Current Situation

• There are a large number of hybridizers who have made significant contributions to the existing variety of cultivars
• Many of these hybrids have not been introduced commercially
• No single formal process exists to maintain information on the hybridizers and their cultivars
• No formal process exists to maintain copies of the cultivars
Proposed Solution

• Institute the “Legacy Project” as a means of maintaining information on selected hybridizers

• Identify “Legacy Leads” and teams to manage the collection, storage and dissemination of information on the selected hybridizer
Legacy Project Goal

Help ensure the continuation of knowledge of azalea hybridizers and their plants and maintain true specimens of their cultivars.

Mini-Carnations - McDonald
Legacy Teams

New Generation Red – McDonald
Photo – Sandra McDonald
**Legacy Teams**

- Legacy Lead
  - Primary point of contact for the team
  - Assemble a team with the necessary skill set to support the project goals
  - Coordinate the efforts of the team
Legacy Teams

- Legacy Lead
- Team Skill Set
  - Propagators
Legacy Teams

- Legacy Lead
- Team Skill Set
  - Propagators
  - Researchers

(a) ‘Fancy Face’: Evergreen azalea: (Unknown evergreen rogue azalea from de Wilde Greenhouses, fls single, pink, 3.5” (90mm) wide, late) (s) X ‘Blushing Angel’. H (1984), G (1987), N (2001), and REG (2001): Sandra McDonald, Hampton, VA. Fls hose-in-hose, 3/dome truss, openly funnel-shaped, 1.5” (40mm) long x 2.5” (65mm) wide, with 5+5 wavy-edged lobes; white with deep pink (50B) stripes in bud, opening inside white with deep pink (50B) stripes and flecks; outside white, similarly marked. Calyx 1.5" (40mm) long, colored as corolla. Truss 2" (50mm) high x 3.5" (90mm) wide.

Lvs 1.5” x 0.75” (40x20mm), elliptic, acute apex, cuneate base, flat margins, semi-glossy and strong yellow green (144A) above, hairy. Shrub 4’ (1.2m) high x 3’ (0.9m) wide in 16 years, intermediate habit. Plant and bud hardy to at least 5°F (-15°C). Early.
Legacy Teams

• Legacy Lead
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  - Propagators
  - Researchers
  - Photographers
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  - Researchers
  - Photographers
  - Presentation software pros
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  - Photographers
  - Presentation software pros
  - Presenters/writers
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  - Researchers
  - Photographers
  - Presentation software pros
  - Presenters
  - Writers
  - Data Recorders
• Hybrid information online

• Legacy Pages
  https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/
Output Products

- Hybrid information online
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- Feature hybrids in plant sales and auctions
- Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
  - Private

Output Products
• Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
  - Private
  - Public

Norfolk Botanical Garden
Aromi Azaleas in Mobile Botanical Garden –

Photo Amanda Wilkins
Output Products

- Feature hybrids in Legacy Gardens
  - Private
  - Public
- Legacy Nurseries

Azalea Hill Gardens and Nursery
White Hall, Arkansas

White’s Nursery
Germantown, MD
How Do I Start a Legacy Project?

• Identify the hybridizer you wish to include.
• Identify a Legacy Lead to spearhead the activities for the selected hybrid.
• Determine the scope of your efforts (i.e., how much you are going to do).
• Assemble a Legacy Team to support the scope.
• Download guidelines from the Azalea Society website https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/.
• Contact the Legacy Project Lead to have the hybrid group registered as a Legacy group and to facilitate your write-access to the website.
Conclusion

• The knowledge of and cultivars developed by some of our hybridizers may be lost without active intervention.
• The Legacy Project is a formal way to perpetuate the “legacy” of these hybridizers.
• Don’t let your inability to do everything keep you from doing anything!
• For more info go to https://www.azaleas.org/legacy-project/.