

ASA Distinguished Service Awards

AZALEA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Azalea Society of America takes great honor in presenting

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

to

Janet Carson

in recognition of your many contributions to horticulture by developing the Arkansas Master Gardeners organization and programs, for publicizing proper horticulture practices for Arkansas gardeners in print and via the Master Gardeners' website, and for assisting in planning and execution of the 2018 national Azalea Society of America convention in Little Rock. This has increased knowledge about azaleas for both Arkansas gardeners and visitors from across the US.

Janet Carson, we greatly appreciate you and thank you for your service and dedication.

▼ Rick Bauer presents the ASA Distinguished Service Award to Janet Carson with congratulations and thanks.



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to

Jim Brant

in recognition of his many contributions in promoting the propagation and preservation of native azaleas. Jim, as part of the American Rhododendron Society, recognized the need to preserve a large stand of unique native azaleas on Hooper Bald in the Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina. His efforts to organize the clearing of competing vegetation and planting of native species has resulted in the restoration of the native azalea population on Hooper Bald. This has provided a readily accessible area for the general public to enjoy the beauty of native azaleas.



▲ ▼ Jim Brant was surprised by this award presented to him by the ASA. It paired nicely with his 2017 "Restored and Resilient Landscapes" Regional Forester Award from the US Forest Service. The two awards show both organizations recognize his years of work leading a 13-state effort on the Hooper Bald Restoration Project by steadily helping to clear the area of encroaching vegetation.

