

## November 17 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

On 15 October we had an excellent turnout of 30 members and guests to hear **Joe Klimavicz** give a presentation on his hybrids. The **Klimavicz** azaleas are part of the **Legacy Project**. **Joe** has created a large number of beautiful hybrids, only some of which have been named. Attendees were given the opportunity to vote on their favorites from a list of currently unnamed **Klimavicz** hybrids.

We also auctioned off four **Klimavicz** hybrids. Finally, we had a very robust plant exchange, including some chapter plants which were getting too large and needed a good home. Everyone had a great opportunity to go home with some spectacular plants.

While **Ronnie Palmer** from White Hall, Arkansas would have normally been the member who traveled the furthest for the meeting, Associate Member **Robert Thau**, President of the **Texas Chapter**, traveled from Jasper, TX.

One of the outputs of the **Legacy Project** is Legacy Gardens. On 12 October **Barbara Kirkwood, Carolyn** and **Paul Beck** and I met with **Keith Tomlinson**, Director of Meadowlark Garden in Vienna to discuss establishment of a **Legacy Garden** of **Klimavicz** azaleas. We were joined by **Gary Reese**, President of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society. The proposed **Klimavicz** Garden will likely be in close proximity to the new Bonsai Pavilion. We will be working with Meadowlark over the next year to identify the best location for the garden, develop a Memorandum of Understanding and plant the cultivars.



Chapter representatives examining the Bonsai Pavilion near the potential Klimavicz Garden site at Meadowlark Garden

On 14 October the **Executive Committee** met to discuss the calendar for the upcoming year, the proposed budget, officers for next year, as well as recommendations for charitable contributions and recipients for 2017. This information will be sent to all members in the upcoming "**Not the Clipper**," our normal end of year mini-newsletter.

### **National Arboretum Workday – 2 Dec 10 am – 3 pm**

**Barbara Bullock** of the **National Arboretum** has established a workday for 2 December. The contents of her email are attached at the end of this message. This is a great opportunity for chapter members to support the azalea collection at the **National Arboretum** and work up a good appetite in advance of the Holiday Social! Participants will need to complete a One Day form. This form is attached to the email forwarding this message.

### **Holiday Social – 3 Dec 1-5 pm Larson home**

The chapter will hold its Holiday Social and annual meeting on 3 December at the **Larson** home. This is always a great event and we appreciate **Lars** and **Jean** opening their home once again for this event. There will be a number of business items mentioned above, which will be voted on by members. Detailed information on the function as well as the items to be voted on will be sent to members shortly in "**Not the Clipper**."

**New Members** – We'd like to welcome **William Hitt** of Charlottesville, VA and **Craig Hudson** of Alexandria to the chapter. We would also like to extend a belated welcome to **Dr. Celeste Szewczyk** of Arlington who joined at the **Green Spring Gardens** sale.

Finally, we'd like to welcome **Charlie Andrews**, Vice-President of the ASA and member of the **Vaseyi Chapter** as an Associate Member of our chapter.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

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

Date	Event	Organization	Location
Dec 2 10am- 3 pm (added)	National Arboretum Work Day	National Arboretum	U. S. National Arboretum 3501 New York Ave. NE Washington D. C. 20002
Dec 3 1-5 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](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 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](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 **Lars Larson** at [lars.larson@cox.net](mailto:lars.larson@cox.net) or (703) 277-3441.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Rick



1 Attachment – Memo on the 2 Dec National Arboretum work day

## Seeking volunteers for One-Day Workday in the Azalea Collections -Saturday Dec 2, 2017

Dear Past, Present and Future Volunteers,

Tis the season of leaf drop, volumous, beautiful, wonderful –in the Azalea Collections at the National Arboretum. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> **Annual Saturday Fall Work Day** – every year, the first Saturday in December.

This email is being sent to you because either you have worked a weekend workday in the past, or have expressed interest. If I have sent this in error, I apologize, *please just ignore*. I can't seem to delete addresses from my government email list.

We all have lives at home and this is a busy time of the year. Remember I know: “Your Life Comes First” -- BUT if you have some “spare” time, please send me an email or give a call, and we'll work together to put the Azalea Collection to “bed” for the winter. Please also forward to any people you think might be interested in joining us. I'm sending to Garden Clubs, Master Gardeners, former volunteers, and volunteer coordinators. (\*I do not have current contact addresses or emails for DC, VA, nor MD Master Gardeners – so if you do, could you please forward, or send me their contact info. Thank you!)

**TASKS:** We will be digging weeds (like *Arum italicum* and English Ivy); raking and tarping leaves, picking leaves out of azaleas; some pruning, some dividing of perennials. I will provide all tools needed for the day.

**DATE:** Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. Please park in regular visitor's parking lot and meet a few minutes before 10am, in the lobby of the administration building. We will walk up together. If you have to come late, our receptionist will need your one-day form, provide you a name tag, and send up up. You will find us in the vicinity of the Lee Garden. **Please fill out the One Day form**, (attached) and bring it with you. We'll have extras at the front desk if you forget –**but they need to be filled out BEFORE you work**. Any regular USNA volunteers can sign in and out as usual.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Simply the desire to work outside, and a love of gardening. Some moderate hill climbing ability required. Some previous gardening experience is helpful.

**BRING:** You should bring your own gardening gloves –but we have some if you forget; a lunch and plenty of water in a non-breakable container. We will take a break around 12:30pm and eat in somewhere off the beaten path in the garden. So, bring it up with you when you walk up into the garden. Wear closed-toed sturdy shoes; and dress in layers. Some people bring hats and kneeling pads.

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME:** IF the weather is “iffy”, too cold, damp, drizzly, this is a chance that I will cancel our work day. Please check in with our receptionist if you are in doubt. If I cancel, I will call her by 8:30am, from my home, on the morning of our work day to cancel. **The ONLY WAY to find out if we're canceled is to call (202) 245-4523 after 8:30a.m.** If the weather is nice, you don't need to call. It takes a pretty bad day for me to cancel. I will not cancel if it is cold. Unfortunately, there will be no rescheduled date.

Now, let's hope the leaves fall on schedule. We're finally starting to feel like fall around here. Happy Halloween everyone, and I look forward to seeing all of you again!!

Sincerely,

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