
1995 Convention Reminder

As a reminder, the 1995 Convention and Annual Meeting, sponsored by the Brookside Gardens Chapter will be held May 4-7, 1995 in Rockville, Maryland. Details are in the December 1994 issue of **THE AZALEAN**. Please plan to attend.

Registration Check List

- (1) Make your room reservations directly with the Woodfin Suites Hotel. The phone number is 1-800-237-8811, and you should identify yourself as a member of the Azalea Society. The hotel accepts Diner's Club, VISA, American Express, DISCOVER, MasterCard, and Enroute cards.
- (2) Your check should be made out to: Brookside Gardens Chapter, ASA.
- (3) Complete the Convention Registration Form that was on the wrapper of your December 1994 issue of **THE AZALEAN** and send it, with your check, to the Convention Registrar:

Mrs. Carolyn R. Beck
Convention Registrar
10808 Stanmore Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

If you should decide to attend at the last minute the directions to the convention hotel are as follows: If you are proceeding south on Interstate 270, take the Shady Grove Road exit, Ext 8. Turn left at the stoplight at the end of the exit ramp toward east Gaithersburg. At the third stoplight, turn right onto Gaither Road. When Gaither Road ends, turn right onto Redland Road. At the next stoplight, turn left onto Picard Drive. The hotel is on the right. If you are northbound on Interstate 270, take the Shady Grove Road exit, Exit 8. As you enter the exit ramp, make a sharp right onto Redland Road. At the first stoplight, turn

right onto Picard Drive. The hotel will be on your right. (If you accidentally miss the turn onto Redland Road, continue on to Shady Grove Road. Stay to the right, proceed two stoplights, and turn right onto Gaither Road. At the end of Gaither Road turn right onto Redland Road. At the next stoplight, turn left onto Picard Drive. The hotel is on the right.)

The hotel can also be reached from Maryland Route 355. From 355 turn onto West Gude Drive. At the next stoplight, turn right onto Picard Drive and the hotel is on the left. □

Princess Azalea Introductions

Three new Princess azaleas will be featured at the 42nd Annual Landon Azalea Garden Festival, May 5-7: 'PrincessMargaret' a double salmon-orange, 'Princess Gwyneth' a double white, and 'Princess Lindsey' a double pink. A more detailed description of these cultivars will be published in the June 1995 issue of **THE AZALEAN**. □

Report of the Nominating Committee

The open positions for the 1995 election are President, Vice-President and three At-Large Directors, each to serve for a two-year term starting with the 1995 annual meeting. The nominees were selected by the Nominating Committee based on their knowledge, enthusiasm, experience, geographical location and commitment to the aims of the Azalea Society of America.

PRESIDENT: Steve Brainerd, Rowlett, Texas

After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry, Steve entered the U.S. Navy's non-pilot flight training program. He received his wings in February 1969, subsequently volunteering for service in Vietnam. His highly decorated career included over 200 combat missions in the F-4 PHANTOM fighter operating from the aircraft carrier USS MIDWAY, graduation from the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), command of an F-14 TOMCAT fighter squadron and retirement with a rank of Captain.

Steve enrolled in the Landscape Architecture program at the University of Texas at Arlington, leaving before receiving a Master's degree to work for Naud Burnett and Partners, a landscape architecture firm in Dallas, Texas. He joined the staff at the Town of Highland Park in September 1993 working in the Parks Department with a title of Landscape Design and Planning. Steve was named the Highland Park employee of the year for 1994. He was licensed by the State of Texas in May as a Landscape Irrigator. Steve has served the past four years as the

President of the Dallas Chapter of the Azalea Society of America.

Steve is married to the former Mary (Bunny) Feiler of Yuma, Arizona who is a flight attendant with American Airlines. Their daughter Heather, age eight, is the light of their lives. Steve's two older daughters, Steffanie and Tiffany, are college students, one a freshman and one a senior graduating in May.

Steve is an avid reader and collector of books on landscape architecture and man's interaction with his environment. His garden at home is a constant source of enjoyment with a planting of 400 azaleas including over 100 different varieties.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Thornton, Conyers, GA

Jim is best known as a founding member and first President of the Oconee Chapter. Retired from AT&T

after 31 years, he and wife Patsy now preside over an ample and rather mature garden of mostly azaleas (he also does orchids). From ASA point of view, it is his great skill as an organizer, mover and shaker, that recommends him to you.

AT-LARGE DIRECTORS:

Fred Minch, Puyallup, WA

A sitting Director, Fred and his wife Jean have worked with azaleas for over 30 years. Currently they operate Seaview Inc., an azalea nursery devoted exclusively to hybridization. Fred is a veteran of WWII and the Korean conflict. Since that time he has worked for Crown-Zellerbach as an ink-and-die specialist, and been a tavern owner/operator for 20 years. In addition to active membership in ASA for almost a decade, Fred is a long-time member of ARS, now serving as chairman of their Azalea Committee.

Rosalie Nachman, Richmond, VA

A two-term Director of ASA, Rosalie is a founding member of the Richmond Chapter, and a long-time member of its Executive Committee. She is also a Director of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Still, it is her superb garden for which she is best known; a must stop on any tour in the Richmond area.

Arthur Vance, New Bern, NC

Though a long-time regular at annual conventions few seem to know that Art is a past-president of the Northern Virginia Chapter and the third president of the Society itself. In 1989 Art retired from the Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary, and brought over 400 varieties from his collection to eastern North Carolina where he and his wife, Diane, now garden and collect. □

Ben Morrison Chapter

Nuran Miller, President

The last meeting of the Ben Morrison Chapter was the annual Christmas Party and was held December 11, 1994 at the home of Carol and Dale Flowers. Members continued to make plans for the flower show to be held in Southern Maryland at St. Paul's Church in Prince Frederick the weekend of May 13. A flower show planning meeting was held at the home of Joe and Nuran Miller on February 26 at 3:00PM. The committee includes Joe Miller, Chairman, Deac Moore for plant donations, Sue and George Switzer for the educational table and Carol Segree for publicity. Bob and Bee Hobbs, Nuran Miller, Carol Flowers, Allen Jones, June Thomas will all have responsibilities. Margaret Church was requested to do a display on companion plants. We shared good food, nice gifts and all the joys of the Christmas season. □

Brookside Gardens Chapter

Carol Allen, President

The meeting of the Brookside ASA Chapter was held December 6, 1994 at the Twinbrook Library in Rockville, Md. The election of officers took place. Carol Allen was elected to be the new president for the upcoming year with the vice-president, treasurer and secretary remaining in place.

Our speaker, Barbara Bullock, Curator of the Azalea Collection at the National Arboretum, presented a wonderful talk on the azalea collection with slides from the early days right up to the latest changes including the new stone walls and paths for the visitors, complete rebuilding of the pond in the Lee Garden, and the restoration work in the Morrison Garden and hillside areas. She stressed the work done by her crew of volunteers, some from the ASA, in the clearing of vines and downed trees in the on-going work of bringing the collection back into shape. The highlight of the night was the pre-

senting of the Frederic P. Lee Award to Bob Stelloh, richly deserved by Bob, who has been a faithful and productive Azalea Society member. Without his dedication to the building of the George Harding Memorial Garden in both planning and actual labor, the garden would not be in existence today. He personally contacted the members and nurseries for the plants that are contained in the garden. There are over 600 plants now, waiting to put their show on in the spring.

The evening was completed with refreshments and the raffle of two lovely Christmas wreaths made by our past president, Bill Johnson. □

Dallas Chapter

Linda McDowell, Secretary

The chapter has entered into an agreement with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society for the construction of a greenhouse on the grounds. The greenhouse will serve as a base for the chapter membership, providing a center for education on azalea propagation and culture. Rooted cuttings from the Arboretum's azalea collection will be offered for sale to the public through the gift shop. It is anticipated that the working relationship between the Arboretum and the chapter will be broadened to include research projects utilizing the 2000+ azalea cultivar collection. □

Oconee Chapter

Pheleta Hambrick, Secretary

The chapter held its September 11 meeting at 2:00PM in the First Baptist Church of Conyers, Georgia. The program included the election of our new officers. Dave Butler discussed evaluation of newly rooted cuttings, and Jim Thornton presented an economical misting system.

At our September meeting, President David Butler recognized our visitors and welcomed two new members: