

# President's Letter

Joseph E. Schild, Jr. — Hixson, Tennessee

Friends,

It has been a very busy summer for me, and I would guess most of you have had the same. The planning for the 2003 Convention here in Chattanooga has taken much time and work on the part of the committee, but in the end, we feel it will be worth the effort to have all as guests in our fair city.

My letter will contain some items of both good news and some of the other kind, too. After receiving a June letter from our treasurer Bob Stelloh, the good news is that our Society's financial situation is not as bad as first stated in Atlanta, though we still need to continue building membership and a long-term strategic plan.

A planned tour at the 2003 Convention to McMinnville and the Cumberland Plateau has been canceled due to the destruction of thousands of native azaleas on the mountain. We will end up with a new high-speed roadway, but no azaleas along the verge. The good news is that we have located additional gardens to tour and this will cut drive time to about 30 minutes or less between stops.

On a more regional note, Reflection Riding Arboretum and Botanical Garden in Chattanooga has agreed to become a site for a resource garden, first, for the Glenn Dale azaleas and, later, for the other azalea collections of the US National Arboretum. A local group has started the cutting collection process and has stuck them for rooting. An article for **The Azalean** will be published next year on this program. Before any azaleas are planted, a detailed map will be drafted with plant locations indicated with global positioning satellite (GPS) and survey markers. This arboretum will also be the home for a number of my Schild hybrid releases.

Well, the sudden rainstorm here has ended, and my garden is calling for more attention. Since it will be on the tour next year, a lot of new work is to be completed, not the least of which is the water garden. The annoying rock is at last blasted out, and now I can lay the padding and liner. I just wish for cooler weather and autumn.

Remember, make a new friend a new ASA member.

## Azalea Society of America

The Azalea Society of America, organized December 9, 1977 and incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an educational and scientific non-profit association devoted to the culture, propagation and appreciation of azaleas Subgenera *Tsutsusi* and *Pentanthera* of the genus *Rhododendron* in the Heath family (*Ericaceae*).

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Regular membership is open to all interested parties for an annual amount of \$25.00; life membership for an individual is \$500.00. Members receive **The Azalean** and are eligible for participation in all activities of the Society including those of the chapter with which the member affiliates. For information and a membership application, write the the Membership Committee, Azalea Society of America, 1000 Moody Bridge Road, Cleveland, SC 29635.

### Attention: Members with E-Mail Addresses



When you renew your membership, please include your e-mail address. Where possible, the Society would like to correspond with you in the least expensive method. You may specify it is to be used only for Society e-mail and not published for general use.

### Corrections

The editor regrets these two errors from the Summer 2002, 24(2) issue:

- Frederic P. Lee is correct, Frederick is not.
- Don Voss points out the *International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants* should be followed for treatment of Japanese

names, with hyphens before and after the lower case particle "no." Words following the final hyphen are in lower case. Thus, the following are corrected forms from Table 2 on page 30:

Tama-giku  
Shinnyo-no-hikari  
Shinnyo-no-tsuki