



Dodd hybrid Confederate Series 'Jeb Stuart'

are making this a garden worth exploring. This is the deep south, so take your time.

Saturday Events

The Board of Directors will meet from 9:00 to 11:00. The plant sale will

also be open from 9:00 to 10:00 for a final chance at those things you can't bring yourself to go home without. There's always room in the garden for one more!

We hope you'll have the opportunity to stay and visit Saturday with our Alabama and Louisiana friends, or just to wiggle your toes in the Gulf of Mexico. Information on "things to see, things to do" will be available at the registration desk. Come on down!



'Shipley'—Aromi Hybrid



'Red Ribbons'—Aromi Hybrid

Maarten van der Giessen attended Memphis State University from 1976-78, and majored in Chemistry at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL from 1979-1984. He worked for Cottage Hill Nursery; Container division in Mobile, AL as Propagation, Production, and finally Assistant Manager from 1985 to 1990. In 1990 he left Cottage Hill to start van der Giessen Nursery, Inc. in Semmes, AL with his father, Peter, where he is currently Vice-President and manager.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For President: William F. Bode, Covington, Louisiana. Bill retired as a hospital division manager for a pharmaceutical company. He is a past president of the Baton Rouge Men's Garden Club and a past president of the Louisiana Chapter of the Azalea Society of America. He has been interested in azaleas for 30 years.

For Vice President: Joseph E. Schild, Jr, Hixon, Tennessee. Joe Schild has owned and operated Schild Azalea Gardens and Nursery, a niche nursery specializing in natives, for over ten years. He is an avid hybridizer of deciduous azaleas and has a small number of the shrubs to be registered and trademarked as Schild Hybrids®. For over 30 years, Joe's love of our eastern species has drawn him into the wild in search of the best of the best to propagate. He says he finds no greater joy than when leading a group into the woodlands and mountains to introduce them to the wonders of our native species. Many of his accounts have been published in the *Journal-American Rhododendron Society*, **THE AZALEAN** and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the ARS Newsletter. Joe currently is the Landscape Manager for Reflection Riding Arboretum and Botanical Garden in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as well as current Vice President and Program Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the ARS, a member of the Oconee Chapter of the ASA and a member of the Tennessee Nurseryman's Association. He presents a number of programs with other chapters, garden clubs, civic clubs, and nursery trade groups each year and is listed with the ARS Speaker's Bureau.

For Director: Donald W. Hyatt, McLean, Virginia. Don has a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry with a double major in Horticulture and a Masters degree in Computer Science. He has taught mathematics or computer science in the Fairfax County, Virginia, public schools for 28 years. Don has been

president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Azalea Society of America, and served on the Board of Governors in the Society's formative years. He has been hybridizing azaleas and rhododendron for over 30 years.

For Director: Col. Murray Sheffield USAF (Ret.), Wetumpka, Alabama., Murray made a career in the Air Force and served from 1941 until 1945 and 1948 until 1971. He has been gardening with azaleas for many years. He and his wife Inez have a four-acre garden with 4,000 azaleas in the ground (250 varieties). He has had good success working with thousands of cuttings, liners, and mature plants, both purchased and started from scratch.

For Director: Gen. Bryghte D. Godbold USMC (Ret.) Dallas Texas. Bryghte holds a Ph.D. degree from NYU. He is currently director of the Azalea Society of America and is Director Emeritus of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and the U.S. National Arboretum. He was Director of "Goals for Dallas" in 1963, a blueprint for development which led growth strategies for the city of Dallas into the 1990's.