

workday, no matter what the weather. (His conscience won't let him quit, even though almost everyone else apparently has.) He spends a major part of every weekend responding to the Society's mail, which he routinely retrieves from the Society's two post office boxes, one of which is so far out of the way that it requires a major effort to get to. He's off to committee meetings constantly, it seems. (These, of course are in addition to all of the other kinds of meetings – national meetings, chapter meetings – you get the picture). He served several years as Brookside Gardens Chapter president, and for many years he devoted countless hours to proofing and editing the copy for *The Azalean*. (I think there is a special place in Heaven for people who work on the journal. Only a select few know what a monumental task it is.) And, it goes without saying that the first weekend in May is spent entirely at the annual flower show. A corollary rule is: don't volunteer if you already have a full-time job.

4. Select your spouse and family carefully. (This is especially important if you have ignored suggestions 1 through 3). You will need an understanding, supportive family that is capable of managing in your absence. An alternative would be to get them involved, too, but then you run the risk of getting absolutely nothing else accomplished.

EndNotes

1. The flower show, "Salute to Azaleas," was held on May 17 and 18, 1980, in the South Conservatory at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. There were 19 exhibitors. The Millers brought seven entries from their yard, of which 'Lady Cavendish' received top honors. The award for Best Azalea in the Show, as selected by the judges, was deemed "The Frank White Award" and consisted of a \$25 gift certificate to his nursery.
2. While accurate when the article was written, this list of jobs is now incomplete and out-of-date.
3. The ASA's first national project, the Glenn Dale Preservation Program, existed from 1982-1997. See the comprehensive summary and farewell article: Miller III, W.C.: "Glenn Dale Preservation Program 1998. *The Azalean*. March 1998. 20(1):15-16.

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New Azaleas for the Trade

Buddy Lee and Allen Owings are shown with the two new Encore® azaleas for 2021. Descriptions for the trade are:

Autumn Majesty™—*Rhododendron* 'Robledzd' PPAF—glows with masses of petite, ruffled, semi-double dark purple blooms in spring, summer, and fall. Hardy to USDA Zone 6A, this season-extending repeat bloomer is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Growing in a rounded, compact habit—only 3' high by 3' wide—its evergreen foliage stays bright green in winter.

Autumn Starburst™—*Rhododendron* 'Robleze' PPAF—blooms in coral pink with bold white margins against dark green evergreen foliage. Flowering profusely in spring, summer, and fall, Autumn Starburst grows compact and mounding—only 3' high by 3' wide—and is hardy to USDA Zone 6A.

- ▼ Buddy Lee (L) and Allen Owings, Louisiana Chapter, are shown with the two new Encore® Azaleas for 2021. Buddy is holding 'Autumn Starburst'™. Allen is standing behind 'Autumn Majesty'™.



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