

Bullard and Jim Thornton gave very favorable reports about the excellent speakers and tours at the Azalea Society of America Convention.

Allison Fuqua then demonstrated his techniques for rooting azaleas and led a round table of ideas from members.

David thanked Allison for this bonus plant clipping session and all 17 in attendance enjoyed a beautiful buffet luncheon provided by Allison.

On July 9, 1995, the Oconee Chapter met for a cutting party at the home of Patsy and Jim Thornton, with 17 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, David Butler. A stunning Georgia marble garden bench, donated by Mark Hill, was auctioned. Stormy Chappellar gave the winning bid. A door prize of the new 'Seattle White' azalea, donated by Jim Thornton, was won by Tom Anderson. Thank you Mark, Jim, and Stormy.

Jim Thornton gave a guided tour through his garden while members collected cuttings and information. The meeting closed with refreshments provided by the Throntons, and the swapping of cuttings provided by club members.

Dues Noticed Mailed

Dues notices were mailed to all members in November. Please send your dues in the envelope provided in a timely manner to ensure that you continue to receive **THE AZALEAN**.

Prompt return of your dues in the envelope means that the Membership Committee will not be required to send you a second dues notice (first class postage).

PRIZE FOR BEST ARTICLE IN THE AZALEAN—1995

In 1989, the Board of Governors authorized the editor of **THE AZALEAN** to establish an annual prize for the best article to appear in **THE AZALEAN**. The concept was to acquire through donations, a fund which when invested would provide an annual prize for the best article published in **THE AZALEAN**. Funds were donated by the following chapters to establish the "CHAPTERS' PRIZE":

Tri-State, Richmond Virginia, Ben Morrison, Northern Virginia and Brookside Gardens

As stated in the September 1990 issue, the best article each year will be selected by a poll of the membership. The prize will be announced and awarded at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

A ballot for the prize for 1995 is on the wrapper of this issue. PLEASE VOTE. The prize for best article in **THE AZALEAN** will be awarded at the 1996 Convention and Annual Meeting. Please vote.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Secretary: Bill McIntosh, Churchville, Maryland. Bill earned a B.S. from Virginia Tech and a M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, all in biology. He worked as an Associate Professor of Zoology at Ohio State University, and retired in 1986 after 24 years as a statistician for the U.S. Department of Defense. He currently serves the national society as Secretary. He is a member of Brookside Gardens Chapter.

For Treasurer: Robert T. Stelloh, Darnestown, Maryland. Bob has been an azalea enthusiast for more than 20 years and in recent years has been developing an extensive azalea and rhododendron collection in the woods around his home in Maryland. Bob retired a few years ago, from a career in Computer Programming, and is currently developing and marketing a computer program for garden information management. He is a member of Brookside Gardens Chapter.

For Director: Dr. Charles Owen, Cedartown, Georgia. DDS, University of Tennessee 1947. Retired 1989. He is a member Oconee Chapter. Interest in evergreen azaleas began in the 1960's, now a hybridizer of deciduous azaleas.

For Director: Stephen Schroeder, Evansville, Indiana. BS in agriculture, Murray State University. Operates Holly Hills Nursery in Evansville, Indiana. He is a member of Tri-State Chapter. Family introduced the Schroeder Azaleas, 1983 Bronze Medal Award from Great Rivers Chapter of ARS.

For Director: Robert E. (Buddy) Lee, Independence, Louisiana. BS in biology. Trauma nurse in Intensive Care Unit. Past president and member of the Louisiana Chapter. Served as host for the 1991 national convention. Past president of Louisiana Nurserymen's Association, District 3. Hybridizer of evergreen and deciduous azaleas.

The ballot for the election of officers and directors is on the wrapper of this issue. PLEASE VOTE.