

### BROOKSIDE GARDENS CHAPTER

Bill Johnson, *President*

Our annual show was a tremendous success in spite of a cold spring. There were 202 entries brought in by 18 entrants. Charlie Evans won best of show with a spray of 'Karen'. Bill Miller took the Sweepstakes prize. The judges were very tough and didn't let anything slip by. The judges were Phil Normandy, Bob Hobbs, Bob Stewart, Bill Johnson, Don Voss, Barbara Bullock, and Carol Allen. Thank you all who worked to make this a success!

Carol Allen has resigned as president of the chapter and Bill Johnson will serve as president for the rest of her term.

### NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

John Zottoli, *President*

A meeting was held on April 28, 1996 at the Green Spring Gardens Park. Our speaker was Dr. Ajit Thakur speaking on "Satsuki Azaleas".

Ajit has been to Japan a number of times, and he had some excellent slides to depict the varieties and garden placements used in Japan. In fact, due to the excellent leaf form of the Satsukis, some are used in hedgerow patterns, and some used as ground cover. The leaf form of the Satsuki is an important distinction, and he showed the three leaf forms into which most plants fall. They like open areas in Japan, but like shade here in the U.S. A large percentage of hybrids have Satsukis somewhere in the parentage. The Satsuki was introduced into the U.S. during the 1930's, and there are about 1,000 varieties now available.

The July meeting featured our annual azalea cutting exchange. The meeting was held at Green Spring Gardens Park with good attendance and plenty of cuttings.

The next Northern Virginia Chapter meeting will be on October 12, 1996 and will feature Steve Brainerd, President of the Azalea Society of America, and Ned Brockenbraugh as our speakers. This will be a joint dinner meeting with the local Rhododendron Chapter.

The following meeting is scheduled for December 8, 1996. The program will be announced later. Election of new officers will take place at this meeting.

### WASHINGTON, DC AREA JOINT CHAPTER MEETING

The October 12 meeting of the Northern Virginia Chapter will be a joint meeting with the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. The speakers will be Azalea Society of America President Steve Brainerd and Ned Brockenbraugh. All ASA members in the Washington area are invited to the dinner meeting which will be held at the Marriot in Bethesda, Maryland. For more information call Don Hyatt (703) 241-5421.

There were 793 copies of the June issue of **THE AZALEAN** in the bulk mailing. Below is a state-by-state summary of the mailing:

- Foreign = 17
- Massachusetts = 8
- Maine = 1
- Connecticut = 3
- New Jersey = 26
- New York = 29
- Pennsylvania = 18
- Delaware = 2
- Maryland = 143
- Virginia = 126
- West Virginia = 5
- Washington, DC = 15
- North Carolina = 35
- South Carolina = 12
- Georgia = 79
- Florida = 14
- Alabama = 22
- Tennessee = 9
- Mississippi = 8
- Kentucky = 3
- Ohio = 3
- Indiana = 23
- Iowa = 1
- Wisconsin = 1
- Minnesota = 1
- Illinois = 2
- Missouri = 3
- Kansas = 2
- Nebraska = 1
- Louisiana = 25
- Arkansas = 5
- Oklahoma = 4
- Texas = 58
- Colorado = 1
- California = 17
- Oregon = 9
- Washington = 50

### Chapter Achievement

Following is a list of Chapter membership numbers as of August 1, 1996, and new members for 1996:

Members	Total	New
Ben Morrison	31	3
Brookside Gardens	130	6
Dallas	57	11
Louisiana	35	9
Northern Virginia	69	2
Oconee	86	17
Richmond Virginia	41	3
Tri-State	22	11