

## March 18 Message to Members

Chapter Members,

My late winter plants are starting to bloom so I know that spring is not far behind. **George McLellan** gave a talk to our chapter on the "**Garden in Winter**" in 2014. **Susan** and I used the list he provided to go plant shopping. Now we have hellebores, camellias and Japanese apricot - "**Bonita**" in bloom.

Spring time is prime time for azaleas and our chapter activities. Some of these events are scheduled based on expected bloom times and will be updated as this information becomes available. I encourage you to visit our [chapter website](#) and [calendar](#) during this period to find the most up to date information.

I've often spoken about the **Legacy Project**. The **Northern Virginia Chapter** is very active in promoting the goals of the project. **Barb Kirkwood** has just about completed negotiations to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a **Klimavicz Legacy Garden** at **Meadowlark Gardens** in Vienna. The next step will be starting the design and eventual planting of the **Klimavicz** cultivars.

We recently became aware of the **Vineland** azalea hybrids which were developed by **Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario (HRIO)** in Vineland Ontario. Chapter member **Nick Yarmoshuk** from St. Catharines, Chair of the **American Rhododendron Society, Test & Display Garden Committee**, has been working with the **Niagara Chapter of the Rhododendron Society of Canada** to preserve the legacy of the **Vineland** hybrids. He has agreed to be the legacy lead for the **Vineland** hybrids.



Carousel - Vineland Hybrid photo by William Warkentin

Some information on the hybrids is currently on the [ASA Legacy Project](#) website, including a document with background on and pictures of the hybrids. More information and pictures will be loaded as they become available.

**Membership Renewal** – We still have a few members who have not renewed. I know that for some of you it is an oversight. Hopefully this message will remind you to renew. You can renew on line at <https://www.azaleas.org/join-asa/> or by contacting **Paul Beck**. There may be an interruption in your receipt of **The Azalean**, depending on when your renewal is received. For those of you leaving the society and the chapter, I wish you the best in your gardening pursuits.

Below is a list of our upcoming events:

**Chapter Meeting 18 March 1-5 pm Kirkwood Presbyterian Church** – Our first meeting of the year will be highlighted by a talk by **Barbara Bullock** of the **National Arboretum**. More information on the meeting as well as refreshment duties will be in the upcoming issue of **The Azalea Clipper**.

**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. **Registration applications will be taken until 15 March.**

**White's Nursery Open House 20 May 9am – 5 pm (ADDED) - Mike and Debbie White** will once again be having an open house at their nursery at 22531 Wildcat Road, Germantown, MD 20876. Please contact **Deb White** at (301) 471-5958 or [whiteaz@verizon.net](mailto:whiteaz@verizon.net) if you have questions or need additional information. Directions are available on their website [www.whites-nursery.com](http://www.whites-nursery.com).

**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 <b>Barbara Bullock</b>	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Apr 5-8	<a href="#">National Convention</a>	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 5/6	Member Garden Tours	NV-ASA	Various
May 19	Green Spring Gardens Sale	Green Spring	<a href="#">Green Spring Gardens Park Alexandria, VA</a>
May 20 9am – 5pm <b>(Added)</b>	White's Nursery Open House	Mike and Debbie White	White's Nursery 22531 Wildcat Road Germantown, MD 20876
May 20-27	ARS Convention	ARS	Bremen, Germany
July 15	Cutting Exchange	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Sep 15	Auction/Sale	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
Oct 20	Executive Committee Meeting	NV-ASA	TBD
Oct 21	Fall Meeting w Speaker	NV-ASA	<a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church Springfield, VA</a>
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](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 look forward to seeing you at the chapter meeting on 18 March.

Rick