

Oct 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

It's hard to believe it's fall already. I'm enjoying the change in my garden as the late bloomers take top billing. My **Encore** azaleas are in full bloom as well as some of my other fall bloomers such as "**Two Timer**" and "**Humdinger**."

I was happy to see the great turnout at the annual azalea auction and sale on the 23rd. We had a large number of azaleas available for sale and auction, to include a great selection of Legacy hybrids such as **Holly Springs, McDonald, Stewart, Klimavicz, Marshy Point** and **Bowie Mill**. We were happy to see a number of members of the Bonsai Society in attendance. You could tell who they were as they were huddled around the Satsuki table! We were also pleased that chapter members **Eve** and **Bob Harrison** made the trip up from the Mint Hill (Charlotte), NC area to attend the



John Kirkwood with sale plants outside of Kirkwood Presbyterian - photo Sperling



Bob Harrison Auctioning a Bowie Mill hybrid while Paul Beck operates the slide show - photo Sperling

auction and **Bob**

reprised a role he has played many times in the past...as auctioneer.

We also gained two new chapter members. Many of you may know **Janice Kennedy** from the Daylily Society. She attended the auction and joined our chapter. **Paul Girdzis** from McLean also joined the chapter and was an active participant in our auction.

I would like to thank the large number of volunteers who made the event possible, including **Paul and Carolyn Beck, Joanne and Dan Neckel, Barb and John Kirkwood, Dave and Leslie Nanney, Lars Larson, Dick Cecka, Robin Baer, Susan Bauer, Paul Davis, Bob and Eve Harrison, Ralph Habegger, Diane Marcus, David and Patsy Meadows, Fred Newlan, Barry Sperling, Jim and Susan Hedrick, Don**

Hyatt and Andrea Scurlock (Paul and Carolyn's daughter).

I'd also like to thank **Carolyn Beck, Mike White, Larry Martin** and **Ajit Thakur** for providing the plants sold and auctioned.

The event was VERY successful, netting over \$5000.

Potting Party Oct 6 and 7th – After 9:15 am Kirkwood Home

Barb Kirkwood will be hosting a potting party at her home on 6 and 7 October. If you are able to come help up pot our chapter plants either day, any time after 9:15 in the morning, please give **Barb** a call at (703) 268-6958 (C) or email at kirkwoodb@aol.com.

Fall Meeting 15 October 1-4pm– I’m looking forward to the next meeting. Most of you know that chapter member **Joe Klimavicz** has hybridized some beautiful varieties of azaleas. We are currently in the process of coordinating with **Meadowlark Gardens** to establish an area of **Klimavicz** azaleas as part of the “**Legacy Project.**”

We are fortunate that **Joe** is available to provide a talk on his azalea hybrids. I’m also excited that chapter members **Ronnie** and **Donna Palmer** will be joining us from White Hall, AR and chapter associate member (and Texas chapter president) **Robert Thau** will be joining us from Jasper, TX.

We will also have a plant exchange. Please bring any plants (not necessarily azaleas) which you have available to share with our members. Please ensure the plants are labeled and the pots are clean and not overwatered (i.e., no dripping).

It should be a great event. More information will be in the next **Clipper**.

Ben Morrison Chapter Luncheon and Auction 18 October – The **Ben Morrison** chapter has extended an invitation to our members to join them for their luncheon and auction on 18 October from noon until 2pm at Christopher’s Restaurant, 1286 Route 3 South, Crofton, MD21114. (Using the address for the Crofton Post Office ½ block away might be easier: 1296 Cronson Blvd, Crofton, MD).

There will be an auction for those that wish to participate. Please bring any plant such as an African violet, azalea, daylily, hosta, sedum, etc., for the auction.

Please let Budne know if you can come so he can let the restaurant know.

Instructions regarding bringing a plant or two:

They will be placing plants for the auction on a table in the dining area. Please clean your pot as much as possible. Please be sure dirt, water, etc., will not be leaking out by placing your item in a plastic bag that can be used later by the owner to carry it home in.

Budne (301) 943-4357 cell, (301) 946-4815 home, budne@aol.com

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
Oct 6 and 7 after 9:15 am	Potting party	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Home 11381 Seneca Knoll Dr Great Falls, VA 22066-3038
October 14 10 am - 1:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	Dan and Joanne Neckel’s home 9702 S. Run Oaks Dr Fairfax Station, VA 22039
October 15 1-4 pm	Fall meeting with Speaker Joe Klimavicz	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
October 18 (Added)	Ben Morrison Luncheon	Ben Morrison - ASA	Christopher’s Restaurant, 1286 Route 3 South, Crofton, MD21114. (Using the address for the Crofton Post Office ½ block away might be easier:

12-2pm	and Auction		1296 Cronson Blvd, Crofton, MD).
Dec 3 1-4 pm	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	Lars and Jean Larson's Home 5785 Ladues End Ct., Fairfax

Other Activities/Notes –

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'm looking forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Rick