

# Society News

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## Azaleas online

By Bob Stelloh

If you haven't seen the many pictures of azaleas we have online, treat yourself and take a look. Thanks to the contributions of many members, we have well over 2000 azalea pictures at <http://www.pbase.com/azaleasociety>. They are organized into "galleries" by azalea type.

We also have a (preliminary and partial) index of accepted names of azaleas, together with their published synonyms and spelling variants. Its primary purpose is to become the definitive list of azalea names, useful for checking which names have already been used, their proper spelling, and other such activities.

A related purpose is to link the names to pictures of the azaleas. The current list, published in March 2005, will be updated periodically to include more names and pictures. To see it and use it, go to <http://www.azaleas.org> and click the "Pictures" link in the left margin.

When you don't see pictures of your favorite azaleas at either of those sites (or when you have some better ones), e-mail your digital pictures to Bob Stelloh at [bstelloh@mac.com](mailto:bstelloh@mac.com), along with the plant names, who took them, where they were taken, and when they were taken. He will add them to the picture site and give you credit for them.

Or, if you have a lot of pictures, Bob will help you learn how to add them yourself. Finally, if you have slides or prints that could add to the collection, let him know and we will figure out how to digitize them.

You can help on these projects even if you don't have any pictures, by looking through the name list and/or the azalea pictures for mistakes. Mistakes are a lot easier to make than they are to find, so a lot of "proofreaders" are needed. By working together, we are "writing the book" on azaleas, and in this case, a book that will be updated when errors are found and information on new plants becomes available.

## National membership meeting

The ASA will host its annual national membership meeting 9 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center in Nacogdoches, Texas.

The new ASA officers will be installed during the meeting, and membership will consider an amendment to the bylaws that allows the Finance Committee to use excess membership dues for operating expenses, if needed. (See page 90 of Winter 2006 issue of *The Azalean* for a full description of the proposed amendment.)

## Board of Directors meeting

The ASA Board of Directors will meet from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007, in the Rusk Room of the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center in Nacogdoches, Texas.

The Board will consider chartering a new California Chapter and reviewing the reorganization of the Dallas Chapter into the new Texas Chapter.

The Board will also receive reports on the Azalea City program, North Carolina State University archives, and membership.

A second Board of Directors meeting will be held from 8 to 10 a.m., Sunday, April 1, at the Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. This will provide an opportunity for newly elected officers to discuss any new business.

## Call for articles

*The Azalean* needs more good articles about azaleas, their care, and their use in the landscape. Ideas for topics include:

- Articles describing new public gardens or special azalea collections being created in your area.
- Descriptions and photographs of Society members' gardens.
- Current research in azaleas being conducted at local universities, extension service gardens, or junior colleges.
- Information about azalea festivals and sales.
- Historic garden restoration stories.
- Articles about noteworthy azalea hybrid groups or new species or cultivar introductions.

Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents, either by CD in the U.S. mail or by e-mail as a Word attachment.

Illustrations are highly encouraged with color print photographs, high resolution digital photographs (minimum 300 dpi), slides, or black-and-white drawings.

The editor needs finished copy and illustrations by the following dates to ensure careful review and production: Summer issue, April 1; Fall issue, July 1; Winter issue, October 1; and Spring issue, January 1.

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