

A Description of 'Clara Haler'

New Azalea Introduction by William R. Pinkerton
Genesis Gardens, Crossville, Tennessee

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Though William (Bill) Pinkerton is introducing this exciting new azalea, he has allowed me to write the description. Bill's excitement over his stunning azalea is infectious, and I too caught the bug. I am blessed with having one shrub of 'Clara Haler' now in my garden to please the eye.

Bill discovered the original seedling beneath 'Glacier', a Glenn Dale hybrid. Once he saw it in flower, he had to choose a name and decided upon 'Clara Haler', to honor a long-time friend in 1989. I cannot believe he hid this delightful azalea so long. From 10 feet away, the impression of the flowers is white, but kissed with a blush of pink, set upon the dark green, semi-glossy leafy background. With the

extremes of temperature in Crossville, Tennessee, this azalea shrub will be hardy to -20°F and bud hardy to -13°F. I predict 'Clara Haler' will be a "must have" for every gardener and azalea collector. Specimens will be in the 2005 convention plant sale.

Description: 'Clara Haler'

Evergreen azalea. 'Glacier' x unknown, selected seedling (1982), grown to first flower by William R. Pinkerton (1980), named by William R. Pinkerton (1989), introduced by William R. Pinkerton, Genesis Gardens (2004), REG (2004) by William R. Pinkerton, Crossville, Tennessee. Flowers: 3/truss, flat truss, broad funnel/hose-in-hose with wavy lobe margins, 5.4 cm corolla length, width 6.8

cm, 4-5 lobes. Flower color: buds strong violet pink RHS 68C, inside flower throat white, margins RHS 68D, moderate purplish pink, filaments white, anthers brown, style white, stigma greenish white, standard lobe spotted RHS 68C, outside flower yellowish white, yellowish pink margins, greenish pedicel. Leaves: length 5 cm, width 3 cm, upcurved, elliptic, cuneate, and broadly acute. Upper dark green RHS 133A, lower light green RHS 133A, young hairs greenish and mature to greenish white along leaf margins and mid-rib on lower. Shrub height 6', width 5' in 10 years, habit intermediate and is hardy to -20°F and bud hardy to -12°F. Blooms late April, a mid-season azalea.

Society News

2003 Treasurer's Report

Bob Stelloh, Treasurer

This report is in a revised format suggested by John Brown and Jim Holmes who served as the ASA financial review committee, and is the same as is used for monthly reports as of October 2003.

ASA Financial Position at December 31, 2003

INCOME STATEMENT

Income

Azalean Income	\$3,376.55
Dues Income	\$18,111.00
Gift Income	\$4,849.00
Interest Income	\$1,211.70
Other Income.....	\$1,653.80
Total Income	\$29,202.05

Expenses

Awards & Memorials	\$100.00
Azalean Expense	\$19,126.02
Dues Expense	\$2,481.97
Member Roster	\$1,132.41
Other Expense	\$3,690.66
Other Postage	\$414.68
Web-site Expense	\$31.88
Total Expenses	\$26,977.62
Income - Expenses	\$2,224.43

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Checking	\$11,616.11
Investments	\$50,000.00
Harding Garden Reserve.....	\$5,151.65
Total Assets	\$66,767.76

Liabilities, Reserves, Operating Funds

Liabilities.....	\$0.00
General Reserve.....	\$42,455.08
Research Reserve.....	\$1,900.00
Harding Reserve	\$5,151.65
Operating Funds	\$17,261.03
Total.....	\$66,767.76

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