

Schroeder donated azaleas to be given as door prizes. Mrs. Helen Schroeder, Chapter Secretary, made beautifully decorated Easter cupcakes for dessert.

A spring garden tour was held April 28, 2002, in Evansville, Indiana, featuring personal gardens in the local area. Art Schroeder's daylily garden in several acres of woods, including his wildflower collection, was very

beautiful. The tour then traveled to Holly Hills Nursery to see the Schroeder gardens of many evergreen and deciduous azaleas. The next stop was at Fred Sievers' wonderful landscaped garden of Gable, Shammarello, and Dr. Henry Schroeder hybrid azaleas. Fred has a very extensive collection of rare plants and serves as Garden Editor of weekly newspaper articles. The tour then went on to the home of Ken and Jean

Brown for a view of azaleas on the perimeter of the property and an unusual water garden, complete with aquatic plants. The final garden on the tour was at the home of Lloyd and Helen Hahn. This garden has every azalea imaginable and is beautifully manicured. Azalea lovers in southern Indiana view their collection annually. They served a treat of cookies and sodas. All tour participants agreed they had a fabulous day.

## Kehr Memorial Garden

Vaseyi Chapter

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The life and death of Augie Kehr has been reported in some detail in the Winter 2002 edition of *The Azalean*, 23(4), as well as the *Journal ARS* and at <http://members.aol.com/RandANews/people.htm#Kehr>. Everyone who knew Augie both liked and respected him. The Vaseyi Chapter of the ASA has decided to support the Southeastern Chapter of the ARS in creating a Kehr Memorial Garden, which will include many of his plants. Before Augie's death last year, he had lived in Flat Rock, North Carolina, for about 20 years. Much of his hybridizing took place in this small town nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where the Vaseyi Chapter, ASA, and the Southeastern Chapter of the ARS meet.

The Southeastern Chapter ARS committee, formed to find the best ways to honor Augie includes Jim Holmes, John Brown, Ed Collins, David Dethero, and Bob Stelloh who are all members of the Vaseyi Chapter ASA. Some initial conclusions of the committee are to: 1) Create a garden filled with his plants 2) Collect as many of his introductions as possible and 3) Encourage wider distribution of these plants.

After discussions with the church officials, we decided to create the garden at St. John in the Wilderness Church in Flat Rock, North Carolina. It is a very attractive historic church in a wooded setting on US 25 just south of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Several areas on the property

have been selected for planting, each chosen to display one or more of the many species selected for hybridization work by Augie. Some before pictures of these areas are available for viewing at [www.pbase.com/kehr](http://www.pbase.com/kehr).

Ongoing maintenance, a sore subject in most past endeavors of this kind will be available through the church's existing program. A member of the SE-ARS committee and the Vaseyi Chapter, David Dethero, is a member of the church and is currently in charge of their grounds maintenance. Their current maintenance program meets high standards.

But first things first. Before we create the garden with Augie's plants, we need your help. We have 14 azaleas on the following list to get you focused. Please help by answering any of the following questions:

1. Do you have any of these plants? If not, do you know a good source?
2. Are there any plants missing from the list? For example, do you know of any other plants that were grown from seed provided by Augie?
3. Are there any unnamed crosses by Kehr that should be introduced? Do you have them?
4. From your experience growing these plants, can you provide input for their descriptions?
5. Do you have good photos that can be used on the above website?

Bob Stelloh (Bstelloh@aol.com) has developed a descriptive list from official sources such as ARS registrations and the Magnolia Society. We are looking for information and plants for all Augie Kehr rhododendron, azalea, and magnolia introductions. The following list of azaleas might help jog your memory.

### Known Kehr Crosses: Azaleas

Name	Type
'Anna Kehr'	evergreen
'Bob Hill'	evergreen
'Cream Perfection'	evergreen
'Cream Ruffles'	evergreen
'Cullowhee'	deciduous
'Great Expectations'	evergreen
'Harold Epstein'	evergreen
'Janet Flick'	evergreen
'King's Red'	deciduous
'Mary Lou Kehr'	evergreen
'Memory of Fred Galle'	deciduous
'Red Rosebud'	evergreen
'Terry'	evergreen
'White Rosebud'	evergreen

We welcome all contributions to the cause: plants, knowledge, cuttings, money, help planting etc. Please let us know how you can help! Send your response to:

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