

It's Time to Renew Your ASA Membership!

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Have you renewed your membership in the Azalea Society of America for 2016? Your membership expiration year appears above your address on *The Azalean* mailing wrapper, and can also be found on your member record on our web site, www.azaleas.org. You can view and update your membership record by clicking on the Members link and logging in. Please save me the time to contact you via e-mail, mail, or phone to remind you of your renewal responsibility. If I do not receive your renewal by December 31st, I will be sending out an e-mail reminding you to renew. If I do not hear from you by the end of January 2016, I will be obliged to send you a letter. **PLEASE** save me the time and the Society the expense by taking care of your renewal before then.

Many members do not have an e-mail on file (or the one on file is not valid) with the ASA. **PLEASE** provide me, via e-mail at azaleas.treasurer@gmail.com, with your e-mail address if you do not have one on file (or do not know if you do), and I will enter it in our online membership database. Note that you may request that the e-mail not be visible to the membership if you wish, and it will be used only for ASA business. Note also that in order to login to the web site to view membership or read recent issues of *The Azalean*, you will need to have an e-mail on file in our database and have registered for a login. Click on the Archives link to get to *The Azalean* archives.

This year, I am encouraging all members to renew electronically on our web site, using the [Join Us](#) link. Doing this only costs the ASA about \$1 per renewal, and it saves you an envelope, a stamp and writing a check. In addition, it saves the ASA the cost (and me the time) of sending you a reminder via the USPS. However, if you prefer to mail me a check, in US dollars, that is perfectly fine. Please use the below address when sending your check:

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Find the 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. For example, to renew for three years as a regular member, choose \$87 from the table. Any membership level other than Regular benefits the ASA operating fund and provides you with a tax deductible contribution to the Society.

If you know you are not going to renew, please let me know by letter or e-mail to azaleas.treasurer@gmail.com, so I will not mail additional dues notices to you.

Domestic dues (US, Canada, Mexico)					Overseas dues - includes airmail postage				
Years	Regular	Contributing	Supporting	Endowment	Years	Regular	Contributing	Supporting	Endowment
1	\$30	\$50	\$100	\$200	1	\$40	\$50	\$100	\$200
2	\$59	\$99	\$199	\$399	2	\$79	\$99	\$199	\$399
3	\$87	\$147	\$297	\$597	3	\$117	\$147	\$297	\$597
4	\$114	\$194	\$394	\$794	4	\$154	\$194	\$394	\$794
5	\$140	\$240	\$490	\$990	5	\$190	\$240	\$490	\$990
6	\$165	\$285	\$585	\$1185	6	\$225	\$285	\$585	\$1185

years. Note that the date searching is an AND search if you use both keywords and authors. That is, the article must contain one of the keywords AND lie within the search year boundaries.

Results Sorting

After a search result is returned, you may sort the results by **Volume**, **Title** or **Author**. If you click on the **Volume** column title, the results will be sorted from newest to oldest. If you click the **Volume** column title a second time, the sort will be reversed from oldest to newest.

If you click on **Article Title**, the results are sorted by title

in ascending order. Similarly, the **Author** column heading sorts the articles by author.

Expanded Searching within Articles

There is an ongoing effort to generate keywords and phrases from the text of the articles. We are currently re-searching tools to facilitate this process. Some of the articles have already had keywords entered in the database, so you may notice search results where the keyword is not in the title. When the database has been updated with keywords for all the articles, the search results will be much more comprehensive. Stay tuned for further developments.