



*THE AZALEA SOCIETY OF AMERICA*

*takes great pleasure in presenting*

*THE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD*

*to*

*Maarten van der Giessen*

*in recognition of your years of service in the Azalea Society of America. A long-time member of the Louisiana Chapter, you are a past society director, and have served on many committees, including advertising, the Legacy Project, and chair of national conventions. At your nursery, you have rooted millions and millions of azaleas. From these, you often and generously donate plants for conventions and public gardens. Many of your articles, authoritative and with that touch of van der Giessen humor, appear in The Azalean.*

*Maarten van der Giessen, we greatly appreciate your many contributions to the society and thank you for your promotion of azaleas. You are an exceptional asset to the Azalea Society of America.*

*Awarded this 20th day of April 2023.*

*Charles Andrews  
President, 2021-2023*

*Robert Lee  
Awards Chairman*

*[Society Seal]*