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Glenn Dale Hybrid 'Festive' created quite a stir at the 2015 spring convention in Nacogdoches, since the row of 'Geisha' at one of our private garden tour gardens turned out not to be 'Geisha' but was, in fact, 'Festive'. I had read in *The Azalean* that the two were often confused because of their tendency to have purple or red streaks and speckles. Being naïve about the many subtleties of the 454 Glenn Dale azaleas in 1999, I decided to plant the two together in our Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden to see who would notice the difference. Of course, our ASA members had lots of questions about which was which. But, when we got to Bill Elliott's private garden, the vote was unanimous that the collection of 30 or so white azaleas with red flecks and streaks was, of course, not 'Geisha', but 'Festive'. See related article on page 54. Photo kindly supplied by Donald Hyatt.

