

Garden tour and a Downtown/City Market tour and a silent auction of artworks and baskets. Our Christmas party, in conjunction with the Camellia Society, was held at Magnolia on December 17.

Vaseyi Chapter by *Suzanne Medd*

In September Dr. Joe Coleman shared photos of gorgeous naturally occurring azaleas from Hurricane Creek in Lumpkin County, Georgia. These azaleas are a varied group of diploid, triploid and tetraploid hybrids on property owned by Charlie Andrews.

J and Lindy Jackson brought seedlings of *R.alabamense*, *R.calendulaceum*-Hurricane Creek and *R.calendulaceum* white from Cahas Mtn. to share.



Hurricane Creek azalea.
Photo by Charlie Andrews

In Memory



Ruth Joan Amos, age 90, Azalea, Oregon, died January 7 of natural causes. Ruth and her husband **Charles** owned and managed the Azalea Gardens for 20 years. Ruth was a teacher and real estate agent. She served as a WAVE in the navy during World War II and was an avid underwater diver.



Thanks Again, Ethel

by Bob Stelloh

The first paragraph of the "Thanks, Ethel" article in the Spring 2013 issue of The Azalean states: "On December 24, 2012, the Azalea Research Foundation received \$10,000 worth of Ameriprise common stock from **Ethel Larus**, in memory of her husband Charlie Larus, who was 88 when he died in 2007."

That gift forced us to open a stock brokerage account to accept it as stock, and it is our very first stock investment. It has turned out to be an excellent investment. As of November 26, 2013, just 48 weeks later, the value of that gift has grown from \$10,062 (160 shares at \$62.89 per share) to \$17,650 (160 shares at \$108.30, plus \$322 in dividends)—an increase in value of \$7,588, or 75.4%.

Ethel had donated the stock to be able to receive the full tax benefit of its appreciation while she had owned it. You can do the same, simply by donating the stock itself instead of selling it and donating the money from its sale. For more information about this and other ways to support the Azalea Research Foundation, please contact:

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