

Cultivar	Parentage	Description
'Spanish Main' (HN-2)	'Tintoretto' x <i>R. austrinum</i>	Deep red buds open to red orange flowers (24B) with a red flush (34A) on the petal edges, deep yellow (23A) blotch
'Spring Dreams' (AAV-11)	OF-1 x 'Centerpiece'	Large fragrant white flower flushed deep pink (55C) on petal tips, strong yellow blotch
'Spring Enchantment' (YA-1)	<i>R. flammeum</i> x white Exbury	Deep salmon flowers (19B flushed 47C), golden blotch
'Spring Fandango' (AIJ-6)	XS-1 x 'Decidedly Pink'	Strong yellow (21C) flowers heavily flushed deep rose (53A), deep yellow blotch
'Spring Fanfare' (ADX-1)	'Sunbeam' x HM-1	Bright yellow (15C) petals with a red (34B) flush on the petal tips, deep yellow blotch
'Spring Frolic' (AIR-1)	'Decidedly Pink' x 'Lemonade'	2' very fragrant bright yellow (21B) flower lightly flushed red orange (34A) on petal tips and buds, deep yellow blotch
'Spring Pixie' (AJZ-10)	(<i>R. flammeum</i> x <i>R. canescens</i>) x 'Decidedly Pink'	Medium-sized pink (white heavily flushed 53A) flowers, deep yellow blotch, dark red buds
'Spring Sensation' (WM-1)	W-4 x <i>R. canescens</i>	Early-blooming, pastel pink (62D) flowers cover the plant, very faint pale yellow (8D) blotch
'Spring Snowfall' (AIA-2)	'George Reynolds' x YR-1	Very fragrant large white flowers, light yellow (13C) flush on the petal midribs and buds, bright yellow (17A) blotch
'Spring Song' (AAV-14)	OF-1 x 'Centerpiece'	Large fragrant cream flower (1D) lightly flushed cardinal red (53D) on petal tips, tubes and bud tips, deep yellow blotch (23A)
'Strawberry Sherbet' (AHX-1)	QT-1 x 'Decidedly Pink'	Large white lightly fragrant flowers with deep pink (55A) flush on petal tips and buds, bright yellow (21A) blotch
'Strawberry Sundae' (AJJ-6)	WM-1 x 'Decidedly Pink'	White petals with a deep pink (66C) flush, pale yellow (8A) blotch
'Summer Snowball' (AGH-3)	WW-1 x 'June Jubilee'	Medium-sized fragrant white flowers, pale yellow (6A) blotch, flowers mass into ball-shaped trusses
'Summer Snowflakes' (AGH-5)	WW-1 x 'June Jubilee'	1-3/4' very fragrant white flower flushed light yellow (12C) on mid-petal and buds, light yellow (12A) blotch
'Sundown' (YJ-2)	KW-1 x NR-1	Large fragrant light yellow (15C) flowers lightly flushed cardinal red (53B), deep yellow blotch, buds, tubes and stamens are cardinal red
'Tabasco' (XT-4)	AL-Q x 'Hotspur'	Bright red flowers (23B flushed 53A), deep yellow blotch, dark red tubes
'Temple's Toy' (AEG-1)	'Knighthood' x 'Forty-niner'	Deep red buds open to orange flowers (16B) with a deep red (53A) flush on the petal edges, strong yellow blotch
'Tensaw' (HD-2)	<i>R. austrinum</i> x 'Oxydol'	2' bright yellow (13B) flowers, deep yellow (23A) blotch
'Topsy Tangerine' (XA-1)	GN-1 x unknown	Scarlet buds open to flowers with several tones of orange on each petal (21A flushed 34A), deep yellow blotch
'Touch of Pink' (AAV-5)	OF-1 x 'Centerpiece'	Large fragrant white flower with petal tips and tubes flushed deep pink (55A), deep yellow blotch
'Tradewinds' (AHC-16)	<i>R. austrinum</i> x 'George Reynolds'	Very fragrant large light yellow (15A) flowers lightly flushed orange (34A) on petal edges, bud tips, and tubes, deep yellow blotch
'Twilight Pink' (AIQ-3)	UQ-1 x 'Decidedly Pink'	Pink flowers (white flushed 53B) with deep red buds, golden blotch
'Twinkles' (AJJ-1)	WM-1 x 'Decidedly Pink'	White petals with a red flush (white flushed 53D) on the petal edges, yellow blotch, red tubes
'White Star' (AAH-2)	LB-3 x MX-1	Large white star-shaped flower (10D) with a vert light pink (55B) flush on the petal tips, yellow (23A) blotch

The Seed is Growing — the Azalea Research Foundation

Bob Stelloh — Hendersonville, North Carolina

Just before he moved from Hendersonville, North Carolina, in late 2001, Augie Kehr talked to Bob Stelloh about Augie's interest in starting a research foundation for the Azalea Society. He felt it should be similar in concept to the ones he had started for the American Rhododendron Society and the Magnolia Society. Augie and Bob worked together, briefly, on adapting their programs to better meet the needs of the Azalea Society. Bob presented and distributed the draft foundation proposal at our 2002 Board of Directors meeting to plant the seed.

The concept of the Foundation was endorsed by our Board of Directors at the 2003 Chattanooga convention. With their support, we want to begin, slowly, building a simple organization that will meet the Azalea Society's needs in the coming years of the 21st Century.

The mission of the Azalea Research Foundation is to raise and manage financial resources for the Azalea Society of America in order to fund scientific research for improving the conservation, cultivation, breeding, systematics, and enjoyment of the Subgenera *Pentanthera* and *Tsutsusi*. In other words, we want to fund research projects that will improve the beauty and utility of azaleas. Research topics will be far ranging—all the way from genetic research to azalea use in the garden.

Those are all good words. Since this is an all-volunteer organization, we now need a few members to support the Research Foundation idea with their talent, and bring the concept to life.

The first need is for an attorney to review the draft Foundation documents for legal completeness and correctness. That should be an easy, finite task, as the documents are quite similar to those being used successfully by the American Rhododendron Society and by The Magnolia Society. Just ask Bob Stelloh for a review copy (1.800.446.0428, bstelloh@mac.com).

The Azalea Research Foundation will be established as two groups working hand in hand, with our President as a member of each. One group attracts and invests money conservatively to fund the research. The other group attracts and evaluates research proposals, and oversees the selected research projects. Thus, the talents we need are in those two categories: finances and marketing, and azalea knowledge and project oversight.

The financial group needs six members to take on the challenge of attracting donations, and to oversee their investment. They serve for three years, and choose their own chairperson each year. To ensure ongoing funding, only the earned interest is spent on research. Thus, we must attract a substantial amount of money. Ways to do that include soliciting grants from charitable trusts and the horticultural industry, as well as soliciting donations and memorial gifts from our members and our chapters. Please contact Buddy Lee (985.878.3567, robert03asa@yahoo.com) or Bob Stelloh now to let us know your interest in serving on this group, either in soliciting money or investing it. Skills in marketing, grant writing, and financial management would be most welcome.

The research group also needs six members, preferably with a project management or scientific background. Again, they will serve for three years and choose their own chairperson annually. Their first task is to decide upon general areas where there is a need for azalea research. They then ask for proposals in those areas, annually, and evaluate the proposals they receive to decide which of them should be funded. Finally, they work with the recipients to help ensure the research projects are completed and documented as agreed. Again, please contact Buddy Lee or Bob Stelloh now to serve on this group.

The experience of the American Rhododendron Society and the Magnolia Society has been their research foundations started slowly, and then picked up momentum. Today they are able to fund significant research into important horticultural problems. We are already in that "started slowly" phase, with \$1600 received this year, before we even have the Foundation in place. Aply, part of that money was \$250 in memory of Augie Kehr. Each of the gifts to our Research Foundation has set a very nice precedent:

- \$1000 from Joe Schild as part of the profits of the 2003 convention in Chattanooga
- \$500 from Ian Donovan as a memorial to Augie Kehr and Dick Brooks
- \$100 from the New York Chapter-ARS in lieu of a speaker's honorarium to Bill Steele.

Our Azalea Research Foundation is truly the chance of our lifetimes to do something significant for azaleas. To make it work, we need you to serve.

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The following 24 members joined the Society as of July 1, 2003.

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A Seed is Growing — continued

Bob Stelloh, our treasurer, is an avid azalea enthusiast and former software engineer. He is currently very involved with the azaleas e-mail list and the ASA Web site, and with finding and documenting native stands of R. vaseyi.

Ian Donovan, after serving 26 years in the Navy, now has found more time to indulge his interest in azaleas and rhododendrons. His breeding efforts with deciduous azaleas used our native species for fragrance and mildew resistance, in combination with the larger flower size and bright colors found in the Exbury type hybrids. He has been president of the ARS Massachusetts Chapter, holds an ARS Bronze Medal, and is editor of the chapter's twice-a-year-journal, "The Rosebay."

In Memory Jean Minch

We were saddened to learn that Jean Minch died February 6, 2003. She was the wife of Fred Minch, a long time supporter of the ASA and a director for many years. They were almost always at our conventions, and were planning to be at Chattanooga this year despite the conflict with the ARS convention. They were commonly the ones who traveled the longest distance to get to our conventions, from Puyallup, Washington.