Chapter News

Chapter members Carolyn Beck, David Meadows, Paul Beck, Ralph Habegger, and John Kirkwood take a break from mulching and fertilizing the Klimavicz Legacy Garden. Photo by B. Kirkwood.

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The chapter has developed a Klimavicz Legacy Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, VA. While workdays were curtailed during the first years of the COVID pandemic, they have begun again. Chapter members gathered on 14 July (pictured above) to fertilize and spread mulch on the garden. We anticipate additional workdays as we maintain and replace plants which have died.

The chapter is also working with a number of gardens to expand their azalea collections. Our most recent contribution was 134 Satsukis which were donated to Jenkins Arboretum through the generosity of chapter member Mike of White's Nursery in Germantown, MD. The folks at Jenkins were very appreciative, especially since this contribution allows them to extend their azalea bloom season into June. Photo below by Helen Standen, Jenkins' nursery /greenhouse manager.

Finally, the chapter had its annual cutting and plant exchange on 17 July at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church (pictured below). We had an excellent turnout with 29 members and guests in attendance. We had a large number of azaleas and other plants in our exchange as well as a good selection of cuttings for those wanting to propagate azaleas. We also had an excellent selection of deciduous azaleas for sale.

Paul Beck and members of the Jenkins staff with the donated Satsuki. From left-to-right: Nick Campbell - summer intern, Nicki Achor - Hamilton Fellow, Fiona Gorman - summer intern, Paul Beck, Karen Miller - Head Horticulturist, Steve Wright - Director of Horticulture, and Liesl Barkman - Hamilton Fellow. Photo by H. Standen.