

Where is Caitlin now?

Caitlin, the daughter of Joe and Brenda Klimavicz of the Northern Virginia Chapter, is still involved in scientific research. She recently completed background research on possible uses of nanotechnology in batteries for implantable devices.

She is a sophomore Bassoon Performance major with a full scholarship at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. She is also a pre-med student and plans to continue nanotechnology research.

for botanical and genetical research, including fertilization and pest and disease control (an endeavor in which we could all use some help).

Speaking of research, think back to Caitlin Klimavicz's article "Polyploidization of Evergreen Azaleas," in the Fall 2005 issue of *The Azalean*. At the time, Caitlin was a high school junior winning awards for azalea research. The point I want to make is this: There has to be a host of Caitlins—and institutions—who could promote such activities and who could use our help (see breakout above regarding Caitlin).

Foundation funding will come from all quarters—individual members, non-members, local chapters, corporations, and other foundations. We already have some seed money, but not enough to fund a project. Some of you might say: "Well, times are hard and people are trying to cut back." I beg to differ. Did you know Americans gave more than \$306 billion (yes, billions!) to charity in 2007. This was up one percent from 2006. Seventy-five percent was from individual donors at about \$100 a shot (not \$1,000s).

Think about it. A foundation like ours could—should—be on the receiving end of some of those donations. We have to start somewhere, and we have to start now.

Last words—"Charity begins at home." You'll soon have the opportunity!

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Hybridizers: Leave Your Legacy— A Report: Nothing

James Thornton—Conyers, Georgia

Editor's Note: The form is included on the following page.

I'll take that back. I received one response by the deadline. Before I say anything more, Galle was right—I was wrong! In his book, *Azaleas*, Galle said: "It took a lot of effort, often frustrating" to make his list.

At the time "Hybridizers: Leave your Legacy" was published (Vol. 30, No. 1, *The Azalean*), I didn't think it was going to be a problem. Everything was outlined, a form was provided, and we were going to put the information into a database to update Galle's list. It didn't help!

A funny thing about this project is that a few of us made a list of today's hybridizers who *should* respond. There were quite a few people on the list. We also made a list of those who *might* respond. Boy was I being overly optimistic!

I will say this: I received one response from someone very few of us knew and who was not on the list. Give him credit though—we know him now.

What was it? What happened? Why no responses? Was it the deadline? (*No one advised that information would be forthcoming.*) Was it too much work to fool with? Was the timing off for the season to ask for data? Was the data not readily available? Was the data being held too close to the vest? Was the data not being collected "my way"? Or was it plain old apathy?

Folks, a lot of work went into this project, not only on my part but others. And a lot of work remains if we can get your input.

What now? Well, the door remains open as long as I'm able and have the patience. After that, who knows, maybe someone else will come a long and take up the cause. But it's still your call to provide the data.

New deadline? How about the cut off date Pam has for the 2009 Spring issue of *The Azalean* (January 15, 2009). Just don't make us feel like Galle!

Lest I forget! Let me introduce David Purdy to the list of hybridizers. David lives in Omaha, Nebraska, but formerly resided in Huntington (Long Island), New York, where he was hybridizing azaleas for 19 years. He primarily uses *poukhanense* and *kiusianum* in his crosses with the goal of producing azaleas of merit for the Omaha area. You can contact David at dandepurdy@cox.net.

You can still reach me at jimpatsy@comcast.net.

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Please fill out one numbered form for each of your plants, following this example:

Plant e r Jubilant I,u m Mrs Carmichael x Willy
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower S 2" m 7 near vivid purplish red (74A)
 Form Width Season Zone Color

Plant 1 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
 Form Width Season Zone Color

Plant 2 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
 Form Width Season Zone Color

Plant 3 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
 Form Width Season Zone Color

Plant 4 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
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Plant 5 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
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Plant 6 x
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Flower
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Plant 7 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
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Plant 8 x
 Type Status Name/number Habit Height Seed parent Pollen parent

Flower
 Form Width Season Zone Color

Please use these standard abbreviations:

Type: evergreen • deciduous • azaleodendron

Status: evaluation • to be registered • registered

Habit: compact • loose • mounding • spreading • creeping • upright

Height: dwarf/groundcover (<1') • low (1'-3') • medium (3'-6') • tall (>6')

Form: single • double • semi-double • hose-in-hose • double hose-in-hose • spider

Season: very early • early • midseason • late • very late

Color: use RHS Colour Chart numbers, and/or NBS-ISCC color names (NBS Spec. Pub. 440 or Galle *Azaleas* p. 43-44)