Call for Azalea Pictures

If you haven't looked recently, take a few minutes and go to www.pbase.com/azaleasociety to see some of the azalea pictures we have been accumulating for the Society. Be sure to see the collection of Glenn Dale pictures and the collection of Aromi deciduous hybrid pictures.

Our goal is ambitious—we want to have accurate representative pictures of all possible azalea species and hybrids. **To do that we need your help, because you're the one taking pictures of them, whether in your garden or other gardens.**

The pictures we want for each plant include:

- the plant, far enough away to show its habit;
- a spray, to show the arrangement of flowers on the stems;
- a close-up of one or more flowers, to show the lobe shape and the colors, with more pictures as needed to show any flower variations;
- a close-up of a flower from the side, to show the flare and the calyx; and
- a close-up of the leaf shape and arrangement.

The picture standards for the Web site are:

- picture size of 640x480 pixels at 72 pixels per inch,
- file size of 60KB or less,
- the name of the plant,
- the name of the photographer, and
- where and when the picture was taken.

Images from digital cameras include the date and information about the exposure in its so-called EXIF information. If you edit the picture, include that when you save it, and our picture site will automatically show the EXIF information.

Send your azalea pictures to Bob Stelloh. If you have a lot of pictures, send them on a CD formatted to ISO 9660 standards (your CD program may offer that as an option). For a few pictures, attach them to an e-mail sent to bstelloh@mac.com. If your pictures are bigger, (they will be from most cameras), and you don't know how to make them smaller, or you don't have the time, send them as is and he will edit them to the site standards.

If you don't have any pictures to send, lend us your expertise instead—look at the pictures on the Web site carefully, and let Bob Stelloh know if you think any of them are mislabeled.

By working together, we will soon have the most comprehensive collection of azalea information and pictures available anywhere. Better yet, by being published on the Web it will be readily available to everyone interested in azaleas.

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