selected columns of the data into a hand-held PDA, to keep all the garden data in my pocket in a very useful form. The data I keep on my Sony Clie PEG-SJ20 PDA are:

- **Bed name**
- **Plant number**
- **Bloom time**
- **Plant size**
- **Plant name**
- **Bed location**
- **Color**
- **Notes**

I upload this from my computer and import it as standard (i.e., no programming required) “memos” on the Sony PDA, which is about the same as “notes” on a Palm PDA. I separate the data elements with commas to help with the upload/download. That is one of the standard ways to export data from a spreadsheet—it’s called CSV format, for “comma separated values.” After importing the data to the PDA, it appears as a scrollable list of all the plants, sorted by bed name and by plant name within each bed. There isn’t much display space, so each entry in the list only shows the bed name, usually most or all of the plant name, and none, part or all of the number depending on how long the plant name is. Tapping an entry then shows all the information for that plant and lets you edit it. The PDA built-in “find” function searches on any text in any field and lists all the matches very quickly.

Having the name and location data lets me find any plant in the garden without relying on my memory: I just search on the name or number and tap on the appropriate result to see all the information for that plant, including its bed name and location (see Figure 2). Knowing that if I take big steps I have a 3’ stride, and knowing where the bed stakes are, makes short work of finding that plant. That same search by name augments my memory at a plant sale and helps me enter or change that data in the PDA when I’m in the garden looking at the plant, and then download it to the computer later. It might be easier to jot down some notes on a piece of paper, and use those notes to update your spreadsheet. Just remember—keeping track of your plants isn’t nearly as important as caring for their needs.

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 Rhododendron vaseyi. He is also thinking about rewriting gim jr to run on a PC as well as a Macintosh, using the fine new PC awarded to him at the 2005 ASA convention as the test bed.

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Figure 2 (above). Example “garden in your pocket”—a list of plants, in this case, in the “above the glen” bed. (Photo by Bob Stelloh)