

most of eastern North America, though John Weagle is trialing them in Nova Scotia.

The Glendoick evergreen azaleas named so far are:

'Arctic Fox' ('Panda' x 'Mucronatum')—Large pure white flowers.

'Chinchilla' ('Vida Brown' x 'Vuyk's Scarlet')—Hose-in-hose vivid red flowers.

'Chipmunk' ('Vida Brown' x 'Lemur')—Hose-in-hose bright pink flowers, very compact.

GLENDIOICK® CRIMSON ('Red Red' x 'Johanna')—Vivid, very dark red flowers in May.

GLENDIOICK® DREAM ('Panda' x 'Rokoko')—Double, or semi-double, some flowers having a few petaloid stamens, strong purplish red flowers in May.

GLENDIOICK® ERMINE ('Panda' x 'Mucronatum')—Large pure white flowers.

GLENDIOICK® GARNET ('Red Red' x 'Johanna')—Deep red flowers in May.

GLENDIOICK® GLACIER ('Red Red' x 'Rokoko')—Double white flowers with greenish flushing and spotting.

GLENDIOICK® GOBLIN ('Red Red' x 'Johanna')—Semi-double petaloid stamens, strong red flowers (color similar to 'Red Red').

'Lemur' (*R. nakaharae* 'Mariko' x 'Vuyk's Scarlet')—Single deep pink flowers, low growing.

'Marmot' ('Vida Brown' x 'Vuyk's Scarlet')—Deep purplish pink.

'Panda' ('Everest' x *R. kiusianum* white form)—White flowers. Our best seller.

'Raccoon' (Second generation *R. nakaharae* cross)—Bright red flowers, vivid red in June-July, compact, spreading.

'Squirrel' ('Galathea' x *R. nakaharae* 'Mariko')—Vivid reddish orange flowers in June.

'Stoat' ('Kermesina' x 'Lemur')—Deep purplish pink flower.

'Wombat' (*R. nakaharae* 'Mariko' x 'Gaiety')—Deep purplish pink flowers, spreading ground cover.

Note

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Peter and Kenneth Cox are authors of many books on Rhododendrons including the definitive color guide to rhododendron and azalea species, The Encyclopaedia of Rhododendron Species. For more information, visit: www.glendoick.com.

Climate note

Glendoick is on the east coast of Scotland, a few miles from the Tay estuary. The coldest winters recorded have reached -18°C (-0.4°F), but this happens only a few times a century. A cold winter is usually more like -12°C (10°F). Summers have few days over 27°C (81°F). Rainfall is 600-760mm (23.6-29.9") annually. Our greatest problem is late spring frosts after periods of mild weather: flowers and growth are often frosted, and bark-split can result.

Society News Chapter News

[Thanks to the Louisiana and Vaseyi Chapter newsletter editors who sent in their chapter newsletters by e-mail, and to Northern Virginia, which supplied theirs as a pdf, Ed.]

Ben Morrison Chapter

Bob Hobbs and Carol Flowers, Newsletter Co-editors

At the December 4th Christmas party meeting the chapter also announced the winners of their digital photography contest:

Category I—Close-up of azalea or truss: Barry Sperling (1st), Bob McWhorter (2nd), and Bob Hobbs (3rd).

Category II—Scenery, with azaleas in the landscape: Bob McWhorter (1st and 2nd), and Barry Sperling (3rd).

Category III—Critters with azaleas: Bob McWhorter (1st)

First prizes were \$25 gift certificates from Timber Press and other prizes were poinsettias.

The spring meeting was held March 5, with Dr. Francis Gouin, professor emeritus of the Agriculture and Natural

Resources Department of the University of Maryland, giving the talk, "What a Gardener Needs to Do to Help Azalea and Rhododendron Plants Transition from Winter to Spring."

Louisiana Chapter

Bill Bode, Reporting

The December 4th meeting was held at the home of Mrs. B.Y. (Margie) Jenkins, with 18 members attending. Two of these were first-time attendees. The members discussed several issues, with the following results:

- The chapter will contribute \$400 to the ASA to help with projected shortfall
- Newly elected officers are:

Bill Bode—President
Vincent Ciolino—Vice president
Keith Pendergraft—Secretary
Marge Jenkins—Treasurer

- The spring chapter meeting date was moved to an earlier date so members could attend early garden and flower shows.
- The chapter approved awarding the 2008 national ASA convention to Vaseyi Chapter, with the only caveat that there be no dorms or fire alarms in the night.

Northern Virginia Chapter

Frances Louer, Corresponding Secretary

The big news from the December meeting was president Dan Krabill's informing the chapter that they would be hosting the 2009 ASA national convention.

The February 5th meeting featured chapter members Eve and Bob Harrison describing how they successfully moved their huge and beautiful garden of azaleas, rhododendrons, and companion plants (500 or so!) over 60 miles from the Harper's Ferry area of West Virginia to larger acreage in Luray, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. The chapter also voted to send \$300 to help with the national organization's projected financial shortfall.

April 2nd Karen Rexrode, formerly the manager of Windy Hill Plant Farm, spoke about "The Supporting Cast: Plants that Hold a Garden Together." A noted plantswoman, she shared "information about the plants she relies on to keep a garden exciting through deer attacks, humid summers, dry spells, soggy springs and insect infestations." Her focus was on long-lasting attributes, not just flowering capabilities.

Oconee Chapter

Frank Bryan, Newsletter Editor

The chapter has a new secretary, Ruth Mellon. The March 12th meeting featured a sale of deciduous azaleas, including Dodd's "Confederate Series."

As usual, the newsletter is full of great azalea research, including a report on the Klimavicz hybrid evergreen azaleas and a summary of the history of the Satsuki in this country. Of important local interest is the largest wild colony (of purportedly more than 1,000) of wild *Rhododendron prunifolium*, the plumleaf azalea, in the Providence Canyon State Park, near Lumpkin, Georgia. This 150-acre park is one of the seven wonders of Georgia. Since it is heavily eroded, as the result of "unwise farming techniques" undertaken 150 years ago, it is referred to as "Georgia's Little Grand Canyon." Visiting this canyon area is a great opportunity to see these 12' to 15' tall native azaleas in their natural habitat along shady banks close to and often draped over a shallow stream.

Vaseyi Chapter

John Brown, Newsletter Editor

At the meeting November 27, 2005, the chapter voted in new officers and approved a motion to purchase 1000 of the new color brochures the ASA is developing, should national need the assistance in covering the printing costs. The chapter also approved the motion to host the 2008 national ASA convention near Asheville, North Carolina. Ed Collins will chair the planning committee and the middle of May was selected for a date to allow tours of *R. vaseyi* on Pilot Mountain. The group selected a theme honoring local notables-Beadle, Kehr, Skinner, and Creech. The new chapter officers are:

Ed Collins—President
Doley Bell—Vice president
John Brown—Secretary
Bob Stelloh—Treasurer

The January 22nd meeting program was Herb Quarles speaking on "Four Seasons Gardening " as a way to address "Winter Drab." Herb is general manager of A Growing Concern, a nursery near Hendersonville, North Carolina. He also teaches an outdoor course at Blue Ridge Community College called "The Remedial Yard."

The program for the March 26th meeting was "Bonsai, a Horticultural Art Form," presented by architect Hubert Jones. Jones is an ASA member and also Director of District 10 of the American Rhododendron Society. His talk was illustrated with 15 specimen bonsai, ranging in size from 4" to 39", and he showed the members how he "styles" a small azalea bonsai-in-training, using skills that have evolved over the past 4000 years in the Orient.

Texas Convention Planning

Barbara Stump, Reporting

Planning for the 2007 ASA Convention to be held in Nacogdoches in East Texas is right on track, according to co-chairs Barbara Stump and Barbara Wagner. The theme is: "Azaleas in the Pines—A Texas Garden Party." Prepare to see a very verdant and wooded Texas, not the dry mesquite and sagebrush Texas of the cowboy films of our youth. Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas, is situated in the Pineywoods ecosystem of Texas, and is ready to offer great hospitality. The plants will come from the Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum and ASA members in the Louisiana Chapter and from Maarten van der Giessen. We will visit idea gardens and formal gardens in Tyler and Nacogdoches. Both towns have a long history of attracting garden lovers to their annual Azalea Trails. A major feature of the Nacogdoches day will be a visit to SFA Mast Arboretum's 8-acre Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, a project whose deep azalea collection a number of ASA members have helped develop. Mark your calendars for March 29-April 1, 2007. More information is coming in the Fall 2006 issue of *The Azalean*.