

# In Memory

## John L. Creech

John L. Creech, age 89, of Tryon Estates, Columbus, NC, passed away August 7, 2009 in St. Luke's Hospital, Columbus, NC. Born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, he was the son of the late Edward and Bessie Faulks Creech. He was first married to Amy Wentzel Creech who died in 1984, and was the widower of Elaine Innis Creech who died in 2003.

Dr. Creech was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. He received a Master of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Creech served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a prisoner of war from 1943 until 1945 and received both the Bronze and Silver Stars. He retired as director of the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. in 1980 before moving to North Carolina. Dr. Creech then served as interim director of the Western North Carolina Arboretum and remained active as a member of their Board of Directors until his death.

He was a member of OFLAG64 Prisoner of War Association and numerous international scientific organizations. Dr. Creech is survived by two daughters, Diane B. Martin of Lavonia, Georgia, and Victoria C. Waterstradt of Largo, Florida; one son, John Creech (Connie) of Orlando, Florida; and his fiancée, Norma VanSchaick Kuhn of Tryon Estates, Columbus, North Carolina. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Charles L. Brittle Jr., James Hodge, and Candi Atkinson and two great grandsons, Charles L. Brittle III and Evan Atkinson.

A memorial service was held in the Tryon Estates Auditorium on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Memorials can be made to the Western North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806-9315 or Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, 130 Forest Glen Drive, Columbus, NC 28722.

## Thomas Phillips

Thomas Phillips, age 65, of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away on his birthday, July 30, 2009 after battling kidney cancer. Phillips was the owner and operator of Hour Printer, the company that printed *The Azalean* from late 1989 until mid-1999. He would often call former editors Bob and Bee Hobbs and say "I'm on my way," personally delivering *The Azalean* to the Hobbs' home (which was an hour and a half drive from his shop).

Tom considered *The Azalean* his favorite job and really enjoyed printing it. Many people will remember his presentation on color printing *The Azalean*, using paste-up poster boards and "tins." We've come a long way compared to the CDs of today!



▲ The Potomac Valley Chapter of ARS hosted its annual flower show during the 2009 ASA Convention. Pictured are Dan Neckel, volunteer; Bob McWhorter, PVC president; Joe Coleman, judge; Rosalie Nachman, judge; Bill Bedwell, judge; Don Voss, chief judge; Carol Segree, volunteer; and Jim Hayes, volunteer.

## Flower show winners

Bob McWhorter, Potomac Valley Chapter ARS

The Potomac Valley Chapter of ARS wishes to thank the Northern Virginia Chapter of ASA for the opportunity to conduct its annual flower show in conjunction with the 2009 ASA convention. We thank everyone who entered flowers and it is our hope that each of you found some time to enjoy the show.

Special thanks are extended to Don Voss, chief flower show judge (Northern Virginia Chapter); Joe Coleman, judge (Oconee Chapter); Bill Bedwell, judge (Northern Virginia Chapter); and Rosalie Nachman, judge (at large). We also want to recognize flower show volunteers Carol Segree, Rosa McWhorter, Joe Marsala, Dan Neckel, Jim Hayes, Richard and Virginia Mohr, and Ray Smith.

The following awards were presented: Class 1—Lepidote ("scaly") species, no entries; Class 2—Lepidote ("scaly") hybrids, First Place and Best in Class, Carol Segree ('Yellow Eyes'); Class 3—Elepidote ("large-leaf") species, no entries; Class 4—Elepidote ("large-leaf") hybrids, First Place, Best in Class, and Best Rhododendron in Show, Rosa McWhorter (*R. yakushmanum* 'Ken Janeck'); Class 5—Deciduous Azalea species, First Place and Best in Class, Valerie Lorenz (*R. canescens*); Class 6—Deciduous Azalea hybrids, First Place and Best in Class, Carol Segree ('Queen Emma'); Class 7—Evergreen Azalea species, First Place and Best in Class, John Keshishan (*R. indicum*); and Class 8—Evergreen Azalea hybrids, First Place, Best in Class, and Best in Show, Don Hyatt ('Rose Greeley').

The following special awards were presented: Class 8—Evergreen Azalea Hybrids (light peach), Walter Przypek ('Dreamsicle'); Class 8—Evergreen Azalea Hybrids (pink and white), John Keshishan (unknown pink and white); Class 8—Evergreen Azalea Hybrids ('Madame Butterfly'), Rosa McWhorter ('Madame Butterfly'); Class 8—Evergreen Azalea Hybrids (deep violet), Rosa McWhorter ('Girard's Fuchsia').