

Society News

Membership Renewals Due

Dan Krabill, ASA Treasurer

It is almost time for most of us to renew our memberships in the Azalea Society of America. Your membership expiration year appears on the top line of the address label for this issue of *The Azalean*. If the year 2010 appears on that line, your membership expires at the end of this year.

Dues notices are mailed in early November. If we get your check before November 1, you may take a \$1 "early bird" discount off the amount of the check. That's our thanks for not having to spend the time and money to mail you a dues notice. Or, if you know you are not going to renew, please let us know by letter or e-mail (dkrabill@gmail.com), so we will not have to mail you a dues notice.

First, review the information on your address label and make any needed corrections. Also, if your telephone number or e-mail address has changed, please provide us with the correct information.

Then, circle an amount in the table below to show the number of years and the type of membership you would like. The table includes a \$1 discount for each year paid in advance, up to \$5 per year. Those years are paid in full, even if the dues are increased later. For example, to renew for four years as a Regular Member, circle \$94 in the table.

Years	Regular	Contributing	Supporting	Endowment
1	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$200
2	\$49	\$99	\$199	\$399
3	\$72	\$147	\$297	\$597
4	\$94	\$194	\$394	\$794
5	\$115	\$240	\$490	\$990
6	\$135	\$285	\$585	\$1185

Subtracting \$1 for your "early bird" discount? [] Yes [] No

Or, consider joining for life, for the one-time payment of \$500 or five consecutive annual payments of \$100 each. Sorry, this is not available for organizations or overseas members.

Finally, write your check or money order in US dollars for the total amount, payable to the "Azalea Society of America." Mail it along with a copy of this page to:

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Alternatively, you may pay your dues with a credit card online through Paypal (<http://www.paypal.com>). Send your dues payment to: PayTheASA@aol.com. You can open a PayPal account in minutes (and if it asks, please mention PayTheASA@aol.com as the person who referred you). Then describe your changes, your membership type, and the number of years you are renewing for in the comments section.



▲ Maarten van der Giessen (center) answering plant questions from Bob Stelloh and John Brown.

▼ Ronald Hooper loads up a bunch of plant goodies after the post-convention tours.



Maarten van der Giessen arrived and greeted the group with friendly handshakes and hugs. Maarten and Billy answered many plant questions that day from this band of inquisitive plant enthusiasts. We probably stayed too long, but it's hard to leave a place that has so many different unique plants to see. Maarten and Billy were very generous with gift plants to the group, for which everyone truly appreciated. What a great tour!

Next on the tour was Mobile Botanical Gardens with its huge azalea collection and well designed beds and walkways. It was relaxing just to stroll along the walkways and trade plant stories among the group, occasionally checking labels on those azaleas we could not identify or just forgot the names. It was a busy two days of post tours; however, all good things must come to an end. But it's never too early to start thinking about next year's ASA convention and post-convention tours.

Thanks to everyone who attended the ASA 2010 convention in New Orleans. The Louisiana chapter of the ASA hopes everyone had a great time and that you will be back to visit with us soon.

Robert "Buddy" Lee is a past president of both the ASA and Louisiana Chapter. He is the developer of the multi-season-blooming *Encore® Azaleas*.