

The most requests for information came from the state of Maryland (13) with Georgia (9) following close behind. June of 1993 was the busiest with 17 letters received, December of 1993 was least busy with only one letter. This averages out to a little more than ten responses per month and a whole lot of time in the line at the post office.

The transition to the new box at the West Bethesda address has progressed as expected. For those who may not be familiar with the post office box story, the ASA changed its official address to West Bethesda several years ago. The establishment of a new address was necessitated by the fact that the old Silver Spring box (actually located in Aspen Hill) had long since ceased to be convenient to anyone willing to be responsible for it. It was felt that we could not just discontinue the old box without a transition period since the old address was so well established and

had been published extensively. After several years of transition, however, the Silver Spring address will be terminated with the expiration of the current rental period. The official address for the ASA is:

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P.O. Box 34536
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I would like to thank the many nurserymen who mentioned the Azalea Society in their catalogs. All such help in getting the "word" out is appreciated and to everyone's benefit. Speaking of catalogs, I am sometimes asked where or how someone might find a particular cultivar. This usually takes some digging since I do not know precisely who is specializing in what. If you have a nursery, whether you ship or not, it would be a good idea to make sure that I receive a copy of your catalog or list. That would simply be good business. While I am committed to being as fair as possible, I am inclined to first look

very closely at those folks who advertise in **THE AZALEAN**. Support **THE AZALEAN**, take out an ad, and send me your catalog or list of plants. ☐

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Note on Winter Weather in Southern Maryland

The following is an excerpt from a newsletter from Azalea Trace which describes some of the adverse conditions experienced in Southern Maryland in January and February of 1994 [ed.].

Azaleas do not look their best this year. The hot, dry summer of 1993 caused early leaf yellowing and the loss of old leaves. The unusually cold, icy and windy winter caused foliage damage and even some old favorites have brown leaves. Don't despair just yet, such plants are probably alive. Gently scrape a stem, if it shows green rejoice and wait.

We hope most of you escaped mother nature's revenge this year. Days of freezing rain put a thick ice coating on our azaleas as well as the trees overhead. Wind and ice toppled more than 100 trees on our azaleas. Ice falling from the trees peppered the azaleas like a hail storm. Some of our potted azaleas were badly damaged.

Most of the sales area is cleared but clean up in other areas will continue well into summer. Broken and badly damaged azalea branches are cut out but major pruning will wait until new growth starts.

We expect the azaleas will produce fewer flowers than usual. We saw the first blooms on 7 April and expect peak bloom by mid-May.

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