

January 18 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! Once again, we have a full schedule of activities for the upcoming year. One of the most exciting events is our pending collaboration with **Meadowlark Gardens** for the establishment of a garden containing **Klimavicz** azaleas. **Barb Kirkwood** and **Carolyn Beck** have been spearheading this activity on the part of the chapter in support of the **Legacy Project Klimavicz** hybrids. They are currently working with the staff at **Meadowlark** to identify a location for the garden as well as establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the garden and the chapter.

Holiday Social - The chapter held its Holiday Social and annual meeting on 3 December at the home of **Lars** and **Jean Larson**. It was a very successful event with over 30 chapter



Ginny and Richard Mohr, Joanne and Dan Neckel, John Kirkwood and Norma Merritt enjoy conversation over a delicious meal - photo by Barry Sperling



Delicious food was plentiful - photo by Barry Sperling

members in attendance. Attendees voted for the chapter officers for 2018:

President – Barb Kirkwood

Vice President – Lars Larson

Treasurer – Paul Beck

Secretary – Joanne Neckel

The budget for 2018 was also approved.

The chapter also had a very successful year financially and voted to make the following end of year contributions:

Meadowlark Gardens - \$3000 (in support of the Klimavicz Legacy Garden)

Friends of the National Arboretum - \$1000

Green Spring Gardens Title I program - \$1000

Norfolk Botanical Gardens - \$1000

Azalea Society of America - \$500

Additionally, \$500 was set aside to support the Glenn Dale project at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

Chapter Meeting 18 March – Our first meeting of the year will be highlighted by a talk by **Barbara Bullock** of the National Arboretum. Make sure to mark this one on your calendar.

ASA National Convention 5-8 April – The [ASA National Convention](#) will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas for the first time. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with old friends, see some beautiful gardens and azaleas and hear from interesting speakers. It is also a great opportunity to see another beautiful area of our country. I have always enjoyed the conventions since Susan and I started attending in 2008. I encourage you to attend. More information is available at the hyperlink above.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Below is the schedule for 2018. As always, events will be added (and rarely deleted) throughout the year:

Date	Event	Organization	Location
March 18 1-5 pm	Spring meeting Speaker Barbara Bullock	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Apr 5-8	National Convention	ASA	Little Rock, AR
Apr 22 Tentative	Plant Sale	Garden Club of Virginia	Virginia Historic Garden Week Charlottesville, VA
Late Apr (TBD)	Cosby Garden Tour	NV-ASA	Rockville, VA
Apr 28/29	Member Garden Tours	NV-ASA	Various
May 3-5 Tentative	Lewis Ginter Plant Sale	LGBG	Richmond, VA
May 5/6	Member Garden Tours	NV-ASA	Various
May 19	Green Spring Gardens Sale	Green Spring	Green Spring Gardens Park Alexandria, VA
May 20- 27	ARS Convention	ARS	Bremen, Germany
July 15	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Sep 15	Auction/Sale	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Oct 20	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Oct 21	Fall Meeting w Speaker	NV-ASA	Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA
Dec 9	Holiday Social	NV-ASA	TBD

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 hope that you all had a great holiday season. We are now entering the doldrums of the year (holidays are over and everything is frozen outside). Don't despair....spring is around the corner and we have a full calendar of events for the coming year. We hope to see you.

Rick