



AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

AZALEA CHAPTER

MARCH 2010

MARCH MEETING

Hastings Nursery
3920 Peachtree Rd. NE

March 20, 2010
2:00 PM

John Kohli on "Propagation of Native Azaleas" Chapter member, John Kohli, is a dedicated native azalea authority who has studied and grown rhododendrons, azaleas and other flowering shrubs for several years. His prime interest is native azaleas and his garden includes several native azalea species. He is an accomplished propagator and will discuss his methods as well as other aspects of growing native azaleas. Time permitting, he will discuss his 2008 trip to Gregory Bald in the Smoky Mountain National Park.

President's Message - I'm sure you are like me in asking "when will Spring arrive?" The daffodils are up, tulips are above ground, azaleas, rhodias and camellias are ready to pop open, but when will the snow and freezes stop and this bone-chilling wind die down? Actually, this colder-than-usual February is better for our flowers than the oft-experienced 70 degree days, for this helps keep the buds dormant until the risk of a freeze is past. But I sure am ready to get out and "dig in the dirt."

We have some exciting things coming up. First, there is John Kohli's talk on the 20th. A synopsis of John's topic is included above. Then, we have been invited to participate in the Wild Azalea Festival at the Reynolds Nature Preserve in Morrow GA on April 10. Ken and I will be there to interact with the public to answer questions and publicize our Chapter. We would love to have additional volunteers to help us out. If you would like to join us and can, please call Ken or me.

And, of course, our big event of the year is our Flower Show and Plant Sale on April 17. I wish to emphasize again that the primary purpose of this event is to inform the public on the immense variety of colors and forms of our native azaleas, evergreens and rhododendrons which can be enjoyed in the middle and north regions of our state. So please be liberal in bringing blooms from your garden to display at the Show. We will also have a broad selection of azaleas and rhododendrons for sale at good prices. We are also planning to have vegetable, herb and annual plants for sale as well. We strongly encourage you to get tomato, pepper, squash and other appropriate seeds started for sale on the 17th of April.

Is Spring Coming?

Today, a snow, characterized by unusually large flakes, fell on north Georgia covering the ground but melting on the roadways. Such a snow brings joy to

