

## Sep 16 Message to Members

Chapter Members,



**Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly Lego Sculpture**

I hope you all had a great summer. I'm personally looking forward to cooler weather. **Susan** and I took advantage of recent moderate temperatures to go to **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden** (one of the gardens featured in our **Richmond** convention tours) where they currently have an exhibit of sculptures made out of **Lego** blocks. This goes way beyond what I used to do with **Legos** and we were very impressed. If you are interested in seeing this exhibit, it will be at **Ginter Garden** until Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Click [here](#) to go to the exhibit website. More pictures from the exhibit are at the end of this message.

At our last chapter meeting in July, we recognized **Budne Reinke** as the new **President** of the **Ben Morrison Chapter** of the **ASA**. **Budne** has invited members of the **Northern Virginia Chapter** to join them at a luncheon and plant exchange 11:45 am to 2:00 pm on 7 September at **Christopher's Restaurant**, 1286 Route 3 South, Crofton, MD 21114 (**note location and time change from the previous emails sent on this activity**). If you plan to attend or have any questions, please contact **Budne** at [Budne@aol.com](mailto:Budne@aol.com). The latest newsletter about this event from the **Ben Morrison Chapter** will be sent separately.

### Sad News

At the July cutting exchange we were informed by **Bill Miller** of **Don Voss's** hospitalization. He had fallen and been trapped in his basement for three days before being found by his housekeeper. Unfortunately after a month of hospitalization and rehab, **Don** passed away on 12 August. **Don** was a founding member of the **Northern Virginia Chapter** and an invaluable asset to the society, including serving as a member of the **Editorial Advisory Board of The Azalean**. In accordance with **Don's** wishes, there will be no service and he will be laid to rest at **National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Va**. He will be missed by those who knew him. A more detailed remembrance will be in an upcoming issue of **The Azalean**.

### Azalea/Daylily Sale and Azalea Auction – 17 September

Our next chapter activity is our annual **Azalea Sale and Auction** which will be held at the **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church** from 1-4 pm on 17 September. This year the **Northern Virginia Daylily Society** will be selling daylilies concurrently with our sale of unusual and rare azaleas. As always, we are looking for members to help with setting up and tearing down the sale/auction as well as helping us to conduct the event. If you are able to assist, please contact **Carolyn Beck** at 703-860-5676 or [carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.f.beck@gmail.com).

Per **Carolyn** - *Thank you to all those who have graciously volunteered to help with the set-up of the NV/ASA Sale and Auction on Friday, September 16th. Weather permitting, we will plan to start at 9:30 A.M. An email will be sent out 2 days prior to confirm or announce a change of times. The goal for that day is to arrange both the Live and the Silent Auction plants in alphabetical order and attach photos. Typically this takes about 2 hours.*

*Set up for Saturday's outside (inside if the weather is inclement) sale plants will commence at 9:30. We will plan to break for lunch (on your own) about 12 noon.*

A list of azaleas for sale will be available at <http://www.nv-asa.org/sale> no later than 6 September. A copy of the sale flyer is on our [Facebook](#) page. I will also send one via email. Please forward it on to friends and family who might be interested in adding some beautiful azalea and daylily varieties to their garden.

**Chapter Meeting with Speaker Paulette Royt – “Life in the Soil” – 23 October**

**Master Gardener, Paulette Royt**, will be speaking on “**Life in the Soil.**” The talk will include a discussion on the biology of the soil as well how to apply this soil biology to good gardening techniques in a discussion of best practices, not only to grow healthy azaleas and other plants, but also to be good stewards of the earth.

**Paulette Royt** earned a **BS** and **MS** degree in **Biology** from **American University**, and a **PhD** in **Microbiology** from the **University of Maryland**. After a fellowship at the **National Institutes of Health**, **Paulette** joined the **Biology Department** of **George Mason University (GMU)** where she taught numerous courses within microbiology and pursued research in pathogenic microbiology. Upon retiring from **GMU**, **Paulette** became a **Master Gardener** at **Green Spring Gardens** where she serves as a docent and speaker on many topics of horticulture.

We will also conduct a plant exchange.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
September 7 11:45 am – 2 pm	Luncheon and Plant Exchange	Ben Morrison - ASA	Christopher’s Restaurant, 1286 Route 3 South, Crofton, MD 21114
September 17 1-4 pm	Plant Auction and Sale	NV-ASA/Daylily Society	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church</a>
October 22 1-5 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Neckel’s Home 9702 S. Run Oaks Dr Fairfax Station, VA 22039
October 23 1:30 -4:30 pm	Fall Meeting with Speaker and Plant Exchange	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church</a>
December 4 1-5 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Kirkwood’s Home 11381 Seneca Knoll Dr. Great Falls, VA 22066

**Other Activities/Notes –**

**White Garden Workdays**

A number of workdays have been scheduled for the **White Garden** throughout the year. Volunteer effort is a major factor in preparing the

**White Garden** for opening to the public. More information is available at [White Garden Workdays](#).

**Miscellaneous –**

**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 editor of ***The Azalean*** depends on member submissions of articles of interest to the general **ASA** membership. If you have an article to share, send it to her 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 **Barb Kirkwood** at [kirkwoodb@aol.com](mailto:kirkwoodb@aol.com) or 703-268-6958.

I look forward to seeing you at the sale/auction on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rick

## **Lego Sculptures at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**



**Rabbit and Fox**



**Bison and Calf**



**Hummingbird and Flower**