

uled for May 14. The location for the Flower Show is still undecided. Look for the location to be announced in this space at a later date.

David then conducted a drawing for one of our porcelain azalea figurines. The winners were Steve and Margaret Collins of Lithonia, Georgia.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned. □

### Pollinating the Azalea

Jim Thornton

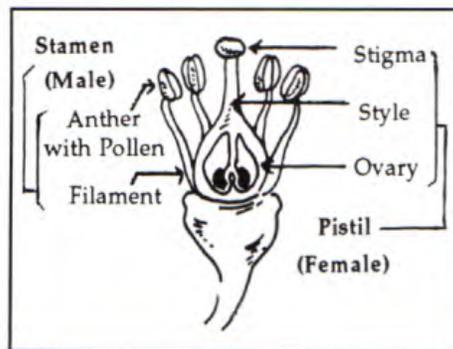
Although, at our last meeting, James Harris briefly explained cross-pollinating (cross-fertilization), I felt it might be worthwhile to go into the procedure in a little more detail. James says "It's nothing to it". For him, yes—for me, that's a different story!

Here are a few of the basics. First you need an understanding of the parts of the flower, discounting the petals and such. We want to get to the heart of the bloom, or the "sex parts". Basically, they are the pistil which is the "female part", and the stamen, which is the "male part".

In nature, azaleas are usually self-sterile, but can easily cross-pollinate. Some self-crosses (selfing) occur. To accomplish the cross-pollination, first tag the branch (flower) to show the female plant and the male plant (this is usually a different variety altogether) with the date of the cross.

Next, when the flower opens, remove all petals and stamens. It also helps to remove adjacent flowers. Leave only the pistil.

Take the stamens from another variety and apply pollen-loaded anther



Anatomy of a Flower

to the stigma (when sticky) of the plant to be pollinated. You can do this several times to ensure fertilization. There is no need to cover the stigma. Now you just wait...

When the seeds start maturing, gather them. Make certain you carry their heritage information through storage, planting, growing and flowering.

Who knows, you may become another James Harris! How to name and register a plant is another matter. More details will follow in other issues. For more information, I suggest "The Azalea Book" by Frederic P. Lee and/or "Azaleas" by Fred C. Galle. □

### Tri-State Chapter

Helen Schroeder, *Secretary*

The President of the Tri-State Chapter is now Mr. Loren Gabe, 1503 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720. The Secretary-Treasurer is now Helen Schroeder, 1216 Hillsdale Road, Evansville, IN 47711. □

### Election of Officers and Directors

The results of the annual election of Officers and Directors was an-

nounced at the Annual Meeting of the Society held on April 30 in Richmond, Virginia in conjunction with the 1994 Convention of the society. The officers elected for two-year terms are:

**Secretary** — Bill McIntosh  
**Treasurer** — Glenn Taylor

The president and vice president were elected last year for two-year terms.

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for two-year terms:

Carol Allen  
Jack Beith  
James A. "Tony" Dove □

### Report of the Public Information Committee for 1994

William C. Miller III, *Chairman*

For the period beginning May 1, 1993 and ending April 30, 1994, I submit the following report. One hundred and fourteen requests for information were received from 28 states and the District of Columbia, two Canadian provinces (Quebec and Ontario), and seven foreign (non-North American) countries (West Germany, France, Portugal, Australia, Argentina, South Africa, and Korea).

## Azalea Calendar

- June 6** Brookside Gardens Chapter Meeting at the Twinbrook Library
- June 7** Dallas Chapter Meeting at 6:30, Tuesday, at the Dallas Arboretum
- July 15** Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the December issue of **THE AZALEAN**
- July 23** Executive Committee Meeting
- September 21** Dallas Chapter Meeting at 6:30, Tuesday, at the Dallas Arboretum
- October 8** Executive Committee Meeting
- October 7-9** ARS Western Regional Conference in Lynnwood, Washington
- October 15** Glenn Dale Preservation Project Work Day, for more information contact Bill Miller (301) 365-0692
- October 15** Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the December issue of **THE AZALEAN**
- October 29** Board of Directors' Meeting at The U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC
- November 1** Dallas Chapter Meeting at 6:30PM, Tuesday, at the Highland Park Town Hall
- November 19** Glenn Dale Preservation Project Work Day, for more information contact Bill Miller (301) 365-0692