

Chapter News and New Members

Alabamense Chapter

Welcomes new members: Juanita Dodd, Johnny Golden, Ed & Monica Williams, and James Willis.

Ben Morrison Chapter

Diane Reinke, Secretary

Chapter members enjoyed a delicious luncheon at Christopher's Restaurant in Crofton, Maryland, on February 28. The chapter donations were approved to: 1) the Pineville Presbyterian Church in Pass Christian, Mississippi, to complete the rain drip water system in the church's garden in memory of Ben Morrison, and 2) to Friends of the National Arboretum in memory of Deborah Hughes, a member who passed away last summer.

Members Jerry and Faith Bange gave a most informative slide presentation on daylilies. Jerry and Faith are very active in the National Capital Daylily Club and regional organizations, have an extensive collection of daylilies, and are very knowledgeable about growing them. The scientific name for daylily is *Hemerocallis*, a Greek word meaning "beauty for a day." The presentation included a slide containing a diagram of the parts of a daylily plant, lovely photos of various types of cultivars, and ways to propagate and hybridize daylilies. Faith and Jerry also provided handouts on how to grow daylilies and back issues of daylily publications. A very warm "thank you" to Faith and Jerry for helping us to enhance our knowledge of the plant world.

The chapter will hold a cutting exchange, plant auction, and potluck luncheon at the home of Carol Segree on the last Saturday of June. Members of the Potomac Hosta Club and the Northern Virginia Chapter of ASA will be invited to attend.

The chapter welcomes new members: from Maryland—Niels Cordes and Debra Wertheimer, Baltimore; Michael Rhoads, Barnesville; Cecile Benigni and Bonnie Kramer, Brookevill; Patricia Busche, Gaithersburg; and John Rhode, Towson; from West Virginia—Nettie Bernady, Hedgesville, WV; and from Virginia—Emilie Larson, Vienna and Bill and Linda Pinkham, Carrollton.

Louisiana Chapter

Both Allen Owings and Margie Jenkins were honored by other horticultural organizations (see page 46). Way to raise the profile of the ASA!

The chapter also welcomes new members Hunter and Meg Charbonnet from Covington and Gaye Ingram from Ruston, LA.

Northern VA Chapter

Barry Sperling, Corresponding Secretary

The Northern VA Chapter started the calendar year with a well-attended talk by Barbara Bullock, Curator of the Azalea and Rhododendron collection at the National Arboretum.

She described her efforts to identify many of the unlabeled plants she found on arriving, get plants matched up with the information in the Bell Book, and organize the parentage of the released Glenn Dales.

The club is looking forward to the establishment of the Klimavicz Garden within the large Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, VA. We are being asked to volunteer some time to the upkeep and I'm sure that many will be happy to do that. Klimavicz hybrids are currently introduced to the trade through the White Nursery in Germantown, MD. The Whites are chapter members. As an aside, the White Nursery hosted an Open House May 20th from 9 – 5.

Coming up are our tours of member gardens in late April and early May, the annual azalea sale at Green Spring Gardens in Annandale on May 19th, the annual Cutting Exchange on July 15th and the large Auction/Sale on September 15th. The last two will be at the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in West Springfield.

We're always happy to see visitors at our events, so come by if you're in the area!

The chapter welcomes new members: Barbara Bullock, Riverdale Park, MD and Fred Sweat, Stafford, VA.

Rev. John Drayton Chapter

The chapter is busy organizing the 2019 convention and has added a number of new members to help: from Charleston: W. Sloan Coleman, Susan Garrison, & Nolan Prestwood; from Goose Creek: Kristine & Mark Amundson; from Johns Island: April & Caleb Brumfield; from Ladson: Tracie Mitchum; from Moncks Corner: Angela Boltz, Brian Mathieu; from Reevesville: Verd vanBezooyen & Jennifer Weber; and from Summerville: William & Sarah Bares, James & Rebeccas Barrier, Aniya Cohen, Bonny & David Ferguson, Tom & Susan Harshbarger, and Kolby & Melissa Kahley.

Texas Chapter News

Sherrie Randall, Secretary

Chapter members held a very successful plant sale during the 30th annual Jasper Azalea Festival March 17th, selling more than 80 plants and signing up five new members. One of these new members, and our youngest, Lillian Pruett, jumped right in to help sell plants. Buddy Lee also joined us for the day as he was officially recognizing the City of Jasper as an ASA Azalea City.

The following weekend, the chapter held its spring meeting at the home of Charles and Sharon Bradberry. We were treated with lunch and a tour of their gardens. Our business meeting included the approval of the application and process for awarding two \$500 horticulture scholarships: One each will be awarded to a student at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) and Tyler Junior College.

Our fall meeting location is tentatively planned at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, Texas,

which has been in a rebuilding phase since major damage from Hurricane Harvey in August 2017.

The Texas Chapter welcomes new members: from Louisiana—James Burnett, DeRidder and from Texas—Ginger Boswell, Magnolia; from Jasper: Maryanne M. Bianca & Jerry Hoffman, Jan Burks, James Burnett, Keith & Belinda Daniel, Laura Golden, Julia McCormick, Suni & Lillian Pruett; and Joette Reger from West Lake Hills.

Tri-State Chapter

Welcomes new members: John Golab, Inverness, IN and Peter Podaras, Tipp City, OH.

Vaseyi Chapter

Welcomes new members: Denise Acquista, Crossville, TN, and Friends of the Library in Robbinsville, NC.

At-Large

The ASA welcomes other at-large members: from Georgia: Jan & Joe Nicholson, Canton; Henry Phillips, Savannah, and Marsha Zeagler, Sylvania; and from Washington: David Farrell, Marysville.

Total new members this quarter—between Azaleas 101 and very active chapter recruiting: 113!



▲ Texas Chapter meeting (standing l to 4: Vice President Jeff Abt, Secretary Sherrie Randall, Treasurer Don Parsons, Barbara Stump, meeting host Charles Bradberry, gathered around President Robert.)



▲ First presentation of a Texas Chapter horticulture scholarship to Cierra Krause, a sophomore student of Dr. Jared Barnes, Assistant professor of Horticulture at SFA. Shown (l to r), Treasurer Don Parsons, Ms. Krause, Dr. Barnes.

▼ Texas Chapter booth at Jasper Azalea Festival (standing l to r: Barbara Stump, Chapter President Robert Thau, Azalea City Chair Buddy Lee; seated: Sherrie Randall, our other ace propagator—besides Robert.)



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