

Chapter News

Lake Michigan

Linda Lanning, Secretary

The Lake Michigan Chapter held a meeting at the home of **Phil and Linda Lanning** near Walton, Indiana on October 16. The purpose of the meeting was to update the members and discuss the April 28 convention to be held in Evansville, Indiana. The plans for the convention are coming together. There were some duties "volunteered for" that has brought us closer to having all the categories covered.

After the meeting, lunch was served by Linda Lanning and everyone enjoyed our warm October day in the sun.

Phil and Linda had just returned from visiting Portland, Oregon, and the coastal town of Florence. They brought back with them some seedling azaleas and rhododendrons. These were offered for sale to the members present, so many went home with something unique that can grow in our climate, too.

The chapter will be planning their Christmas get together soon. We will be going to the Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City, Indiana, for our meeting and buffet. We will have a business meeting first, followed by eating at the great buffet. We will try to have it the first weekend in December.

Northern Virginia

Barry Sperling, Corresponding Secretary

The Northern Virginia Chapter kicked-off a summer and fall of great plants and great food with a cutting exchange at the riverside home of **Rod and Mary Hoioos**. With unparalleled views of the tidal Potomac, we enjoyed beautiful sunny weather, a fine brunch and then selected from an almost endless supply of cuttings from our members' gardens.

August saw our annual plant auction, hosted in the Merrifield Garden Center in Gainesville. Again, extensive food selections and a huge selection of large and attractive plants that went up for bid, along with a set of fixed price items. Once again **Bob Harrison** proved himself a professional caliber auctioneer, keeping everybody laughing and spending more than they had planned to. A large part of the work leading up to the sale was done by **Carolyn Beck** as she kept many of the plants in top shape.

October's get-together featured Vice President **Rick Bauer** showing slides of many of Pete Vine's hybrid creations, which made us all want to expand our collections. Pete's work was done in Springfield, not far from our meeting location. A plant exchange only whetted our appetite for more.

Coming up: the annual December Holiday party (and more food!)

Oconee

Jim Thorton, President

The Oconee Chapter met October 31 with fellow member **Ken Gohring** as our feature speaker. Ken, a long-time

member of the Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS), presented an outstanding program on *Appreciating Native Plants*. It was enlightening and well received with excellent slides of the rare and exotic plants found in Georgia.

The GNPS program, which teaches the restoration, education, and rescue of native plants, has nearly 1,000 members and is active across Georgia. For more information about the society, visit www.gnps.org. You will also find many of the slides Ken presented.

Other chapter activities include members participating in the annual Rockdale County Master Gardeners Fall Plant sale. This was our fifth year, and we were awarded a Certificate of Recognition for our attendance and support. There was a good turn out, and we sold a lot of azaleas—some to repeat customers!

Thanks to **John Callaway** and his crew for bringing and putting up the cabana; to **Don and Barbara Bloodworth**, for manning the booth; to **Sherri Pike** of Riverside Nursery and **Al Penland** for donating plants.

ASA Financial Position at December 31, 2009

INCOME STATEMENT Year 2009

INCOME	
Azalean Income	1,221.00
Dues Income	14,176.00
Gift Income	2,617.00
Interest Income	4,477.99
Seed Exchange Income	666.00
Other Income	-
Total Income	23,157.99

EXPENSES	
Awards and Memorials	-
Azalean Expense	18,008.29
Chapter Dues Expense	2,295.00
Dues Expense	443.95
Website Expense	121.45
Other Postage Expense	220.50
Other Expense	914.98
Total Expenses	22,004.17

Income-Expenses	1,153.82
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BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2009

ASSETS	
Checking	1,865.52
Investments	93,895.80
Total Assets	95,761.32

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Operating Fund	10,211.32
General Endowment	58,598.08
Research Fund	20,888.76
Harding Garden	6,063.17
Total Liabilities and Reserves	95,761.32