



# Potomac Valley Chapter

American Rhododendron Society

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Fall Supplement: October 2022

## Potomac Valley Chapter Calendar: 2022 – 2023

- November 5: PVC Fall Banquet, Potomac, MD – *Kathy Jentz!*
- January 2023 (date TBA): Ralf Bauer Zoom Lecture on *R. minus*
- April 19 - 23, 2023: Joint ARS/ASA Convention, Atlanta, GA

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## PVC Fall Banquet – *Kathy Jentz*

“Attractive and Lasting Plant Combinations”

Where: Potomac United Methodist Church

9908 S Glen Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Cost: \$42.00

Registration Deadline: October 31, 2022

Our Fall Banquet will be on **Saturday, November 5**, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. We will be having a catered Italian dinner in the Parish House of the Potomac United Methodist Church. The church is on the corner of Falls Road and S. Glen Road which is close to the Potomac Community center where we hold our regular meetings.

We are very excited to have **Kathy Jentz** as our speaker. She is one of the leading experts in horticulture in our region and is the editor and publisher of the award-winning *Washington Gardener Magazine*. She also hosts the popular GardenDC Podcast.

Kathy’s expertise is well known and she is the current secretary of GardenComm: Garden Communicators International. This is the professional organization for digital media and communications supporting the green industry and includes authors, columnists, editors, publishers, photographers, speakers, TV and radio personalities, educators, extension agents, and more. She is also the new editor of Azalea Society of America journal, *the Azalean*. Kathy has co-authored a new book titled **The Urban Garden** that discusses how to use a limited space in the city to not only grow food but make things beautiful with flowers. We asked her to bring along a few copies.

You won’t want to miss Kathy’s talk, “**Attractive and Lasting Plant Combinations**”. She will discuss playing with color, form, and texture in the perennial/shrub border and will share tried-and-true combinations as well as daring new mixes for us to try. This should give us great new ideas on how to turn our typical rhododendron and azalea borders into stunning landscapes. Kathy is an excellent photographer and will use many beautiful images to illustrate her entertaining commentary.

The buffet menu includes Chicken Parmesan, Veal Marsala, Eggplant Parmesan, Penne Pasta, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Winter Fruit Salad, Cake, Iced Tea, and Coffee. We will not be able to serve alcohol in the church. The price per person is **\$42**. Please send your reservation form (next page) and check to our treasurer, Phyllis Rittman by **October 31**. We need a head count to know how much food to order.



Photo: Kathy Jentz

**Banquet Details (continued)**

Kathy Jentz is a very busy person and has a prior commitment with Brookside Gardens earlier in the day. We will wait until she arrives before we serve dinner which may be around 1:00 PM. That will give us time to socialize but we may decide to have a short auction prior to the meal.

Our banquet will be in the Darvish Room of the Parish Hall which is behind the main chapel of the Potomac United Methodist Church. There is a driveway near the door to assist with unloading. We will be able to get into the room by 11:00 to set up so anyone delivering plants is welcome to arrive early, say 11:30 to 11:45 AM. We must get the room back in order and exit the building by 4:00.

Please return your reservation form with a check payable to **Potomac Valley Chapter ARS** to our Treasurer, Phyllis Rittman, by October 31.

**Phyllis Rittman, PVC-ARS Treasurer**  
**prittwoman@gmail.com**

If you are worried about your check arriving in time, you can also call or email your reservations to Phyllis or Carol by 10/31 and pay at the door.

**Carol Segre, Chapter President**  
**csegree17@outlook.com**

**Dues Are Due!**

Your 2023 renewal notice with a return envelope to Phyllis Rittman should be arriving soon. You can register for the banquet and renew your membership at the same time paying with one check. However, note that in the comment portion of your check.

Category	Cost
<b>Regular</b> - (one or two people in the same household)	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Commercial / Corporate</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Sustaining</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Sponsoring</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Student</b> – (under age 25) Access to online Journal only	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Life Member – Single</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Life Member – Family</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
<b>Associate</b> – must belong to some other ARS Chapter (please identify)	<b>\$10</b>



**PVC Fall 2022 Banquet Registration Form**  
*“Attractive and Lasting Plant Combinations”*  
**Saturday November 5, 2022**

**Registration Deadline**  
*Saturday, October 31, 2022*  
 Mail to: Phyllis Rittman

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the name of each attendee below

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of attendees** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$42.00 each =** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**  
 Make checks payable to: **Potomac Valley Chapter ARS**

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## Rhododendrons of the Year – *Nomination Time!*

Every year we are asked to nominate Rhododendrons of the Year for the Middle Atlantic Region. There are four categories and we need a plant for each one that has not been a ROY winner before: 1) Elepidote Rhododendron, 2) Lepidote Rhododendron, 3) Deciduous Azalea, and 4) Evergreen Azalea.

We ask people who live in nearby Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Washington, DC, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey to nominate their favorite plants since we all have similar growing conditions. The plants should have the following characteristics: 1) Reliable Performer, 2) Beautiful Flowers, 3) Attractive Foliage, 4) Good Plant Habit, 5) Relatively Pest and Disease Resistant, and 6) Available for Sale. If you have rhododendrons you really like, please send the names to **Don Hyatt** by the end of the month: **donaldhyatt@verizon.net**.



### Mid Atlantic ROY Winners from Past Years

Year	Elepidote	Lepidote	Deciduous Azalea	Evergreen Azalea
2004	'Gigi'	'April Pink'	'Girard's Crimson Tide'	'Girard's Fuchsia'
2005	'Calsap'	'Dora Amateis'	'Gibraltar'	'Nancy of Robinhill'
2006	'Bellringer'	'PJM Elite'	'Homebush'	'Elsie Lee'
2007	'Caroline'	'Olga Mezitt'	(no selection)	'Fairfax'
2008	'Mist Maiden'	'Weston's Aglo'	'White Lightning'	'Dream'
2009	'Wheatley'	'Landmark'	'Old Gold'	'Koromo Shikibu'
2010	'Scintillation'	'Mary Fleming'	'Klondyke'	'Carrie Amanda'
2011	'Brown Eyes'	'Molly Fordham'	<i>prunifolium</i>	'Tina's Whorled'
2012	'Janet Blair'	'Windbeam'	'Aromi's Sunny-side-up'	'Sandra's Green Ice'
2013	'Taurus'	'Cornell Pink'	<i>schlippenbachii</i>	'Rose Greeley'
2014	'Nestucca'	'Kehr's White Ruffles'	<i>calendulaceum</i>	'Caitlin Marie'
2015	'John C. White'	'Southland'	'My Mary'	'Ashley Ruth'
2016	<i>hyperethrum</i>	<i>minus</i> var. <i>majus</i>	<i>atlanticum</i>	'Inch'
2017	'Gilbert Myers'	'Blaney's Blue'	<i>canescens</i>	'Ben Morrison'
2018	'A. Bedford'	'24 Karat'	<i>arborescens</i>	'Dreamsicle'
2019	'Ken Janeck'	'Rhein's Luna'	<i>cumberlandense</i>	'Treasure'
2020	'Bea MacDonald'	<i>keiskei</i>	<i>periclymenoides</i>	'Wagner's White Spider'
2021	'Jack Cowles'	'Pink Diamond'	<i>austrinum</i>	'Betty Ellen'
2022	'Honeydew'	'Oritani'	'Aromi Sunstruck'	'Quakeress'



2021: 'Jack Cowles'



'Weston's Pink Diamond'



*R. austrinum*



Photo: C. Beck

'Betty Ellen'



2022: 'Dexter's Honedew'



'Oritani'



Photo: C. Beck

'Aromi Sunstruck'



'Quakeress'