Exceptional Service Awards Presented to Three Hard Working ASA Members

The Exceptional Service Award is given by the Azalea Society of America to recognize outstanding contributions to the society and the genus *Rhododendron* with special emphasis on the many species and hybrids of azaleas within the genus as well as service to the horticultural community beyond azaleas. As the following awards show, exceptional service to the society can take many forms. Administrative and technical contributions as well as azalea research projects are critical to the growth and development of membership and offering advanced research tools about the thousands of azaleas that novices and experts can grow.

**Carolyn and Paul Beck**

in recognition of your many contributions to the Azalea Society of America. Your love for azaleas and sharing of your knowledge has truly advanced our society and has enhanced the appreciation of azaleas for many people. Carolyn, you are a grower’s grower, providing thousands of quality azaleas to the chapter and the public. Your many contributions include photography, articles for *The Azalean*, plant registration for local hybridizers, and countless additional projects. Paul, you have used your IT expertise to create a fabulous chapter web site containing photos and plant information, as well as automating the plant sale process. You were also instrumental in the digitization of *The Azalean* and putting it and the ASA members’ database online. You are extending your service as the ASA Treasurer. Individually and as a couple, you are an exceptional asset to the Northern Virginia Chapter and to the ASA.

Carolyn and Paul Beck, we greatly appreciate you and thank you for your service and dedication.

**Dan Krabill**

in recognition of your many contributions to the Azalea Society of America. Your love of azaleas and sharing of your knowledge has truly advanced our society and has enhanced the appreciation of azaleas for many people. You have served as President and Vice President of the Northern Virginia Chapter several times. You served as Treasurer of the ASA during a very important period of transition and growth. Your collection of the Glenn Dale Azaleas is one of the most complete in the country and has been a source of plant material for gardens such as the National Arboretum and Norfolk Botanical Garden. You are an exceptional asset to the Northern Virginia Chapter and to the ASA.

Dan Krabill, we greatly appreciate you and thank you for your service and dedication.

**Rick Bauer 2016 Convention Co-chair (left) presents award to Paul and Carolyn Beck, while national ASA President J Jackson (far right) looks on.**

**Dave Nanney Awards Chairman (right) presents award to Dan Krabill.**