

A close-up photograph of a large, dense bush of red azaleas. The flowers are a vibrant red color and are interspersed with green leaves. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text "Legacy Project" is overlaid in a white, cursive font across the center of the image.

Legacy Project

Current Situation

- There are a large number of hybridizers who have made significant contributions to the existing variety of cultivars
- Many of these hybrids have not been introduced commercially
- No single formal process exists to maintain information on the hybridizers and their cultivars
- No formal process exists to maintain copies of the cultivars



Carolyn - Pete Vines

Proposed Solution

- Institute the “Legacy Project” as a means of maintaining information on selected hybridizers
- Identify “Legacy Leads” and teams to manage the collection, storage and dissemination of information on the selected hybridizer

Legacy Project Goal

Help ensure the continuation of knowledge of azalea hybridizers and their plants and maintain true specimens of their cultivars.



Mini-Carnations - McDonald

A close-up photograph of a flowering azalea bush. The image is filled with numerous bright red, five-petaled flowers in various stages of bloom. The flowers are interspersed with vibrant green, glossy leaves. The lighting is bright, creating high contrast between the red petals and green foliage. A black horizontal banner is superimposed across the middle of the image, containing the text 'Legacy Teams' in a white, elegant script font.

Legacy Teams

New Generation Red – McDonald
Photo – Sandra McDonald

Legacy Teams

- **Legacy Lead**
 - Primary point of contact for the team
 - Assemble a team with the necessary skill set to support the project goals
 - Coordinate the efforts of the team

Legacy Teams

- Legacy Lead
- Team Skill Set
 - Propagators



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 - Researchers

(a) **'Fancy Face'**: Evergreen azalea: (Unknown evergreen rogue azalea from de Wilde Greenhouses, fls single, pink, 3.5" (90mm) wide, late) (s) X 'Blushing Angel'. H (1984), G (1987), N (2001), and REG (2001): Sandra McDonald, Hampton, VA. Fls hose-in-hose, 3/dome truss, openly funnel-shaped, 1.5" (40mm) long x 2.5" (65mm) wide, with 5+5 wavy-edged lobes; white with deep pink (50B) stripes in bud, opening inside white with deep pink (50B) stripes and flecks; outside white, similarly marked. Calyx 1.5" (40mm) long, colored as corolla. Truss 2" (50mm) high x 3.5" (90mm) wide.

Lvs 1.5" x 0.75" (40x20mm), elliptic, acute apex, cuneate base, flat margins, semi-glossy and strong yellow green (144A) above, hairy. Shrub 4' (1.2m) high x 3' (0.9m) wide in 16 years, intermediate habit. Plant and bud hardy to at least 5°F (- 15°C). Early.

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 - Photographers



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**Bob Stewart's
Azaleas**




Legacy Project



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 - Propagators
 - Researchers
 - Photographers
 - Presentation software pros
 - Presenters
 - Writers
 - Data Recorders



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Cultivar	Group	Ref	Type	Color	Bloom Time		
 'Antoinette Martin'	Kilmavicz		evg	Red/White	Early Midseason	Edit	Delete
 'Barbara Tozzi'	Kilmavicz		evg	Pink-Light	Early Midseason	Edit	Delete

'Antoinette Martin' (Kilmavicz)







Photo © Joe Kilmavicz, Kilmavicz garden, Vienna, VA

3' x 2 1/2' x 1 1/2' in 5 years; dense. Buds deep red (50A) with some white and purplish-pink (55A) striping. Flower inside: irregularly white sides of each lobe, with deep purplish-pink (55A) central stripe extending from center of lobe to edge at end of lobes, roughly one third the width of the lobes, and a deep red (50A) throat at base extending in the upper three lobes as side rays almost to the margins, irregularly centered within the above cited pink central stripe and forming a prominent eyed blotch; some deep red (50A) flecks irregularly positioned. Flower outside deep red (50A) with deep purplish-pink stripes from center of each lobe to edge, side of lobes white. Single with 5 wavy-edged lobes, broad funnel shape, 2 per head, 2.75" x 1.38" long. Blooms early; April in Vienna, VA. Calyx strong yellow-green (144B), 0.4" long. Leaves semiglossy, moderate olive-green (145A) above. Leaf shape: elliptic, broadly acute apex, concave base, flat edges, 1.57" x 0.87" wide. Plant and bud hardy to +9°F.

Cultivar:	Group:	Ref:	Type:	Color:	Bloom:
'Antoinette Martin'	Kilmavicz		Evergreen	Red/White	Early Midseason
Other Name(s):	Seed Parent:	Pollen Parent:	Height:	Hardy:	
	'Frosty'	'Satanita' (90superior)	3 ft	+9°F, Zone 7	

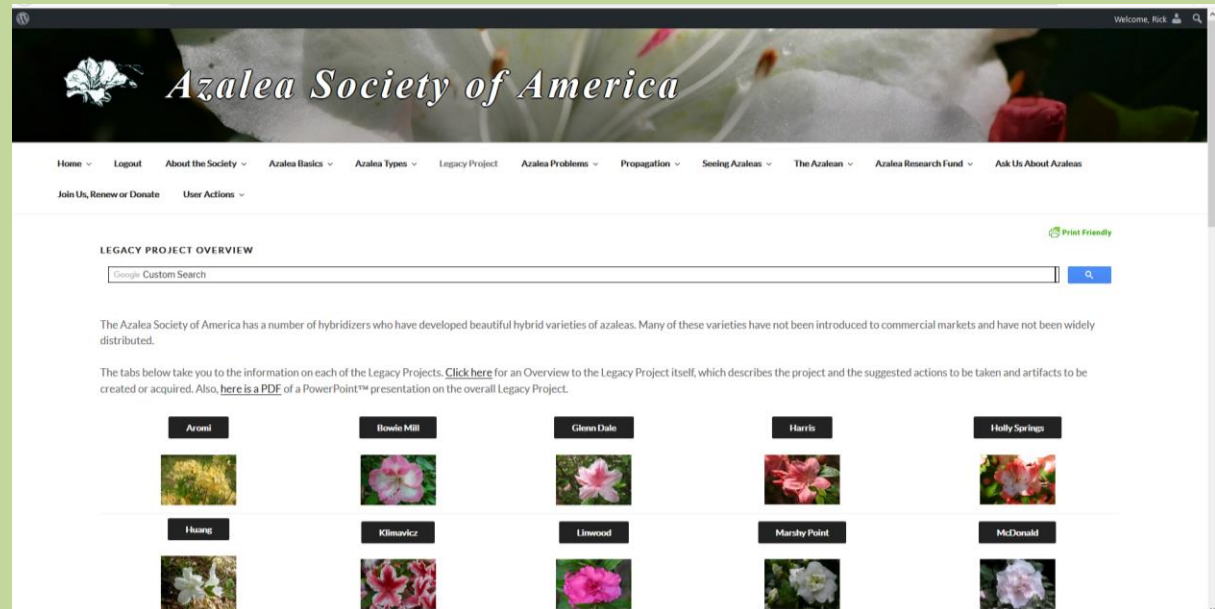
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Output

Output Products

- Hybrid information online



- Legacy Pages
<https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/>

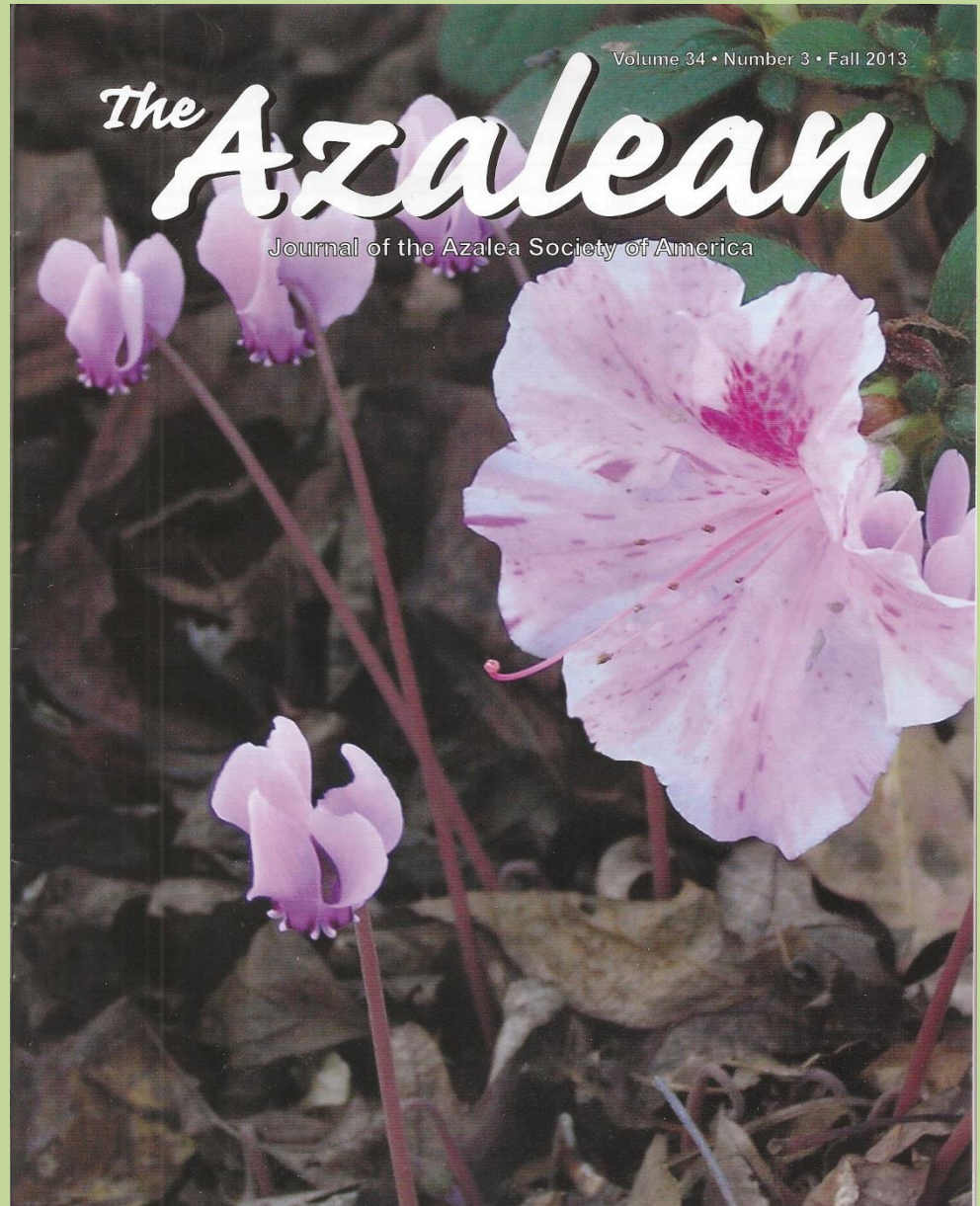
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- Feature hybrids in plant sales and auctions



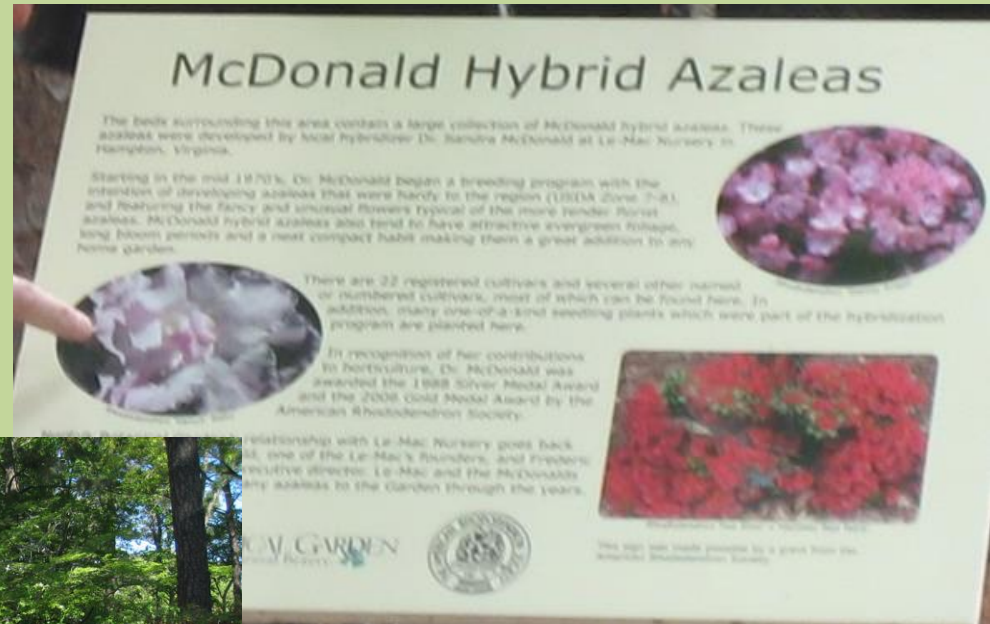
Output Products

- Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
 - Private



Output Products

- Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
 - Private
 - Public



Norfolk Botanical Garden



Aromi Azaleas in Mobile Botanical Garden –

Photo Amanda Wilkins

Output Products

- Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
 - Private
 - Public
- Legacy Nurseries



How Do I Start a Legacy Project?

- Identify the hybridizer you wish to include.
- Identify a Legacy Lead to spearhead the activities for the selected hybrid.
- Determine the scope of your efforts (i.e., how much you are going to do).
- Assemble a Legacy Team to support the scope.
- Download guidelines from the Azalea Society website <https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/>.
- Contact the Legacy Project Lead to have the hybrid group registered as a Legacy group and to facilitate your write-access to the website.

Conclusion

- The knowledge of and cultivars developed by some of our hybridizers may be lost without active intervention.
- The Legacy Project is a formal way to perpetuate the “legacy” of these hybridizers.
- Don’t let your inability to do everything keep you from doing anything!
- For more info go to <https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/> .