

Jun 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

May was a busy month for the chapter with plant sales and garden visits. Thanks to all of our members who opened their gardens to other chapter members. As mentioned in last month's message, thanks also go to **Barry Sperling** and **Carolyn** and **Paul Beck** for conducting the chapter plant sale at **Parkfairfax Condominium**.

Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale - Our major activity in May was the **Green Spring Gardens** plant sale. The chapter has been participating in this sale for a number of years. This year we had excellent weather which resulted in what appeared to be a larger number of customers at the sale. The early spring also resulted in us having more of the later blooming varieties, particularly **Satsukis**, available for sale. This year we had a total of 66 customers who purchased 163 plants for a total of \$1912! This was the best sale we have had to date at **Green Spring**. Activities such as this sale would not be possible without the hard work of chapter members. The following members participated in the setup, sale and/or tear down of the sale: **Rick** and **Susan Bauer**, **Carolyn** and **Paul Beck**, **Dick Cecka**, **Barbara** and **John Kirkwood**, **Dan Krabill**, **Lars Larson**, **Lee McElvain** and **Barry Sperling**.



Northern Virginia ASA Plant Booth at Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale

Smoky Mountains Trip - 11-20 June -

This is an annual event organized by **Don Hyatt** and **George McLellan**. It is a wonderful opportunity to hike through different areas of the **Smoky Mountains**, viewing the native azaleas, rhododendron and other plant life. A copy of the itinerary is attached to the email forwarding this message or by clicking [here](#).

Interested members are invited to participate in all or part of the trip. If you would like to participate you need to make your own lodging arrangements and should advise one of the points of contact on the scope of your participation. Chapter points of contact are **Don Hyatt** don@donaldhyatt.com 703-241-5421 (home) or 703-975-0409 (cell) or **George McLellan** (804) 824-1012 (cell).



Calendulaceum on Roan Mountain taken on 2016 Smoky Mountain Trip

Sad News - Jane Newman

I'm sorry to report that long time society and chapter member **Jane Newman** passed away on 16 May. A remembrance of **Jane** will be published in the next **Azalea Clipper**.

We already have a full calendar of events scheduled for this year. The current calendar is shown below.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the current schedule for 2017. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
11-20 June	Smoky Mountains Trip	ASA/ARS	Various
July 16 1-4 pm	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
September 9	Green Spring Gardens Fall Plant Sale - Tentative	NV-ASA	Green Spring Gardens Park Alexandria, VA
Sept 15- 16	Ginter Garden Fall Plant Sale - Tentative	NV-ASA	Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, VA
Sept 23 1-4 pm	Azalea Auction and Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
October 14 10 am - 1:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
October 15 1-4 pm	Fall meeting with Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 3 1-4 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Lars and Jean Larson's Home 5785 Ladues End Ct., Fairfax

Other Activities/Notes -

Back Copies of The Azalean - If you have the following copies of **The Azalean** which you are willing to donate, please contact **Susan Bauer** at bauersh@aol.com.

- 2003 Winter
- 2004 Winter
- 2005 Fall and Winter
- 2008 Spring
- 2009 Winter

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.

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 or 703-765-7062. ***Clipper*** articles can also be the basis for later submissions to ***The Azalean*** (see below)

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.

Rick