

# Potomac Valley Chapter ARS District 9 Meeting in Annapolis April 28-30, 2024

The Potomac Valley Chapter ARS is hosting a three-day meeting in Annapolis, MD, from April 28-30, 2024. Our featured attraction will be nearby Historic London Town & Public Gardens but we will also be touring three exquisite private gardens. Please join us for this rare opportunity to share memories and make new friends in the ARS and ASA.



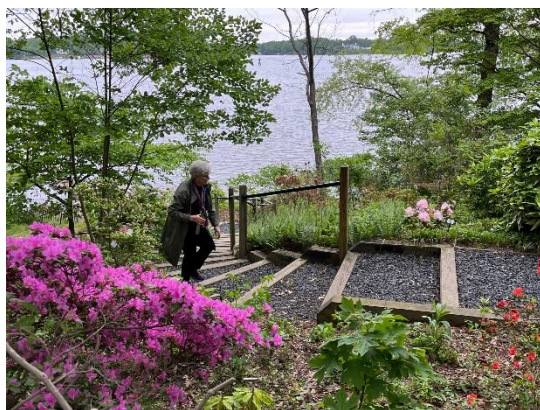
Our conference hotel (left) will be the Country Inn & Suites in Annapolis, MD. The hotel has given us a special rate of \$99 per night since we plan to arrive on Sunday night and leave on Tuesday. The hotel will allow attendees to expand their stay a day or two beyond our meeting to explore the scenic Annapolis area. Expect good food, excellent talks, and beautiful gardens. We are planning a great plant sale with many choice azaleas, rhododendrons, and companion plants.

## Historic London Town & Gardens – Marshy Point Azaleas

Our opening night speaker will be Don Hyatt. He will discuss the Marshy Point azaleas, a hybrid group developed by the late Harry Weiskittel. London Town has become an ASA Legacy Garden for the Marshy Point Azaleas. These azaleas and many other choice hybrids will be featured in the plant sale.



Tony Dove will be our banquet keynote. He will discuss the history and development of the gardens at London Town since he designed the original landscape. You will enjoy his story about how he transformed an overgrown jungle of briars, weeds, and scrub trees into a spectacular garden featuring azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias, and other ornamentals. Tony will also share the history of his nearby private garden.



Historic London Town & Gardens is a 23-acre park and museum that overlooks the South River. The Potomac Valley Chapter has established memorial gardens there for Gray Carter and Jean Beaudry. and we look forward to showing you these special sites. In addition to the rhododendron and azalea collections, there are many camellias, magnolias, and hollies, as well as a mile-long walking trail among ornamentals and native plants.



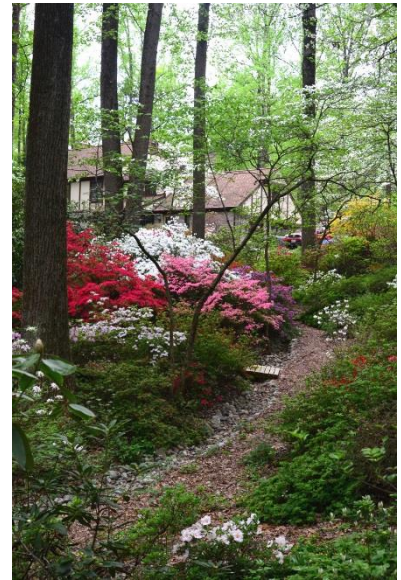
### Bradshaw Garden

Among the private gardens on tour will be Hidden View Farm, the secluded estate of Richard Bradshaw. This 100-acre wooded site has a 10-acre fenced garden that includes a large pond with water features, a massive camellia collection, azaleas, rhododendrons, hollies, ornamental trees, shrubs and companion plants.



### McWhorter Garden

The lovely suburban garden of Rosa & Bob McWhorter is a mature landscape under a tall canopy of trees. It has many winding paths that showcase their large deciduous and evergreen azaleas, as well as their choice rhododendron collection and numerous companion plants. They have many rare Dexter and Cowles hybrids that came from the Sandwich Club distributions on Cape Cod and also exciting new plants Bob raised from the Seed Exchange.



### Segree Garden

Carol Segree's garden is a diverse and artistic landscape that includes both sunny and shady areas. Carol has designed scenic paths among her mature rhododendrons and azaleas, and carefully positioned other details to add interest like rare companion plants and garden art. In recent years, she added significant stonework including retaining walls and a second patio with a fountain. She is now refining her collection keeping only the best rhododendron and azalea cultivars while adding new introductions and more choice companion plants including camellias, evergreens, Japanese maples, flowering trees, wildflowers, and perennials.

