

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. □

## Society News

#### 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:

Mike Vuocolo and Powell Harrison. He then introduced our speaker, Richard Giadrosich of Pike Nursery.

Mr. Giadrosich's topic was "Azaleas and Companion Plantings". His information on perennials, ground covers, shrubs for shade, camellias, and water gardens, along with suggestions for landscaping, was most interesting. Mr. Giadrosich also answered questions posed from some of our members. At the conclusion of his program, a gift certificate from Pike Nursery was raffled. Dot Hester from Fayetteville, Georgia was the winner.

Ralph Bullard invited everyone to the Atlanta History Center September 21 at 8:00PM to hear ASA President Malcolm Clark speak on the Robin Hill azaleas. This was sponsored by the Azaleas Chapter of the America Rhododendron Society.

Two flats of James Harris azalea cuttings (ready for transplanting in one gallon containers) were donated by Fred Sorg. These plants were for purchase at one dollar each with proceeds going to our Chapter. Names of these were 'Midnight Flare' and 'James Harris'. Twenty-nine dollars was collected for our treasury. Thanks, Fred!

General consensus of the members present was that the June Cutting Swap was great. Several members reported excellent success and growth from their cuttings. □

#### Glenn Dale Preservation Project 1995

William C. Miller III  
Bethesda, Maryland

The ASA's National project at the Glenn Dale station is entering its 13th year. This year the project is adopting a new focus. In the past, much effort was expended in establishing a published schedule of work days for the purpose of providing ASA members an opportunity to participate in this worthwhile National project. Given the consistently inadequate response to the opportunities provided to this point, the idea of established work days

has long since ceased to make sense and is being scrapped in favor of a more flexible approach.

It was reported previously that the woods area is divided into discrete plots. In 1993, with the assistance of Dick West, a thorough analysis of Plot 9 was undertaken. The plant that we tentatively identified as 'Alexandria', one of the Glenn Dale hybrids that was never officially distributed, bloomed as a self-colored flower which is consistent with the description in Monograph 20. This plant may well be the only documented specimen of 'Alexandria' anywhere.

Finally, an initial attempt was made to define some of the plots; that is, to determine where they began and ended. With stakes, a tape measure, and a pocketful of assumptions, we

tried to make sense out of the plot records. Given that some of the plots apparently have been done over at least once, we had mixed success in using the records as a tool to identify specific cultivars. One such noteworthy find, however, was a group of 'Narcissiflorum', an interesting double, white form of *Mucronatum*. □

#### In Memory

Mrs. Allison (Fran) Fuqua died at her home in Jackson, Georgia on October 28, 1994. She was a great lover of the azalea and rhododendron. An active woman, she was a member of both the Oconee Chapter of the Azalea Society of America and the American Rhododendron Society. She is survived by her husband, Allison, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. □

## Azalea Calendar

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| April 4      | Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society (DABS)  |
| April 4      | Brookside Gardens Chapter Meeting at 7:30PM at the Twinbrook Library   |
| April 15     | Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the June issue of <b>THE AZALEAN</b>            |
| April 29     | Brookside Gardens Chapter Azalea Sale at the National Arboretum starting at 9:00AM   |
| May 4-7      | Azalea Society Annual Meeting and Convention to be held by the Brookside Gardens Chapter in Maryland Suburbs of Washington, D.C. |
| May 5-7      | Landon School Azalea Festival, 10:00AM to 5:00PM   |
| May 10-14    | American Rhododendron Society 50th Celebration Convention, Portland, Oregon  |
| May 13       | Brookside Gardens Chapter Azalea Sale at Woodward Center at 9:00AM   |
| May 13-14    | Ben Morrison Chapter Flower Show at St. Paul's Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland  |
| June 6       | Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at the DABS   |
| June 6       | Brookside Gardens Chapter Meeting at 7:30PM at the Twinbrook Library   |
| July 15      | Deadline for receiving material (articles, advertisements, and chapter news) for the September issue of <b>THE AZALEAN</b>       |
| 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 <b>THE AZALEAN</b>        |
| October 24   | Dallas Chapter Meeting at 7:00PM at DABS   |