



Philadelphia 2025 AZALEA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Schedule for the 2025 Azalea Society of America Convention: History and Horticulture Hosted by Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens

Wednesday, May 7th

- 12:00-8:00 Registration
1:00-4:00 Open houses and free garden visits on own. See registration packet or Conv. website for details.
3:00-5:00 Board of Directors Meeting.
5:00-7:00 Dinner on own. List of nearby options available at registration table.
7:00-8:30 Welcome Reception with a dessert bar, cash bar, and announcements (Deck).

Thursday, May 8th

- 6:00-8:00 Breakfast at hotel
7:00-8:00 Registration open
8:00 **Bus 1** departs hotel for Chanticleer, Bus 2 departs hotel for WynEden
8:30-10:45 **Bus 1** at Chanticleer
8:30-10:15 **Bus 2** at WynEden
10:15 **Bus 2** departs for Jenkins
10:45 **Bus 1** departs for Jenkins
11:00-2:30 Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens (will include lunch, plant sales, germplasm collection activities)
NOTE: If needed, purchased plants can be loaded onto a trailer and delivered to the hotel at 5:30.
2:30 **Bus 1** departs for WynEden
2:30 **Bus 2** departs for Chanticleer
2:45-5:00 **Bus 2** at Chanticleer
3:15-5:00 **Bus 1** at WynEden
5:00 Buses depart for hotel
5:30-6:30 Free time
5:30 Jenkins Arboretum truck delivering purchased plants to Desmond
6:00 Cash bar open
6:30 Buffet dinner at hotel (Ballroom)
7:00-7:45 Speaker: Nicole Juday, A Historical View of Philadelphia's Private Gardens
8:00-8:45 Speaker: John Lonsdale, Azalea Companion Plants
8:45 Plant Sales – an assortment of woodland and alpine plants from John Lonsdale/Edgewood Gardens
8:45 Book sales and signing – *Private Gardens of Philadelphia* by Nicole Juday

Friday, May 9th

- 6:30-8:45 Breakfast at the hotel
8:45 Buses depart for Winterthur Gardens and Museum
9:30-1:30 Winterthur Gardens and Museum (will include lunch)
1:30 Buses depart for Mt. Cuba Center
1:45-4:00 Mt. Cuba Center
4:00 Buses depart for hotel
4:45-6:00 Free time
5:30 Cash bar open
6:00-8:30 Banquet at hotel (Ballroom). Dinner, business meeting, preview of 2026 Convention, and closing remarks. Banquet speaker: Karel Bernady, Native Azalea Hotspots of the Northeast

Saturday, May 10th (post-Convention activities)

6:30-9:00 Breakfast at hotel

9:00 Depart for French Creek State Park (will carpool and will need to **bring your own lunch**).

9:30-1:30 French Creek State Park

9:00-5:00 Garden Shop at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens open.

Late morning Rhododendron and Azalea Flower Show hosted by the Delaware Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Displayed at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. The show opens immediately after judging has completed.