Buddy Lee and Allen Owings are shown with the two new Encore® azaleas for 2021. Descriptions for the trade are:

**Autumn Majesty™—** *Rhododendron* ‘Robledzd’ PPAF—glows with masses of Petite, ruffled, semi-double dark purple blooms in spring, summer, and fall. Hardy to USDA Zone 6A, this season-extending repeat bloomer is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Growing in a rounded, compact habit—only 3' high by 3' wide—its evergreen foliage stays bright green in winter.

**Autumn Starburst™—** *Rhododendron* ‘Robleze’ PPAF—blooms in coral pink with bold white margins against dark green evergreen foliage. Flowering profusely in spring, summer, and fall, Autumn Starburst grows compact and mounding—only 3' high by 3' wide—and is hardy to USDA Zone 6A.

EndNotes

1. The flower show, “Salute to Azaleas,” was held on May 17 and 18, 1980, in the South Conservatory at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. There were 19 exhibitors. The Millers brought seven entries from their yard, of which ‘Lady Cavendish’ received top honors. The award for Best Azalea in the Show, as selected by the judges, was deemed “The Frank White Award” and consisted of a $25 gift certificate to his nursery.

2. While accurate when the article was written, this list of jobs is now incomplete and out-of-date.


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