

At the invitation of Dr. Ned Garvey, a meeting was held at his office at the Glenn Dale station on December 3, 1993, to review the ASA's existing permit, to bring him up to date on our activities, and to discuss the future of the ASA's project at the Glenn Dale station. In attendance were Dr. Garvey and his technician, a representative from the property office at Beltsville, Dick West, Barbara Bullock, Dr. Bruce Parlman, and myself. Dr. Garvey expressed his interest in our activities and indicated a willingness to provide limited assistance. We brought to his attention the need for help in dealing with the fallen trees which hinder access. In addition, we stressed the importance of periodic maintenance of the major paths into the woods area which have become badly overgrown.

The woods area which contains the azaleas is divided into discrete plots. With the assistance of Dick West, a thorough analysis of Plot 9 was undertaken. Based on documents describing the contents of Plot 9, Dick was able to reconstruct its organization and contents which included many rare Glenn Dale hybrids. We believe that we have

discovered a specimen of 'Alexandria', one of the Glenn Dale hybrids that was never officially distributed. In addition, we were able to confirm the identity of B32140, the plant from which 'Cinderella' and 'Satrap' were derived. We look forward to having an opportunity to evaluate the tentatively identified azaleas when they next bloom.

The Glenn Dale workdays for 1994 will all be Saturdays, as is the custom. The specific dates will be April 9th, September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th. Work will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. or whenever we get tired. Gloves, shears, loppers, saws, and axes will be useful implements to bring. There are no rain dates, but anyone interested should check with me at the last minute to see if any problems have arisen which have resulted in the workday being canceled. As a matter of routine, I confer with Drs. Parlman and Garvey sometime during the preceding week to make sure that our planned presence does not present any problems for them. Occasionally, certain station activities, such as field sterilization, raise safety issues which necessitate

cancellation of our plans.

All are reminded that the National Germplasm Quarantine Center (formerly the Plant Introduction Station at Glenn Dale) is not an "open" facility. ASA members wishing to visit the station on other than scheduled workdays must make advance arrangements at least two weeks prior to the desired date by contacting me at (301) 365-0692. Consistent with the terms of the permit, I will request the necessary permission from the proper authorities to make the visit possible.

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In Memory

Mrs. Janice Monyeen Carlson of South Salem, New York died Wednesday, November 10 at her home after an extended illness. She was 60 years old. Her husband of 35 years, Robert, operated Carlson's Gardens in South Salem for the past 25 years. Mrs. Carlson was born in Plattsburgh, NY, and was a 1951 graduate of Holy Name Academy in Albany and received her bachelor's degree in merchandising from Syracuse University in 1955. □

Azalea News

New Director of the U.S. National Arboretum

Thomas S. Elias, who headed the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, CA, has been appointed director of the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

Elias had been director of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden since 1984. He also had served concurrently as the chairman of the Department of Botany at the Claremont Graduate School.

Before becoming director of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Elias was assistant curator of the New York Botanical Garden's Cary Arboretum from 1972 to 1984.

He is a Fellow of the Linnean Society and the California Academy of Sciences, and he received the Cooley Award from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. He was president of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists in 1986-87. □

NOTICE!!!

The dedication of the George Harding Memorial Garden will be held on May 14, 1994 from 10:00AM until 12:00 Noon at the American Horticultural Society's "River Farm". There will be plants of the azalea varieties which are in the garden for sale!! For information call (301) 840-1714. Come and help make it a great event for 1994!!

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