

# Chapter News

## Northern Virginia Chapter

**Rick Bauer, Corresponding Secretary**

The chapter ended the year with our annual meeting on 6 December, conducted via Zoom. We normally hold the meeting in conjunction with a holiday social, however we had to cancel the social due to COVID. We elected new officers and approved our budget for 2021. Despite COVID, we had a successful year financially. As a result, we were able to approve a donation of \$1000 to the national society in memory of our associate member Robert Thau. Additionally, we set aside \$2500 for the repair of the sprinkler system at Meadowlark Gardens which serves the area of the Klimavicz Legacy Garden. Finally, we received a presentation on the Bowie Mill azaleas, one of the varieties in the Legacy Project.

We are planning our next meeting on 21 March at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church if they reopen their meeting room, otherwise it will be conducted solely via Zoom. We're planning on conducting all future meetings via Zoom in addition to meeting in person since we have a large number of members spread across the country (and some across the world).

The chapter would like to welcome Lyn Moen, Great Falls, VA, Andrea Plummer from Washington, DC, Jim Hassel from Horseheads, NY, Mark and Karen Gunnell from Frederick, MD, Linus Chen from Oakton, VA, Ryck Birch from Natick, MA, Mike Jones from Sebastopol, CA, Mike Hudgens from Hayes, VA, and Toshiko Uchiyama and Eleanor Hagerman from Annandale, VA.

## Arkansas Chapter

**Ronnie Palmer, President**

We held a meeting on November 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 by President Ronnie Palmer. This was the first Zoom meeting of the Chapter and there was a total of 12 members present via Zoom.

Ronnie explained that due to the pandemic, all current officers agreed to continue in their capacity until we can return to more normal activities. There were no objections by any of the members present, so until further notice, Ronnie Palmer, President, Steve Brizzi, Vice President, Bob Benbow, Treasurer and Janet Rensing will continue as elected officers. Cheyenne Benbow will continue

to assist Bob as an informal Assistant Treasurer. Steve Brizzi began a discussion on the development of Legacy Gardens and explained how the National ASA encourages the development of Legacy Gardens.

Janet Rensing presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Woodlawn Glenn Dale Legacy Garden."

Ronnie explained to those present that the board welcomes your thoughts' and your opinions as to the possibility of our chapter implementing this type of garden in Arkansas. Woodlawn is a signpost in Lonoke County, on Highway 31, east of Cabot. The project if implemented would take commitment from the ASA membership and would require partnering with other groups for it to be maintained into perpetuity. It would do us no good to plant a garden and then have it fall by the wayside in a few years.

Steve Brizzi has found a location in the Fayetteville area that could be developed into a Carden-Harris Legacy Garden. It would be on a smaller scale, but it would require much of the same commitment from the ASA and other groups.

It was emphasized to the members present that this was just the beginning discussions and that everyone's input was needed before any final proposals could be presented.

The meeting ended abruptly because of time constraints with the Zoom Session. ASA Member Terri Waterman has volunteered the use of her Zoom account for future meetings, we are very thankful for her generosity, which will enable us to have many more zoom meetings without interruption.

