

Jul 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,



On Roan Mountain, TN/NC



Margaret Willis, Lindy Johnson, Lloyd Willis, Charlie Andrews (ASA Vice President) and J Jackson (past ASA president) at J and Lindy's home in Trade, TN

As I write this, I've recently returned from the annual **Smoky Mountain** hikes. Once again I had a great time with chapter members and other members of the ASA. I was also happy that a longtime friend of mine, **Jim Dezzutti**, was able to join us. Despite some periods of rain and fog, for the most part the weather was beautiful...sunny and cool. If you haven't taken advantage of this trip in the past, I would recommend you participate in at least part of the hike next year. I have added additional pictures at the end of this document.

While we were in **Mountain City, TN**, we had the opportunity to get together with **J Jackson** (former ASA president) and his wife **Lindy Johnson** in nearby

Trade, TN. **J** and **Lindy** have a beautiful property with many varieties of native and other deciduous azaleas.

Ben Morrison Chapter Cutting Exchange 1 July 12 Noon (Added) – **Budne Reinke** has extended an invitation to our chapter to attend their cutting exchange at the home of **Joe Miller**, 23730 Kingston Village Road California, MD 20619 (301) 862-4936. Please bring a dish to share and a plant (doesn't have to be an azalea) for the auction.

Cutting Exchange 16 July 1-4 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church - Our annual cutting exchange is coming up this month. This is one of my favorite chapter events of the year. It is a great opportunity to expand your azalea collections by obtaining and rooting cuttings from a wide variety of different azalea types. Of particular interest to me is propagating **Legacy** hybrids. A hands-on cutting workshop will be conducted to demonstrate how to root cuttings. We will also have a potluck and all members are asked to bring a dish to share. More information will be in the chapter newsletter, **The 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
July 1	Ben Morrison Cutting Exchange	Ben Morrison - ASA	Joe Miller's home 23730 Kingston Village Road California, MD 20619 (301) 862-4936
July 16 1-4 pm	NoVA Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sept 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.

I hope to see a good turnout at our cutting exchange.

Rick



Ready to hike Roan I-r Bud Gressman, Joe Nicholson, Jim Dezzutti, George McLellan, Rick Bauer, Jan Nicholson, Karel Bernady, Don Hyatt, Dale Berrong (missing Charlie Andrews) photo by Charlie Andrews



Calendulaceum on Roan Mountain



Calendulaceum on Elk Knob, NC →