



▲ Photo 6—Texas Chapter scholarship recipients Hailey Dunbar, sophomore, and Jevon Richeson, junior, students of Dr. Jared Barnes, assistant professor of Horticulture at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Texas Forest Country Chapter

Robert Thau—President

Our chapter held a short meeting June 8th, followed by a propagation workshop at Natures Way Gardens, with a good turnout of members. On June 15th another propagation workshop was held for members of the Jasper Master Gardeners, with another great turnout. I plan to hold this event yearly.

Natures Way garden tours were very successful, with many garden clubs and master gardeners from around the area and couples, to see the many azalea cultivars not known to them. I would like to thank Beverly Holly, the

Executive Director of the Jasper/Sam Rayburn Chamber of Commerce for all her help and support in promoting our chapter and Natures Way Gardens. Beverly's post on the chamber's website about our chapter and the garden tours had over 3000 hits.

The Sandy Creek Park expansion project is underway, and we plan to start planting azaleas this fall. The project is part of the Jasper beautification project, which includes the azalea gardens and 60-plus acres of wooded nature trail. I will keep you updated on this project.

The chapter welcomes new members Earline Barrow, Jasper; Nancy R. Nicholson, Brookeland; Julia and Arden Claire Pruett, Burkeville; and Christine and Gerald Schmelebeck, Buna, Texas.

Speaking as the ASA Membership Chair, I have noticed we are recruiting new members for our chapters. Hats off to the members who are working hard to achieve this. Keep up the good work.

Vaseyi Chapter

The chapter welcomes new member Lisa-Marie Quinlan, Asheville, NC.

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photographs to
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Changes in Membership Dues Structure

By Paul Beck, Treasurer

As a result of a decision from the 2019 Board of Director's meeting in Summerville, SC, two changes have been authorized to the ASA dues structure. The fee for those signing up for the **Online only** version of *The Azalean* has been reduced to **\$25 per year**. This reduction reflects the incremental printing and mailing costs for the four issues. Online only members are emailed a PDF of the journal, and they can read the online version on the website. In addition, a new **\$15 per year Student** membership was approved. This rate applies to full-time students under the age of 25.

In addition, a regular member can also become an



Associate member of any number of other chapters. This entitles the member to receive electronic communications from the associate chapter, such as newsletters and periodic informational emails. Also, the associate member is welcome to participate in any of the activities of their associate chapter. Associate chapter dues are typically \$5 per year per associate chapter (but that rate may be whatever the associate chapter deems appropriate).

The above changes have been implemented on our website and are shown on the membership form on the outside wrapper of this issue.