decades, to realize results from bonsai, however **Joe's** presentation showed that you could start bonsai relatively quickly.

Many of our members also went home with some fine azaleas and companion plants from our plant exchange and azalea door prizes. All in all it was a very successful and entertaining afternoon.

Public Sale and Auction - Just one more note on our September auction...I failed to thank **Pete Vines** for his contribution. **Pete** is the hybridizer of the **Holly Springs** hybrids and generously offered us the naming rights to **HS 84-16-31** which went to the highest bidder, **Joe Gutierrez**, who will name it **Rose Gutierrez-Kolb**, after his daughter.

Volunteer opportunities - As I've stated before, the chapter could not operate without the help of dedicated volunteers. We have a couple of positions opening for which we need volunteers:

Secretary - We need a volunteer for the **Secretary** position for next year. **Susan** has volunteered to assist **Barry** with **The Azalea Clipper**, is fully engaged at the national level with the digitization project and thus will be vacating this position (though she has volunteered to be a backup as needed). The basic secretarial duties involve taking minutes at the general membership and **Executive Committee** meetings. The **Secretary** is also a voting member of the **Executive Committee**. A copy of the duties is attached.

Hospitality - **Patsy Meadows** has done a wonderful job coordinating the hospitality activities for the last several years. She has earned a well-deserved break. If you are able to coordinate the hospitality activities, please consider volunteering. We have folks who have volunteered to assist, however we need someone to take charge. Duties are attached to this email.

If you are able to assist in either position, please contact me at rickbauer@cox.net or (757) 833-7737.

New Members - We welcome **Gerald** and **Faith Bange** to the Northern Virginia Chapter. Many of you may recognize them from our past plant sales. We're happy they decided to join our chapter and look forward to welcoming them at a future meeting.

The Azalean – Since my last message, you should have all received the **Spring/Summer** and the **Fall** issues of the magazine. They, as well as all past **Azaleans** are also **currently** online at <http://www.nv-asa.org/azaleans>. You will need a password and user ID to access the most recent **Azaleans**.

The editors are also hard at work putting together the **Winter** issue of the magazine which will feature the **2016 Convention** with articles about the convention and the **Norfolk Botanical Garden** and the **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**, two of the 10 gardens which will be on tour at the convention. This issue should be in your mailboxes in December. It will also include the registration form for the **2016 Convention** as well as a ballot for positions on the **Board of Directors**.

Joint ASA/ARS Convention 20-24 April 2016 – Most of the planning and contracts for the 2016 convention are now in place. The convention planning committee will be meeting in **Williamsburg** this month to discuss detailed planning and to do another walk through of the hotel facilities. This will be a great convention with beautiful gardens, interesting speakers and the opportunity to take advantage of all of the historic venues in **Williamsburg** and the **Historic Triangle**. Up to date information on the convention is available on the convention website <http://arsasaconvention2016.org/>. Our hotel, The **Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center** is currently accepting reservations at <http://www.fortmagruderhotel.com/> or by calling 757-220-2250 using convention code **ASA**.

We hope that you are planning to attend the convention. We will be publishing volunteer requirements in the near future. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help make this convention a success.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for the remainder of 2015:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Dec 6	Holiday Social/Annual Meeting	NV-ASA	Carolyn and Paul Beck's home

Below is the current schedule for 2016. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
March 20	Spring Meeting with Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
April 20-24th	ARS/ASA Joint Convention	NV-ASA, Mason-Dixon, Middle Atlantic and Potomac Valley Chapters, ARS	Williamsburg, VA
May 14	Green Spring Plant Sale	NV-ASA	Green Spring Garden in Alexandria, VA
July 10	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

September 18	Plant Auction and Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
October 22	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
October 23	Fall Meeting with Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
December 4	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

Other Activities/Notes –

ARS & ASA Convention 2016 Plant Sale - Update

Well over 2000 azaleas are being grown for this event by a number of chapter members. Most will be in 4" pots, but there will also be a nice selection in 3-quart and 1-gallon sizes. Featured will be cultivars from our **Legacy Hybridizers**. In addition, there will be representatives from other hybrid groups that are thought to be of special interest.

The tentative list of what will be included in the sale will be put on the website after the first of the year. Final changes will be made in March.

We would like as many of our group to participate in the chapter's sale. There are a wide range of activities needed to make this a successful venture. If you can help with any of the activities on the linked [list of roles](#), please contact **Carolyn Beck**. Numbers 1-6 on this list have essentially been completed. Now we are focusing on items 7-14.

Miscellaneous –

FREE AZALEAS. The **Becks** are trying to make room for a large number of **Legacy** cultivars. In so doing they are parting with some mature azaleas, most of which are around 25 years old. If you can give a good home to any of the azaleas on the list at the bottom of the last page, please contact **Carolyn Beck** at 703-860-5676 or carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com.

The Azalea Clipper - Barry is doing a great job, however he currently does the lion's share of writing for the **Clipper**. Please consider writing an article. It doesn'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. Contact **Barry** if you have any questions bsperling@cox.net or 703-765-7062.

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. 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](#).

Have a great Thanksgiving and I hope to see you next month at our Holiday Social.

Rick

Free Azaleas – Contact Carolyn Beck

Beth Bullard, Pennington
Cayuga, Greenwood
Chamaecyparis obtusa (cultivar name unknown)
Chanson, Robin Hill
Easter Morn, Aichele
Eliza Hyatt, Schroeder
Folly, Glenn Dale
Fothergilla gardenia Mt Airy
Gartrell K17-03
Gresham, Robin Hill
Holly Springs 84-16-42
Holly Springs 84-23-17
Holly Springs 85-43-6
Holly Springs 85-44-02 (may be incorrectly labeled)
Holly Springs 86-14-1
Holly Springs 86-27-9
Holly Springs 86-31-26
Huang 2-5-41
Mary Helen, Glenn Dale
Meiko Solid, Satsuki
Nocturne, Glenn Dale
Oakton, Ring
Orchido, Ring
Progress, Glenn Dale
Pucken, Robin Hill
Red-eyed Orchid Queen, Schroeder
Robin Hill Roseanne
Spring Sensation, Deciduous
Susan Camille, Schroeder