

# MID-ATLANTIC RHODODENDRON NEWS AND NOTES

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MAC MEETINGS

Nov 3-5, 2006 Ramada Inn, Va Beach, VA  
April 27-29, 2007 Richmond, VA

### Rhododendron Web Site Addresses:

American Rhododendron Society	<a href="http://www.rhododendron.org/">http://www.rhododendron.org/</a>
MAC Website (*UPDATED*)	<a href="http://www.macars.org/">http://www.macars.org/</a>
U VA Science & Engineering Libraries	<a href="http://www.lib.virginia.edu/science/guides/s-rhodo.htm">http://www.lib.virginia.edu/science/guides/s-rhodo.htm</a>
UVA Special Collections	<a href="http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/">http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/</a>
Henry Skinner Website (*NEW*)	<a href="http://http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/collections/projects/rhodo/skinner/">http://http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/collections/projects/rhodo/skinner/</a>

## MAY 12-15, 2006 ARS/ASA CONVENTION IN ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The ARS 2006 Convention at the Doubletree in Rockville was successful thanks to the efforts of many workers from Potomac Valley, Mason-Dixon, and Middle Atlantic Chapters of ARS and the Brookside Chapter of ASA. They all deserve a great big "Thank you" from all of us.

Four hundred eighteen people attended with 49 designated as MAC. A few other attendees



Saturday night speaker Dr. Hartwig Schepker. Photo by S. McDonald.



Sybil Przypek & Theresa Brents at Book Sale. Photo by W. Przypek.

were MAC associates. MAC was responsible for the Book Sale (Theresa Brents), Photography and Crafts Contest (Doug Jolley), Flower Show (Bill Bedwell and Sharon Horn) and Blue Ridge, Paul James Garden & Peaks of Otter Tour (Jim Brant and George McLellan). With the many tours and events this newsletter can only touch on some of the highlights.

## 2006 ARS CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHY/ARTS AND CRAFTS CONTEST by Doug Jolley, Photography Chairman

Stunning photography and wonderful crafts were welcomed into the Photography and Arts and Crafts contest. In addition to judged photo entries, Ken McDonald and Howard Kline exhibited photos in a non-competitive display. Many of Ken's pictures were from past outings to Gregory Bald. The variety of photo entries and the skill exhibited in the craft work all made for a successful show.

The photography portion of the contest consisted of 5 categories with 35 entries overall. The best in the closeup category was Bill Bedwell's (MAC) portrait of 'Consolini's Windmill'. Howard Kline from the Valley Forge Chapter won first place in the full plant category with a photograph of a brightly flowered orange azalea entitled "Deciduous Seedling". Next, Wing Fong's (Princeton Chapter) "Shape Variation", a depiction of the foliage of three rhododendron species, won a blue ribbon for the foliage category. Bill Bedwell won the landscape category with a view of two swans swimming in front of azaleas on a pond at Exbury Gardens, UK. Finally, Wing Fong's collage of



Touring Bill Miller's garden. Photo by W. Przypek.



Sandra McDonald & ARS Webmaster Bob Weissman. Photo by W. Przypek.

*Rhododendron canescens* garnered top honor for artistic expression.

The Arts and Crafts section was comprised of 4 categories and had a total of 7 entries. In landscape painting, Noralie Katsu (Mason-Dixon Chapter) won first place with an azalea landscape aptly entitled "Landscape Painting". In fabric crafts, a tie resulted between Gretchen Johnson's (MAC) quilt wallhanging and Gray Carter's (Potomac Valley Chapter) azalea needlepoint. Gray Carter also won the sculpture category with a carved rhododendron trunk. Val Lorenz (Potomac Valley Chapter) took top honors in floral arranging.

The overall best photograph was judged to be Bill Bedwell's "Exbury Reflecting Pool" while the best overall craft was deemed to be Gray Carter's rhododendron trunk carving. Finally the Best In Show was awarded to Bill Bedwell and his Exbury Garden photograph.

## FLOWER SHOW

MAC was in charge of the Flower Show at the Convention with Bill Bedwell as Chairman and Sharon Horn as Assistant Chairman. Workers who helped with the show throughout were Celia Dollarhide, Pat Benson, Marianne Feller, Jeanne

Hammer, Gretchen Johnson, and Carol Segree. Jim Brant provided crucial help, to Marianne Feller and Bill Bedwell in an assembly line to fill several hundred bottles with water, and later Jim arranged for a small Japanese Maple, brought by David Lay, to decorate the center of the display, with help from George McLellan and Alton Hall. Debby Sauer and Walter Przypek pitched in to speed up the dismantling of the show.

Judges were Donna Coleman, Don Voss, and Bob Stelloh for azaleas, and Werner Brack, Joe Coleman, and Jay Murray for rhododendrons. Clerks were Carol Segree, Jeanne Hammer, Sharon Horn and Bill Bedwell.

Main flower show winners were:

Best New Hybrid and Best Elepidote and Best in Show: 'Stony Brook' - Werner Brack

Best Lepidote: 'Windbeam' - Charles Wagner

Judges Special Award: 'Gilbert Myers' - Helen Myers

Best EvergreenAzalea: 'Cavalier' - JoanNetherwood

Best Deciduous Azalea: *R. calendulaceum* - Doug Jolley

## MAC ELECTS THREE DIRECTORS

President Sybil presided over a brief MAC General Meeting at the convention to elect three directors. Bill Bedwell, William Constable, and Sandra McDonald were re-elected as directors for another term. Treasurer Debby Sauer gave her report. The members



Sharon Horn & Jeanne Hammer waiting for MAC meeting to start. Photo by W. Przypek.



Doug Jolley & Bill Bedwell waiting for MAC meeting to start. Photo by W. Przypek.



ARS Exec. Director Laura Grant talking with Paul James in his garden on the after-convention tour. Photo by S. McDonald.

voted approval to purchase a used digital projector from the convention.

### **ARS GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO MAC'S OWN SANDRA MCDONALD**

by William F. Bedwell

Middle Atlantic Chapter members can take pride that a second one of our own members – Sandra F. McDonald, our newsletter editor – has been honored with the most prestigious award of the American Rhododendron Society, presented on Sunday night, May 14, at the 2006 ARS / ASA Convention. Here is a transcript of the Award Citation:

“For thirty years, you have shared your expert knowledge and many talents with the American Rhododendron Society. You have served two terms on the ARS Board. You have assisted with the ARS Journal for 26 years as technical reviewer and Editorial Committee Chair and have written 16 articles for the Journal. You have developed the ARS Archives at the University of Virginia as a major source of rhododendron information used by researchers worldwide.

From your own hybridizing and seed from others, you have grown, selected, and registered 30 azaleas and rhododendrons. Choice plants donated by you now grace three public gardens.

In appreciation for your vast contributions, the American Rhododendron Society is pleased to present the Gold Medal to Sandra F. McDonald, Ph.D., May 14, 2006, Rockville, Maryland.”

ARS Gold Medals are awarded to Society members for outstanding service over a period of time to either the Society or to the genus rhododendron, or both. Gold Medal awards recognize contributions that have national or international impact and Sandra McDonald's many contributions have met every

criteria. In 2002, Austin C. Kennell, past president of MAC and of ARS, was presented the award posthumously.

Scottish rhododendron expert, Kenneth Cox, also was recognized with a Gold Medal this year. According to the ARS Website, only 42 of the Society's members have received this recognition from 1980 through 2006, with none some years and a maximum of two in any given year. ARS Silver Medals recognize significant regional contributions and Sandra McDonald received that honor in 1988.

MAC members may be interested in how this award came about. As a member of the MAC Honors Committee, I began an effort to nominate Sandra for the Gold Medal award on October 17, 2005, immediately after our chapter's fall meeting. (NOTE: Any member can submit a nomination through their District Director.) Thanks to the speed of the internet, E-mail, Priority Mail, and Express Mail, plus phone calls to ask people to look at their E-mail, I was able to organize an effort to gather the allowed maximum of twelve letters in support of my nomination and confirming the many contributions that Sandra has made. Letters came in from selected members of MAC, Potomac Valley Chapter, and Mason Dixon Chapter, as well as ARS members from Canada, England, GA, NJ, PA, and WA. I had to limit severely the number of letters from our own District 9 because the Gold Medal emphasizes contributions nationally and internationally. Jay Murray sent an updated list of all of Sandra's azalea and rhododendron registrations. Ken McDonald provided all the relevant information he could find without alerting Sandra. The committee wants specific details with dates, not generalizations. On some occasions, I had to make up elaborate phony excuses to talk to Ken on the phone because Sandra always answered it. I had to submit the lengthy nomination packet through our District Director, Don Voss, to Jeanine Smith, Chairperson of the ARS Honors Committee in Washington State. We successfully made the November 15 deadline. Don Voss provided good advice throughout the process. From that point, the Honors Chairperson submits the nomination packets to a secret committee. The chairperson has no vote. Final approval by a majority of the ARS Board or its Executive Committee, whichever applies, is required before presentation of the Gold and Silver Medal awards. As far as I know, only the people whom I asked to write letters and one other person I contacted to get an E-mail address were aware of the nomination

effort. In March, when the ARS Honors Chairman informed me that Sandra had been selected, I told only Ken McDonald so that he could make sure Sandra was there for the presentation. I think Ken told Sandra some phony story that the Chapter was going to give her some special recognition, but Sandra told me she was truly surprised.

Here is my nomination letter:

As a member of the American Rhododendron Society (ARS) since 1968, I feel it is both an honor and a responsibility to nominate Sandra F. McDonald to be awarded the ARS Gold Medal at the joint ARS and ASA convention in Rockville, MD on May 14, 2006.

When she moved from Kansas to pursue her advanced degrees at the University of Connecticut, Sandra moved straight into the world of rhododendrons. Her major professor in plant genetics was Dr. Gustav A. L. Mehlquist, an ARS member and major hybridizer of hardy rhododendrons. During this time, she met her future husband, Kenneth McDonald, Jr., who owned a large East Coast rhododendron nursery in Hampton, VA. He gave her an ARS application and she joined the Connecticut Chapter of our Society before they were married. Within a few years she took on a succession of major positions for the Middle Atlantic Chapter — Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary, President — and initiated the Chapter newsletter, “Mid-Atlantic Rhododendron News and Notes,” which Chapter members and associate members in other areas have enjoyed for years.

By 1980 Sandra McDonald was serving the first of two terms on the ARS Board of Directors and she was using her expertise as a technical reviewer for the ARS Journal; then chairing the Editorial Committee for the ARS Journal from 1984 to present. The ARS Research Committee was another natural for her expertise and she has served on that valuable committee ever since 1983. When the Middle Atlantic Chapter initiated the effort to establish the ARS archives in the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia, Sandra served as the first and only chairperson of the Alderman Library Committee, beginning in 1988, which grew into the ARS Archives Committee that she has chaired since 1999. This collection of ARS archives, rhododendron books, old catalogs, and documents of major rhododendron pioneers now serve ARS members, the public, and researchers worldwide. She has served on the ARS Digital Committee since 2003.

During all this time Sandra McDonald has been engaged in on-going hybridizing projects to develop fancy new azaleas for the florist trade and a charming array of hardy azaleas and rhododendrons for our gardens. Using seed from her own crosses and from other hybridizers, through the ARS Seed Exchange, she has grown, evaluated, selected and registered 30 varieties, including the latest, ‘Sandra’s Harlequin,’ described on page 232 of the Fall 2005 Journal of the American Rhododendron Society. Her “Can-Can Chorus,” consisting of eight named selections of improved forcing azaleas for the florist trade, has not been registered to date, but they are included in Fred C. Galle’s book, AZALEAS, published by Timber Press on page 272 of the 1985 edition and page 276 of the 1987 revised edition. She has grown many species from seed, sharing these plants and propagations of her own hybrids with ARS members and donating them to three public gardens.

In addition to all these activities and her employment at the nursery, Sandra has made time to research answers to rhododendron questions from both novices and professionals through personal correspondence and participation in the rhododendron e-mail forum. She has provided information to authors of rhododendron books and written sixteen articles for the ARS Journal plus one for The Azalean. She has inspired people across the US and in other countries to join annual hikes to the mountains of VA, NC and TN to study, photograph, and enjoy the glorious native azaleas and rhododendrons, and she contributed her expertise to the Species Study Group that evolved into this project.

In these few paragraphs, I have briefly described how Sandra McDonald’s involvement with rhododendrons has continued to grow into more and wider service to the American Rhododendron Society for the benefit of all who enjoy the genus Rhododendron. In addition to a resume of her rhododendron accomplishments and contributions, a list of her published rhododendron articles, and a list of her registered hybrids, I am forwarding with this nomination 12 seconding letters from ARS members across the US, Canada, and England. From differing points of view, these letters elaborate on Sandra McDonald’s truly outstanding and wide ranging contributions, which make her most deserving of our Society’s recognition and gratitude that would be represented by honoring her with the ARS Gold Medal at the ARS and ASA joint convention, in May of 2006, at Rockville, MD.



David Sauer & David Lay in Fern Dell Garden. Photo by Mary Lloyd Lay.



Eastern VP Ted Stecki presenting Gold Medal Award to Sandra McDonald. Photo by Walt Przypek.



Jim Brant and Sybil Przypek working in Plant Sale. Photo by W. Przypek.



'Stony Brook', Werner Brack's Best in Show. Photo by S. McDonald.



Bill Meyers, George McLellan and Virginia Banks in Plant Sale. Photo by W. Przypek.



Meeting Chairman Don Hyatt & Registrar Jean Beaudry. Photo by S. McDonald.



ARS President Len Miller reading RHS Loder Rhododendron Cup citation to recipient Jay Murray. Photo by W. Przypek.

**REPORT TO ARS DISTRICT 9 CHAPTERS 17 May 2006** by Don Voss

At the 12 May meeting of the ARS Board of Directors, matters of importance to our chapters were discussed. A number of these relate to the activities of chapter treasurers and membership chairmen.

Three ARS publications are available by e-mail application to the Executive Director (ED), Laura Grant: "A Guide to Planting and Care," "Fundamentals of Rhododendron Culture," and "An Invitation to Join ARS." The cost in each case is \$8.10 for a USPS Flat Rate Box (this box holds approximately 600 of the Care Guides, for example). The ED will communicate instructions for payment on receipt of an order.

In planning events, be sure to arrange for extra insurance if the total number of people attending will exceed 300. If the event is open to the public, "attending" is understood to include not only persons registered for the event but also visitors to a flower show or an open lecture. Consult the ED for information and rates to obtain a rider to augment the normal coverage provided by the ARS policy. Some chapters have found that local insurance brokers can provide coverage at lower rates.

If your chapter has annual gross receipts greater than \$25,000, be sure to file the necessary returns with the Internal Revenue Service. In any event, keep the ED informed of the name and contact information for your current treasurer as well as your EIN registered with the IRS. Indeed, keep the ED informed on an up-to-date basis of the names and e-mail addresses for all chapter officers and membership chairmen.

It is important for chapter treasurers to review on a regular schedule the financial and membership information relating to their chapters on the OARS web site. It is important to see that discrepancies are reported to the ED and are corrected promptly—not months later.

The Board agenda noted that the Journal editor (Sonja Nelson) needs high-quality, high resolution photographs of 'Caroline', 'Olga Mezitt', Admiral Semmes', and 'Fairfax' for the 2007 Rhododendrons of the Year article and for publicity purposes. Please check to see if photographers in your chapter have such photographs.

The ARS needs a new Membership Chairman! Please canvass your members for a dedicated and lively volunteer. If you can throw a net over someone, please inform your new District Director, Ken McDonald, so that he can place the name in consideration.

The due date for remittance of dues to chapters will be advanced to ease the burden of assembling and reporting renewal lists to the ED by December 1. As soon as practicable after that date, dues collected should be transferred to the ED—do not sit on this money!!!

The credit-card option is being removed from the dues remittance envelope. Processing charges and bank charges

incurred for use of this facility have grown to nearly \$1,000 a year. In addition, many errors, rejections, etc., are encountered, requiring sometimes extensive correspondence that interferes with the work of the OARS. Use of credit cards should be restricted to our foreign members who do not have access to dollar funds in the United States.

Bill Steele has withdrawn from chairmanship of the ARS Azalea Committee. Chapter presidents are requested to survey their members for individuals who would be capable and willing to serve as ARS Azalea Committee chairman. If found, please contact Ken McDonald.

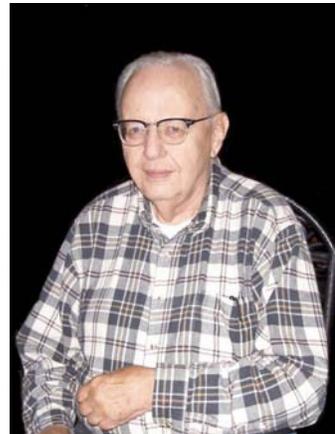
There was good news for the Middle Atlantic Chapter Species Study Group. It received an Endowment Fund grant to fund purchase of a 17-hp Field and Brush Mower that will be provided to the National Park Service for control of invasive plants threatening the hybrid swarm of deciduous azalea on Gregory Bald. Tyler Arboretum and Humboldt Arboretum also received grants.

Ed Reiley clarified the relation between the "Proven Performer" lists and the "Rhododendron of the Year" project. The ROYs are selected from the Proven Performer lists for a region. The Proven Performer lists may include plants with unregistered names; for ROY selection, however, only the plants with registered names are considered.

The Proven Performer lists were to have been updated in 2005 and are to be revised at 5-year intervals. When lists are updated, the revised lists should be sent to Bob Weissman for inclusion on the ARS web site.

An annual reminder: send a copy of any publicity from local or national media relating to ARS activity (including chapter activity) or to rhododendrons and azaleas. Identify the source of the item and forward to the ARS Publicity and Public Relations Chairman, Jerry Reynolds. Jerry is available to provide assistance in getting information to the public any time there is newsworthy material.

The names and contact information for ARS officers and committee chairmen are available on the OARS web site. It is possible to click an e-mail address there to send a message, but—on my computer, at least—there will be no copy placed in the "Sent" box in Outlook Express. I find it safer to note the address, leave the browser, and use your normal e-mail facility.



Don Voss. Photo by W. Przypek.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Director for the past three years. I know that you will find Ken McDonald dedicated to serving your interests.

### **RHS LODER RHODODENDRON CUP**

At the convention it was announced that A.R.S. Plant Registrar Jay Murray received the Loder Rhododendron Cup from the Royal Horticultural Society for her valuable contribution to rhododendron horticulture. Jay has been a Registrar for the American Rhododendron Society for over 20 years, and throughout this time has been responsible for collating several thousand registrations. Jay is also involved in the draft of the new International Register, which is now nearing completion after the meticulous checking of all 27,000 entries.

Jay is an associate member of MAC. See <http://www.rhs.org.uk/news/pressreleases/rhsawards100306.asp> for more information.

### **GRANT FROM THE ARS ENDOWMENT FUND**

Endowment Fund Chairman Bill Mangels recommended at the ARS Board meeting that MAC and its Species Study Group be awarded the grant it was seeking to purchase a brush cutter for the National Park Service to be used to help keep invasive plants cut down on Gregory Bald. The Board voted to approve the grant, but there was no announcement at the awards ceremony at the convention. The machine will be delivered to the National Park Service in Tennessee where it will be transported to Gregory Bald for use. There was an article in *USA Today* the day of the ARS Board meeting stating that the Park Service budget had been cut once again, so this piece of equipment will be especially valuable to them in this time of reduced funding.

### **FROM THE MIDDLE OF MAC** by Jane McKay

We've been back home from the ARS/ASA convention in Rockville, MD, hosted by District 9, a little over a week. The highlight of the convention was when the Gold Medal was presented to our own Sandra McDonald by the ARS - Congratulations Sandra, no one deserves it more.



Jane McKay

After a mild winter, a dry fall and dry spring we enjoyed a beautiful early spring in our garden. For the first time we were able to enjoy rhododendrons 'Lynn Robbins Steinman', 'Weston's Pink Diamond', and 'Mahogany Red' along with the 'Star Magnolia' for a whole week before being hit by frost in mid March. In fact we have not had a frost since the end of March. Our azaleas did not look very good early this spring. The foliage seemed extra sparse but they did bloom as usual. In fact the whole garden looks very lush right now and we still did not have enough rain. There has been so much new growth that we are starting to prune. Will I ever understand nature?

We just removed our large Hamamelis 'Arnold Promise'. We loved the early bloom but by mid May the leaves turned brown and it was an eyesore in the middle of the garden. I have read that some witchhazels are prone to this blight (or whatever it is called) and 'Arnold Promise' is especially prone to this. We also had to remove a large conifer *Pinus parviflora* 'Adcocks Dwarf' This pine was over 20 years old (we carted this from NY to VA in 1993) but it had big areas of dieback this spring, which I credit to the lack of rain, and was really unsightly. The rhododendrons and azaleas all have survived so far and we will do our best to keep them going with our very expensive water.

### **FROM THE NORTHERN NECK** by David Lay

On the western shore of Chesapeake Bay this past spring started out as the cruelest in memory. Less than a quarter of an inch of rain fell in March and the first half of April, and this was on top of a very mild winter with low precipitation and almost no snow. The gardens in this area were saved, however, by over two inches of rain the week before Easter, then some light showers and over an inch and a half in early May.

The rhododendrons in our garden have been magnificent with all the Trude Websters sporting luscious, huge trusses of cotton-candy pink. The Dexters have been particularly heavy with flower as have the Consolinis and some of the later hybrids. I have been struck this year by how much better some on the new creamy whites are than our older pure whites. Phyllis Korn and Merley Cream were particularly striking. They have more substance in the florets and seem to hold their blooms longer.

We have had considerable dieback on evergreen azaleas caused by the droughts of recent years. No such problems with deciduous native azaleas. They are clearly tougher and can weather adversity better. I wish we had planted more years ago. On many of the mature Glenn Dales near the house there were great holes with no foliage or flowers where long branches have been pruned out or where dead bare branches remained. The white Gumpo leading to our front door had grown three feet wide and nearly that in height. They were crowding the walkway and also had extensive dieback. Drastic measures were needed so I cut them to within four inches of the ground and I am sure they will come back quickly.

The whole question of scale in the mature garden deserves more attention than most of us give. At the front of our house evergreen azaleas are now blocking two thirds of our windows despite pruning the tops nearly every year. With hindsight medium or low growing cultivars would have been a better choice 25 years ago. Treasure and Glacier are excellent but are now vigorous giants that have overgrown their usefulness. We plant to hat rack them back to three feet and see what happens.

In recent years we have developed considerable collections of deciduous magnolias and Japanese maples. The reds, pinks, yellow, creams and shades of green seem to blend well with rhodos and azaleas under the canopy of tall oaks in our woodland adding interesting textures. But they too require space and planning in their placement.

We have several areas where there is overcrowding already. As a practical matter I think the azaleas and rhodos will be the ones to go! They are more shallow rooted than the trees and the far easier to dig and move. Fortunately I have found some recent retirees around the area longing for instant landscaping with larger and more mature flowering shrubs than they can find at local garden centers.

MAC members too would also be welcome if they arrive here with a shovel and a willingness to dig. Phone ahead and I can let you know what we are willing to part with for nothing. Aside from interesting groundcovers like sweet box and variegated vinca we also have under the Japanese maples dozens of one or two-year-old babies waiting for adoption. Harry Wise took quite a number back

to West Virginia a couple of years ago and I am sure they are thriving.

### **MACARS.ORG WEBSITE**

If you haven't checked the MAC web site recently, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Webmaster Dave Banks now has the past seven newsletters online with personal identifying information removed from them. Instead of only one page of color photos like the hardcopy of our newsletter, on the web site most of the pictures on the



Mary & Glenn Kauffman on garden tour. Photo by W. Przystek.

web site are in color. There are also convenient links to email for chapter and ARS officers as well as a Google search of the site from the homepage and many other goodies. Dave has done a great job pulling all this together. Check it out!

### **CORRECTION TO MEMBERSHIP LIST IN FEBRUARY ISSUE**

In formatting the membership list that went into the last issue your editor ran into some glitches that resulted in the zip codes being wrong for a number of members. Any member wishing a corrected electronic copy should contact me at the email address on the back of this newsletter giving me their email address and I can forward an electronic copy. If you don't have email, please call the phone number also listed there, or write me at the P.O. Box on the back and I will send printed copy. S.McD.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

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## DEATH

The wife of MAC member Charles Gredler of Culpeper, Virginia, passed away on February 13, 2006. The Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Charles.



Slim Lockerman winning auction plant at convention. Photo by W. Przypek.

## AZALEA SOCIETY RECORDS

Jeanne Hammer reports that the Records of the Azalea Society of America are now in Special Collections of North Carolina State University Libraries. The guide to them was recently completed by staff there. The URL is

<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/findingaids/mc00348/>

## MAC AT MAYMONT

MAC had another successful exhibit at Maymont in February. Sharon Collins Horn was again Chairman. Sharon had help from George McLellan, Theresa Brents, Jim Brant, plants from Ron Brown, and help from many other MAC members both in setting up and manning the exhibit. Bill Bedwell



ASA President Buddy Lee with Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. John Creech at 2006 Convention. Photo by W. Przypek.

noted that there were lots of compliments on the exhibit from the public. A longer article will be included in a later newsletter if one of the participants wishes to write one.



Jan Scanlon & Ron Brown touring garden. Photo by W. Przypek.

## POT LUCK PLANT SWAP by Barbara Hall

This season when you're dividing perennials, potting up seedlings or rooted cuttings, or if you just have "extras" of desirable plants of any type in your garden that you'd like to share, please keep in mind the 'POT LUCK PLANT SWAP' which will take place at our Spring 2007 meeting in Richmond, VA. Start potting plants up now and then continue adding to your "stash" so that they will be well established by meeting time. The plants will be FREE, continuing the old-fashioned tradition of gardeners sharing plants with each other. More details about this fun event will follow in the next issue of the newsletter.

## EPIC ROAD TRIP

MAC life member Mike Breiding has a web site some of you may find of interest. The URL is <http://EpicRoadTrips.us/> Mike explored many interesting natural places in Florida.



Barbara Bullock, Debby & David Sauer on tour. Photo by W. Przypek.