

In January, 1993, we had a donation from the Men's Garden Club of Montgomery County to install a stone retaining wall. Located just above the Lee Garden, this attractive wall now supports the lower edge of a road which was badly eroding away.

In February, 1993, we began the "Lower Switchback" or the "Capitol Columns" entrance to the Loop Area Collections. This project took over one year to complete while working on other related projects. We built retaining walls along both sides of this trail using nine truck loads of stones excavated by hand from the edge of an old field at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. We now have a beautiful, gently graded entrance trail into the center of the Azalea Loop area, halfway between the Lee and the Morrison Gardens. You are invited to stop by for a visit. You will be pleased at the results. The number of volunteer gardeners has increased. A revised check list of some of our azalea hybrid collections will be forthcoming. Others companion plants are being added to enhance seasons other than spring. New directional signs to guide visitors through the various trails are planned for installation in the future.

*Photographs by the author*

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## Azalea Calendar 1995

- September 16** Ben Morrison Chapter Meeting at 2:00PM
- September 26** Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at DABS
- October 2** Brookside Gardens Chapter Meeting at Davis Library
- October 15** Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the December issue of **THE AZALEAN**
- October 24** Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at DABS
- October 28** Washington, DC area chapters invited to joint Northern Virginia ASA Chapter-Potomac Valley Chapter ARS meeting with focus on Asian influence on gardens to be held at Far East Restaurant in Bethesda, MD. For reservations call (703) 830-2656
- October 29** Richmond, Virginia Chapter Plant Auction
- December 4** Brookside Gardens Chapter Meeting at Davis Library
- 1996
- January 15** Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements and chapter news) for the March issue of **THE AZALEAN**
- March 28-30** ASA Annual Meeting and Convention, Dallas, Texas

## Letter to the Editor

I am very interested in propagating the 'Sports' that occur frequently on many of our Satsuki related hybrids. Not wishing to misname or rename any of them, I have a need to know the registered varietal names, if they exist, of any or all of the listed varietal sports/selves. In addition, if documentation exists specifically oriented to defining registered names of 'SPORTS', I'd like to know the source. Thank you. Here's my list:

Parent Plant	Color & Sport Description
'NIJI'	Orange Sport w/frequent Darker Stripes
'AIKOKU'	Shirofukurin
'ISSHO-NO-HARU'	Shirofukurin
'CONVERSATION PIECE'	Shirofukurin
'MEICHO'	Orange Red Sport
'GYOKUSHIN'	Light Purple Pink Sport
'JOGA'	Light Purple Pink Sport

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