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'Girard Dwarf Lavender' is one of the favorite bright purple-red azaleas in the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden of the Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum. The people who attended the 2007 ASA convention in Nacogdoches, Texas, were able to see this azalea and many more March 31 during the morning tour. The garden includes a number of azaleas in the university's school colors of purple and white. This photo was taken in Bed 26 during the four-hour wonder of a fluffy late afternoon snowfall on April 7, the week after the convention. Snow rarely falls in Nacogdoches,



so this was one for the record books. Since the actual ambient temperature was only 33.8° F and the flakes melted within a couple of hours, the garden continued to bloom well into June without any frost damage.