

DVARS Plant Sale Committee Charter

The mission of this committee is to propagate and sell rhododendrons and to educate the public on the planting and care of rhododendrons.

The committee shall consist of at least two Board members and ideally three, one to head the propagation activities, one to head the plant sale at Jenkins Arboretum and one to head the plant sale at Tyler Arboretum. The committee shall have at least three active non-board members.

The committee will report to the full Board its strategy in working with the partnering arboreta and will secure Board approval for being a vendor at the plant sales.

The committee will continue the Plants for Members (P4M) Program begun by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter in 1986 to make available to members rhododendrons at reasonable prices. Volunteers collect cuttings and stick them for rooting at the Steven Kristoph Nursery in Freehold, NJ. The rooted cuttings are then potted up and grown to the salable size. Grafting of rhododendrons is also performed on some plant selections. Chapter members are involved in all aspects of the work. This is an outstanding opportunity for members to learn propagation procedures and join in the fun and camaraderie of the group's activities.

The committee will organize plant sales for rhododendrons propagated in the P4M Program and purchased from nurseries. Yearly, a P4M Sale is held for newly propagated rhododendrons. This year the sale will be held at Jenkins Arboretum on September 10. Volunteers will help with organizing the plants, setting up the sale a day earlier and assisting people purchasing the plants. The committee will also organize Spring plant sales in 2024 at Jenkins Arboretum and Tyler Arboretum. Volunteers will work with the arboreta to organize the sales, be present during sale times to assist the public with their purchases and help educate the customers on how to plant and care for their rhododendrons. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this work.

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