

# President's Letter

J Jackson — Trade, Tennessee



Dear Azalea Friends,

After a lovely summer, fall quickly descended on the Blue Ridge with very cool weather and early snow. Starting in October we collected seed from our favorite azaleas to offer in our local chapter seed exchange, as well as the ASA national seed exchange. The impressive list of available seed is posted on the ASA website ([www.azaleas.org](http://www.azaleas.org)) *The Azalean* is in need of articles and chapter news. I was not really aware of how important the journal is until beginning my service as president of the society. The journal is arguably one of the most important aspects of the Azalea Society of America. The effort to get the publishing dates back on track is ongoing. In any case, we need to support our editors and provide articles and chapter news in a timely manner. A schedule for submission deadlines is published in this issue. The best practice for chapters is to write up the news from their events soon after they occur and to submit them right away, putting the information in line for the next edition. To me, the health and viability of our chapters is the most important aspect of our society. Chapter events are of great interest to members. Chapter presidents, their supporting boards, and members are the foundation on which the society is supported. Anyone is welcome to submit an article. You do not have to be a member to write for the journal. The address for submissions is [TheAzalean@gmail.com](mailto:TheAzalean@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to submit questions in the journal to the Society about azalea culture, planning gardens, companion plants, etc. I know we have an e-mail list for these types of questions, but a lot of folks don't typically subscribe to computer based communications. Sharing information is one of our main goals as a plant society.



All the best,

*J Jackson*

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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 and knowledge about azaleas which are in the subgenera *Tsutsusi* and *Pentanthera* of the genus *Rhododendron* in the Heath family (*Ericaceae*).

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