of Fine Arts in Houston. He also provided advice about planting and care of azaleas. Each person present received a choice azalea that is also grown in the Bayou Bend gardens. Also, azaleas were donated to garden clubs for fund raiser auctions.

The next chapter meeting will be May 21, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Sherrie Randall. The meeting will involve rooting azalea cuttings for use in plant sales for the chapter. For this fall, a meeting is being planned for a visit to a grower’s (Robert Thau’s in Jasper, Texas) for a tour and talks about azaleas and their needs. Also on the agenda will be the election of officers for the coming year. New members: Laraine Hutzell, Brookeland, TX; Charles and Sharon Kerr, Jasper, TX; Rick Lewandowski, Orange, TX.

Tri-State
New members: James and Jamie Bartlett, Mt. Carmel, IL; James and Andra DeHaven, West Hazleton, IN.

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Audrey Stellos, President
The chapter had two speakers for February and March. The February speaker was Alan Mizeras, a local native plant aficionado. Alan explained that he formed a native plant rescue group to salvage plants in areas destined for development. When bulldozers scrape a woodland or destroy a wetland, a whole intricate ecosystem is lost. Rescuers can save only a small portion of the plants on that site, but it is the only option when habitats face certain destruction. He showed us a slide show of beautiful native plants in order of emergence.

Our March speaker was at a joint meeting with the Southeast Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Hale Booth, Azalea Society Research Fund chairman, put on a great presentation on “Broadleaf Evergreens.” He showed many slides of beautiful and sometimes rare evergreen plants and listed sources for finding them. New Members: Dr. Mary Burch and Dr. Jon Bailey, Tallahassee, FL; Alan Mizeras, Hendersonville, NC; Jerry Neff, Hendersonville, NC; Susan Pfeiffer, Horse Shoe, NC; David Starnes, Oak Ridge, TN.

At-large Members
Charles Dhyse and Elizabeth Boogusch, Camden, ME; William & Maria Cooper, Dover, DE; Linda Derkach, Qualicum Beach, British Columbia; Frederick Findlay, Littleton, MA; Bryan Harvey, Rogers, AR; Donald Meeker, Walnut Creek, CA; Marilyn Michie-Grist, Greenville, SC; André Morency, Trois-Pistoles, Quebec; Gerald O’Dell, Phoenixville, PA; Elaine Sedlack, Eugene, OR; Michael Sellers, Lexington, TN; Marilyn S. Thomas, Mount Vernon, IN.

This represents 41 new members who have joined since January 1, 2016. We hope to hear more chapter news so we can focus the Fall 2016 issue on chapter events and ideas. Please send your news to theazalean@gmail.com by August 1, 2016.

Recognizing Generous ASA Members
By Paul A. Beck, Treasurer—Oak Hill, Virginia

I would like to recognize and thank the following members who made donations to the Operating Fund of the Azalea Society of America in 2016 by paying dues in excess of the $30 annual regular amount or by making direct payments to the ASA.

We have three categories for donations—Contributing (payment of $50 to $99 for the year); Supporting ($100 to $199), and Endowing ($200 or more). These payments provided more than 5 percent of our income and are very important in carrying out the work of the ASA. My apologies if I missed anyone.

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