

Ben Morrison Chapter

The last meeting of the Ben Morrison Chapter was held September 11, 1994 at the Fairview Library. Joe Miller will be chairman of a committee to organize the Flower Show to be held May 14, 1995 in Southern Maryland. Charles Hanners of Azalea Trace presented our program with a video of his property during and after the ice storm of 1994. It was both an exciting and horrifying event to behold. Jean Cox reported that the George Harding Azalea Garden bench has been installed. Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party to be held December 11, 1994. □

Dallas Chapter

Election of officers was held November 1, 1994. Jim Garrison is the new President. Jim is a landscape contractor with an outstanding knowledge of azaleas. His home garden is beautifully diverse, rivaling the finest private azalea collections in the city. Wayne Mann is the new Vice President. Wayne, who is the senior horticulturist at the Dallas Arboretum, has worked extensively with the azaleas in the Jonsson Color Garden. Linda McDowell is the new Secretary. Formerly an educator, Linda is completing her Master's degree in Landscape Architecture. Keith Johansson is beginning his second year as the chapter's Treasurer. Keith is our rhododendron expert with a garden that boasts rhodies, azaleas and Japanese maples.

The chapter expects to begin construction of an azalea greenhouse at the Dallas Arboretum in early 1995. The intent is to provide new members with a practical laboratory to learn the propagation and cultural practices of azaleas. The chapter membership will also study the 2000+ collection of azaleas. Our purpose will be to educate the public on the superior performing varieties of azaleas. □

Board of Directors Meeting

The fall meeting of the Azalea Society of America Board of Directors was held at the U.S. National Arboretum in

1995

January	Dallas Chapter starts construction of greenhouse at Dallas Arboretum
January 15	Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the March issue of THE AZALEAN
February 24	Dallas Chapter lecture before the Dallas Garden Club
February 24-26	Dallas Chapter booth and seminar at Neil Sperry's All Garden Show, Arlington, Texas
March 11-12	Dallas Chapter booth at the Dallas Arboretum
April 4	Dallas Chapter meeting at 7:00PM at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society (DABS)
April 15	Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the June issue of THE AZALEAN
May 4-6	Azalea Society Annual Meeting and Convention to be held by the Brookside Chapter in Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C.
May 14	Ben Morrison Chapter Flower Show in Prince Frederick, Maryland
June 6	Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at the DABS
July 15	Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the September issue of THE AZALEAN
September 26	Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at DABS
October 15	Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the December issue of THE AZALEAN
October 24	Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at DABS

Washington, D. C. on October 29, 1994. The meeting was preceded by a tour of the azalea gardens at the arboretum led by the Curator of the Azalea Collections, Barbara Bullock.

A major concern of the Board is the decrease of membership in the Society in 1994. Several reasons and remedies for this decrease were discussed.

The Board approved the budget for 1995. The Board also authorized one-year subscriptions to **THE AZALEAN** for several colleges and universities with large horticulture departments and for two city library systems for the purpose of increasing interest in the society.

Dues Notices Mailed

All current Azalea Society of America members should have re-

ceived renewal notices for 1995 by the time they have received this issue. Please return the notices with your dues for 1995 as soon as possible; if dues for 1995 have not been received by mid-January 1995 a second notice will be sent by first class mail. The necessity of sending the first class reminder causes additional work for the volunteers of the membership committee, as well as requiring first class postage which costs about three times as much as the bulk-mailed notices mailed in November.

If you have not received a renewal notice, please contact the membership committee at:

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