

Society News

Brown gets Distinguished Service Award

The Azalea Society of America has an awards program, and during the years has presented awards to our outstanding members who have made major contributions of time and energy to improve the Society. During the Society's national meeting in Evansville, Indiana, outgoing ASA President **Aaron Cook** presented the Distinguished Service Award to **John Brown**.

The award said: "John Brown is an Engineer by profession, but in his heart he is a horticulturist. He has served on the National Board of the Azalea Society of America as Director, Secretary and President. He has been over the Azalea Society Archives and in charge of back issues for the Society for many years. He is a past member of the Flame Chapter and a founding member of the Vaseyi Chapter. As a member of the Vaseyi Chapter, he has served as Secretary and Vice-President. He chaired the plant sale for the 2001, and served as Tour Chair for the 2008 ASA national convention. John is also active in the Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS), where he has served in many capacities both locally and nationally. He was recently honored by the Vaseyi Chapter with the August Kehr Award. Because of John's exemplary service for many years it gives us great pleasure as a Society to honor him with the Distinguished Service Award."



▲ ASA President Aaron Cook presents the Distinguished Service Award to John Brown.

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 by December 31 along with a copy of this page to:

Dan Krabill, ASA Treasurer
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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.

If you know you are not going to renew, please let us know by letter or e-mail to dkrabill@gmail.com, so we will not have to mail you dues notices.

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 should appear on the top line of the address label for this issue of *The Azalean*. If the year 2011 appears on that line, your membership expires at the end of this year.

Please 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

Society Seeking Applications for Editor

The Azalea Society of America is accepting applications for the position of Editor of *The Azalean*.

This is a part-time, paid position responsible for organizing and directing the process of publishing four quarterly issues of *The Azalean*, the horticultural journal of the Azalea Society of America, each calendar year.

Management and organization skills are necessary. The Editor must be familiar with desktop computer publishing and must have an interest in azaleas. The Editor should be

proficient in spelling, grammar, and punctuation. He/she must have excellent interpersonal skills when soliciting articles and suggesting editorial revisions to authors, and be a disciplined and responsible self-starter who is also willing to recruit potential authors, and to write articles on occasion. Good working knowledge of horticultural terms, editorial experience and excellent skills with word processing, digital imaging software, and/or desktop publishing programs, and working knowledge of production and printing processes are desirable.

The Editor reports directly to the ASA Board of Directors and is an *ex officio* member of the board. The Editor participates in all board activities and is expected to attend all board meetings, including the annual convention and meeting of the Azalea Society of America.

For more information or to submit a resume, please e-mail ASA President John Migas at azaleajohn@yahoo.com.

Current Editor Pam Fitch announced her resignation from the position in September effective with the Winter 2011 issue. Fitch has served as Editor since the Fall of 2006.

"It has been a wonderful experience, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the ASA Board of Directors to produce a first-class journal," she said. "I will remain active with the Texas Chapter, and look forward to being a part of the planning committee for the 2015 ASA National Convention in Nacogdoches."

Recognizing Generous ASA Members

Dan Krabill, Treasurer

I would like to recognize and thank those individuals who have donated to the Azalea Society of America, by paying dues in excess of the \$25 per year standard amount or by making direct payments to the ASA. We have three categories for donations – Endowment (payment of \$200 or more per year), Sustaining (\$100 to \$199 per year), and Contributing (\$50 - \$99 per year). These donations provided more than 5 percent of our income in 2011 and are important in carrying out the work of the ASA.

Below is a list of members in these three categories for 2011.

Contributing Members 2011

Donations of \$50 to \$99

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Cid and Liza Scallet
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Sustaining Members 2011

Donations of \$100 to \$199

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Barbara Stump
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Endowment Members 2011

Donations of \$200 or more

Donald H. Voss

Call for Articles

The Azalean needs more good articles about azaleas, their care, and their use in the landscape. Ideas for topics include:

- Articles describing new public gardens or special azalea collections being created in your area.
- Descriptions and photographs of Society members' gardens.
- Current research on azaleas.
- Information about azalea festivals and sales.
- Historic garden restoration stories.
- Articles about noteworthy azalea hybrid groups or new species or cultivar introductions.

Articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. Illustrations are highly encouraged and should be at least 4 x 6 inches at 300 dpi resolution. Submit materials to:

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