
President's Letter

L. Malcolm Clark

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 1992 Convention, May 14-16. The schedule of events is stunning! The Switzer garden and neighboring Scientists Cliffs alone have been the destination of many an azalea pilgrimage. Evening programs offer speakers of world renown. How can you stay away?

Complete information on the convention was included in the December AZALEAN and the possibility exists that some new members may not be fully informed. Inquiries should be addressed to:

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North Beach, MD 27014
(301) 855-5269.

Included in this issue of THE AZALEAN is the 1992 ballot. Treasurer, Secretary, and three Directors will be elected by the membership. It is very heartening to see more willing to serve than vacancies on the Board. Your vote is meaningful. Send in your ballot promptly.

Please read twice the article here on the George Harding Azalea Garden. This is a major undertaking of the ASA. The full weight of enough people is already behind this to assure that it will happen. But a project of this importance should not just fly, it should soar. For that to happen the base of support must be both broad and solid—one beautiful plant, one day's labor, or dollars on this order from most members is what I mean. Again, whether an azalea garden occupies this excellent, high profile site does not depend on each of you, only its quality. But you should also look beyond this garden. If its burden falls on a few, everyone will be left with a bad taste in their mouths, other important projects waiting in the wings will be scrapped, and ASA itself will have to take a more narrow view of its own future. So you have another vote to cast. Support "Proposition Harding"! □

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Azalea Society of America

The Azalea Society of America, organized December 9, 1977 and incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an educational and scientific non-profit association devoted to the culture, propagation and appreciation of the series *Azalea* (subgenus *Anthodendron*) of the genus *Rhododendron* in the Heath family (Ericaceae).

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