

Azalea Society of America

Lake Michigan Chapter



Newsletter

Fall, 2003

October 18, 2003, was the very first meeting of the Lake Michigan Chapter of the Azalea Society of America, held in Saugatuck, Michigan. Present were 12 members.

After brief introductions, John Migas proceeded to explain the reasons for having a new chapter. He introduced the members present and had a slate of possible officers to represent the new chapter for the next two years:

- John Migas elected President
- Sandra Wearne elected Vice President
- Joe Lamantia elected Treasurer
- Sharon Kunst elected Secretary
- Tadeusz Dauksza elected a Board Member

Discussion followed centering around 2005 ASA convention, to be hosted by the new Lake Michigan Chapter:

- Date: May 19 to 22, 2005
- Place: Holland, Michigan
- Theme: "Azaleas in the Landscape"
- Events: Possible garden tours, alternate tours, plant sales, local hotels, other local attractions such as the Tulip Festival, and the need for volunteers
- Other Ideas: Possible speakers, lunches, brochures, truss show, and bus tours

Other topics discussed:

- Sandra Wearne, owner of UNETY Systems, Inc., a full-service Internet firm, volunteered to build a website for the chapter.
- Future meetings were discussed and are scheduled for January and April 2004 timeframe.
- A chapter membership roster was then presented to those who attended the meeting.

John Migas then proceeded to give us a beautiful garden tour of his Woodlands Nursery, Saugatuck, Michigan, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Conclusion: a first major step in the life of another ASA chapter!

Submitted by:
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