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**FEBRUARY 20, 1P.M. VIA ZOOM:
MEMBERS' SHARE**

Terry Humphries, Program Chair

Please think of topics and photos you are willing to share with the group for our February 20 meeting. During this time of social distancing you may have discovered special gardens, researched cultivation techniques, or found new online resources. Perhaps you may wish to use this time to pose a question about how others address a particular challenge. If you prepare a presentation, all it takes is a click to share your screen and show us the scenes, tools or tips you have pulled together on your computer. By now, most everyone knows how easy it is to participate through Zoom, and everyone has met Nicole, our Zoom Coach, who can solve any issues along the way.

You may have found resources or videos online that would interest the group. During this time of social distancing you may have discovered special gardens, researched cultivation techniques, or found new online resources. Perhaps you may wish to use this time to pose a question about how others address a particular challenge. This is your meeting, so please plan to participate, even if it is for only a short share. We are asking each participant for no more than 5-10 minutes time. Just send an email to terryehumphries@gmail.com, with information on your topic and we will include you in the program. In the past we've seen a wide variety of subjects. This is a easy way to contribute to the Chapter.

Note the date for this meeting is Sunday, February 20. NARGS has scooped us again with a study day on the 3rd Saturday of February (February 19th), which would be our usual meeting date.

Though we miss our “plant chatter” during our in-person brown bag lunches, we find camaraderie in seeing each other’s smiling faces and sharing comments through Zoom’s audio and chat. This is your meeting, so please plan to participate, even if it is for only a short share. Look for the Zoom link in your email a few days before the meeting, and click to join.

Editor’s Note: As with several past programs this NARGS program may be recorded and made accessible to those who send a request to Terry terryehumphries@gmail.com

Note upcoming programs: March 19: Christopher Gardener, “Flora of the Silk Road” live via zoom

April 16: Jim Jermyn, Head Gardener, Branklyn Garden in Perth, Scotland live via zoom

FROM THE CHAIR

John Gilrein, Chair

After what seemed like a delay for winter to arrive, it’s really here, and in a way it’s a relief that we’re having some winter. I feel we’re luckier than some areas that had serious cold without snow (coastal Maine), or areas that are not well prepared for winter (Virginia) that got slammed with a big snowstorm. Another nor’easter storm just hit the east coast earlier this week. We at least had snow on the ground during our coldest nights, with the temperature below 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

Our upcoming plans for the first half of 2022:

- February meeting: our February meeting will be on SUNDAY February 20, to avoid a conflict with a NARGS webinar.
- Plant Sale: we would all like to have a spring plant sale in some form. We’re not sure what Cooperative Extension is planning yet. Concern seems to be increasing about the alien jumping worms and controlling their spread. The board will be discussing again whether we have our own plant sale or participate in whatever form the Garden Fair/Ithaca plant sale takes in 2022.
- Garden Tour: since the Adirondack Chapter is running the NARGS Annual General Meeting in June 2022, I’m not organizing a garden tour for June. If someone is interested in taking this on, I can help by sharing how we do this. If no one takes on organizing a tour at that time, we may have a garden tour later this year. And our members should feel free to contact another member if you’re interested in an individual garden tour, of course at the convenience of the host. (*Editor’s note: Our zoom discussion*

at last month's meeting suggested we perhaps plan an April overnight to Stonecrop Gardens and New York Botanical Gardens which is good timing to see rock garden plants in bloom, spring ephemerals, and maybe azaleas and rhododendrons at NYBG).

- NARGS Annual General Meeting June 14-16, 2022 includes a trip to either Buttermilk Falls State Park, or Robert Treman State Park, a garden tour of 2 local gardens, talks by speakers, and a plant sale. Extras are an optional overnight trip to the Adirondacks and Chaumont Barrens organized by NARGS Tours, and a day trip to tour gardens in Onondaga County.

At lot of us have missed the Plant of the Month, one of the casualties of not meeting in person. One of our goals for our POM program was to expand our horizons and get us to try plants that we might not otherwise grow. I hope you will still try on your own to grow some new and different plants – at least new to you, they don't have to be something completely new to horticulture.

One way to experiment is to grow a plant that is theoretically marginally hardy (or marginally not hardy) in your growing zone. Since hardiness ratings are an estimate and not precisely accurate, you may be pleased when a plant rated as hardy to USDA Zone 6 or 7 lives through winter in your Zone 5 garden. Perennials that are herbaceous (i.e. die down to the ground each winter) have a much better chance of surviving a cold winter than a plant that's evergreen or woody.

As a gardener, you can help a marginally hardy plant survive the winter by planting in a protected area, avoiding frost pockets or areas with poor drainage, or mulching. Hardiness for plants newer to cultivation may be rated conservatively.

Here are some plants that look exotic which you have a fair chance of success growing:

1. *Kniphofia* sp./red hot poker. Some are listed as hardy to Zone 5. Flower spikes may be red, orange, yellow, green or bicolor. Easy in a sunny spot with good drainage.
2. *Roscoea cautleyoides*. Listed as hardy to Zone 6, possibly 5. Unusually hardy for a ginger relative which has orchid like flowers in several colors. Likes rich soil and partial shade, and it's late to emerge in the spring. Provenance Asia/Himalayas.
3. *Agapanthus* sp./lily of the Nile. The hardiest species is *A. campanulatus*, an herbaceous species. Hardy varieties seem to lack a species epithet, so you'll need to check the hardiness zone rating. I'm fairly sure agapanthus rated for Zone 5 or 6 would be herbaceous, and be pure *A. campanulatus* or a *campanulatus* hybrid. Likes sun and good soil. Flowers in the blue to violet range or white. The common name of this plant - its provenance, South Africa, is thousands of miles from the Nile - is the poster child for why botanical names are superior.

4. *Eucomis* sp./pineapple lily. Likes sun to part sun. Availability for the plant is improving, some sources are rating this hardy to Zone 6. I have 2 different ones (and note that I'm in Zone 5b), both plants unfortunately came unidentified, but have made it through 2 winters without a problem. Late to emerge in the spring.

I've had good luck growing *Kniphofia*, *Agapanthus*, and *Eucomis* (which all come from southern Africa). It doesn't hurt that we normally have decent snow cover in the winter (at least when the air temperature is cold) and the winters have been relatively mild. I am now growing *Roscoea* (purchased at our plant sale) so I should be able to comment on growing that in the future. Most of southern Africa has a much milder climate than New York – so why are plants from this area so hardy? The Drakensberg Mountains in eastern South Africa/Lesotho rise to around 11,400 feet. Plants from higher elevations in the Drakensberg are hardier.

John Gilrein, Chair

ALPINE VISIONS : EXPLORATION AND INSPIRATION



Save the Dates : June 14–16, 2022 is coming! We're going to try again! We're hosting 2022 NARGS Annual General Meeting on June 14-16, 2022. Our theme - Alpine Visions: Exploration and Inspiration - is similar to last time but with minor modifications: Cornell Botanic Gardens will again co-host with us. You will see us welcoming a line-up of plant explorers as our speakers and we hope you'll be as excited about them as we are.

The 3-day meeting will be based on the north campus of Cornell University. Many of our activities will occur in the Robert Purcell Community Center or nearby. Residence hall lodging, if you want to stay close to the action, is offered literally steps away from this building. Unofficially this AGM, like those of the past, provides a great way for NARGS members (enthusiastic gardeners all) with an annual opportunity to share gardening experiences, to renew friendships, and to form new ones. Together we will share our own plant explorations, inspirations, and visions.

Note: With covid, planning for the future has been difficult. Rest assured, one way or another we will hold this conference! NARGS now has the capability to hold virtual programs that will allow us to quickly shift gears if necessary. We all will of course have to make accompanying adjustments.

Speakers:

- F. Robert Wesley, botanist at the Cornell Botanic Gardens, is one of our area's foremost experts on native plants of New York State. He will speak about the rich diversity of native orchids in New York State.
- Eleftherios Dariotis (aka Liberto Dario, the moniker he gave himself for use on his Facebook page) is a horticulturist, botanist, and plant explorer from Athens, Greece and now Crete. He owns a small nursery and bulb business, travels extensively around the world to study and photograph plants in their native habitats, and leads plant tours, including a NARGS Tour to Greece in 2019.
- Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson are the owners of Far Reaches Farm in Port Townsend, Washington, whose extensive collection of plants they self-describe as spectacularly unfocused and a plant collector's paradise. They are also founding directors of Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy, a non-profit whose mission is the acquisition and conservation of vulnerable plants of wild and cultivated origin that are new or rare in North America. They travel the distant corners of the world to acquire and conserve horticulturally and botanically important rare plants, learn about them, and teach what they know.

Field Trips: While these field trips will probably have less relevance to our members, we are planning a field trip on Wednesday, to include a guided walk to one of our renown gorges – either Upper Treman gorge or Upper Buttermilk Falls gorge, visits to two choice, and ever-changing members' gardens (the Stark/Stauble garden and Kobre/Denson garden), and a lakeside lunch on the shores of Cayuga Lake (Myers Park or Stewart Park).

On Thursday, we visit the Cornell Botanic Gardens plant collections with their docents on hand to answer questions. Free time in the afternoon allows our registrants to further explore the Gardens and Arboretum, or to venture to other on- or off-campus attractions.

Additional Activities: NARGS awards, election of officers, and annual report. Plant sales, book display. Thursday evening banquet and open bar. Post-AGM on-your-own tours of ACNARGS members' gardens.

Registration: As a registrant, you will have the advantage of full access to ALL the AGM activities. You are required to be a member of NARGS to register (still a bargain at \$40). Ready to sign up? Online registration opened February 3, 2022. Here is the link: [online registration link](#). The registration fee of \$450 payable by credit card will be due at registration. We are limited to a maximum of 150 registrants and we expect these to fill quickly.

Lodging: If you register, there's no need to commute each day. You can book lodging nearby. There will be a block of rooms set aside in the new Toni Morrison Residence Hall, literally steps away from the AGM lecture hall in the Robert Purcell Community Center. A block of rooms at special NARGS rates are also

being held until May 14 at two nearby hotels, subject to room availability - the Homewood Suites by Hilton and Best Western University. Both offer limited shuttle service to the airport and campus for their patrons. Or of course, you can make your own lodging arrangements. If someone in the Chapter wants to organize it, some of us might be able to offer to house guests. Contact Carol (carolithaca@gmail.com) if you would like to take charge of this.

Parking: I hesitate to write too much about parking at this time other than to say it will not be free. We have received a special parking rate in the nearby A-Lot. After April 1st, it will be possible to purchase a 3-day permit. For volunteers, there are options for hourly metered parking.

Pre-AGM Day Trip to Syracuse-area gardens Tuesday, June 14, 8 am – 3:30 pm. For an additional fee of \$55, you can join us to visit the three too-good-to-miss private gardens that were scheduled in 2020 (Kraft, Bordoni, Brennan/Moss). Registration is limited and will open simultaneously with AGM registration February 3rd.

Questions? More information has been published in the Winter 2021/22 Rock Garden Quarterly and on the NARGS.org website. We've also prepared Frequently Asked Questions which will be readily available. In the meantime, any burning questions can be addressed by contacting John Gilrein, registration coordinator, at agmithaca2022@twcnyc.rr.com I believe this is going to be a terrific AGM!

MEMBERSHIP 2022

Mary Stauble

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have already renewed your membership for 2022 after yet another challenging year! Please welcome 2 new members. Jacques Mommens from Millwood, NY who has been attending our meetings via Zoom and is a NARGS member. Ceme Curley is from Skaneateles, NY and Orlando, FL; she is a member of the Skaneateles Garden Club.

If you did not yet renew, it's time! The ACNARGS membership year runs the calendar year. So, unless you've already renewed or you're a lifetime member, your 2022 membership is due now (Individual @\$15, Household @\$20, Business with business card listing @\$30). If you have not renewed, you will see a reminder message in the email announcing this newsletter.

While it's true that our meetings are free and open to everyone, there are advantages to becoming a member: Our members-only plants-of-the-month at discounted prices (temporarily on-hold but it will return!), 25% discount on May plant sale purchases, participation in the members-only plant sale in August, and participation in the April members-only seedling exchange to name four – any one of which can easily recoup the cost of your dues. Hopefully we will have many more of these activities in 2022 than we did in 2021. Print and complete the 2022

Membership form here: <http://www.acnargs.org/join.pdf> Questions?
Contact Mary at mes2@cornell.edu

NEWS FROM NARGS : INTRODUCING NEW BOOK SERVICE

NARGS has arranged for its chapters to buy newly published titles from Filbert Press, a leading UK horticultural publisher, at discounted prices. *A Field Guide to The Plants of Armenia* is the first title offered. Our March newsletter will include a review of this book.

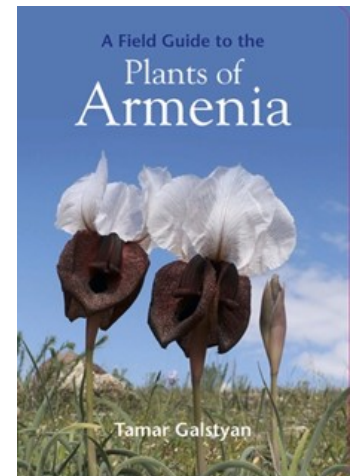
A Field Guide to the Plants of Armenia; just published January 2022!

By Tamar Galstyan

Paperback/ 592 pages/ 6 x 9", full color photos, Filbert Press, UK

NARGS Chapter Price: \$30 (regularly \$55) 46% OFF!

Minimum order per chapter: 4 copies. Allow 2 months for shipping



Chapter orders must be submitted by April 1, 2022. Our Chapter is looking for someone to serve as Book Order Manager.

This person will be responsible for gathering orders and monies. placing the order through the NARGS website, receiving the chapter book order and distributing books to members. At this special price individual members may not order single copies from the NARGS Book Store and there is a minimum of 4 book orders per Chapter.

There are several more books "in the pipeline" including a discounted, pre-publication offer for *The Crevice Garden* by Paul Spriggs and Kenton Seth, to be published in the U.S. in August 2022. Here's a [sneak preview of this book](#). Notice for this book will go out to chapters this spring for orders and book delivery will be in the summer. A pre-pub offer will mean you won't have to wait as long for books to arrive.

ERIOGONUMS : VIRTUAL PLANT OF THE MONTH

Rebecca Lance (Reprinted by permission from Sierra Chapter NARGS, January 2022 issue)



Eriogonum umbellatum "Lake Tahoe" Photo: R. Lance

The Buckwheats crept into my awareness slowly. I had seen them for years on virtually every hang gliding launch I have been on. Grey mats and mounds with pompoms of yellow, white or pink, I did not give them their proper due as I was usually

fixated on looking for Penstemons. Then one year I was witness to a spectacular display of *Eriogonum caespitosum* and *Sedum lancealatum* growing high on a peak near northern California. The silvery mats of the Eriogonum were rock hard, with yellow flowers nestled down tight against the leaves. The rock nearby was grey and covered with yellow lichen that echoed the yellow of the Eriogonum. It was hard to tell exactly where rock ended and plant began. I was smitten. Completely and totally smitten. Surely, I thought, something so beautiful must be difficult to grow. Wrong.

Since that time, I have grown over 30 different varieties of Eriogonums. To my surprise, they have consistently proven to be tough and adaptable, as long as they are grown in a sunny well-drained garden with a gravel mulch.

The most well-known Eriogonum is probably *E. umbellatum*, the Sulfur Buckwheat, a plant of fantastic variety. There are 40 recognized varieties of *E. umbellatum* scattered across the Western US, with 17 varieties in California. Some grow in mounds of olive grey, while others form flat mats of silver. Almost all bloom yellow, but the flowers fade to chrome, rust, or fantastic dark reds as they dry. This allows them to provide a long season of interest in the garden, a characteristic of many Eriogonums. A deservedly popular cultivar in the rock garden scene is a form of *E. umbellatum* known as 'Alturas Red.' Said to be a selection of *E. umbellatum modocense*, it is a nice sized plant forming mounds of round olive leaves backed in white. The large inflorescence starts out a pale yellow, on erect stems up to 12" above the loose dome of foliage. As the flowers fade, they go through a stunning range of shades from apricot, dark peach and then a deep rusty red. This plant is substantial enough to use as a landscape accent with penstemons in any droughty or waterwise garden.

Eriogonum umbellatum minus is so completely different, that you would never guess them to be the same species. This is a wonderful dwarf variety that forms dense mats of silver tomentose (slightly fuzzy) leaves, which form a fantastic foil for the lax flower scapes of a deep burgundy. It is absolutely stunning draping its way over a lichen covered rock. I grew this for years, but unfortunately I did not notice that a much larger plant was taking over its territory till it was too late. I am desperately trying to regrow it from seed I found stashed in the refrigerator. It is unfortunately quite rare, occurring in only a few locations in the San Bernadino and San Gabriel mountains, so I am not optimistic about my chances of getting more seed if this fails.

E. ovalifolium is another dwarf Eriogonm that comes in many forms. Almost all have mats of small grey oval-shaped leaves. Flower forms range from erect pompoms of pale yellow, as in *E. ovalifolium ovalifolium*, to prostrate balls of raspberry red such as the form growing on our own St. Mary's Pass. Most of the forms I have grown in the garden flower in shades of pale pink to white. These are a great choice for high altitude gardens.

Visitors to our garden often ask the identity of the dense mats of tiny silvery leaves that we have scattered throughout various areas of the garden. This is *Eriogonum kennedyi*, a plant of fantastic foliage. The form that has seeded throughout our garden is *E. kennedyi kennedyi*, which holds its pale white flowers out on stems 6-8" long over the silver mat. There are other versions, such as *E. kennedyi alpigenum*, in which the flowers are nestled right in against the silver mat. In our higher elevations, we have a similar, albeit coarser plant, *Eriogonum wrightii*.

Eriogonum siskiyouense is another wonderful and easy *Eriogonum*, with dense ground hugging mats of green leaves backed in white. The foliage turns a deep burgundy color in winter. It flowers in late spring on erect stems up to 8 inches, pale yellow that fades to a rich apricot.

All of the *Eriogonums* do best in a sunny location. They require a well-drained soil, so amend your dense clay with sand or grit, and plant them in a sloping or raised bed. A mulch of pea gravel will further increase the drainage around the plants crown, and is essential to insure happy *Eriogonums*. And a happy *Eriogonum* is a pleasure to have in the garden. Some of the *E. umbellatum* forms can survive without any additional water, but most would appreciate water every 2-3 weeks in our climate. I would not water them more than twice a week.

Many years ago, you could buy many varieties from the smaller rock garden nurseries, but those have become quite hard to find. Fortunately, they are easy from seed. Sow them in the fall with a grit mulch and just leave them outside. Many of them need a period of cold stratification to sprout. They grow slowly their first year, so you will need to keep them in pots over the summer to plant out the next fall. Many can be easily propagated by cuttings also.

As for that first love - *E. caespitosum*, it remains one of my favorites, forming slow growing silvery domes in the sunny gravel. This year I sowed seed from Conway Summit, where a very choice form grows.

Rebecca's Note: There are several fantastic varieties in the NARGS seed exchange, including most of the species in the above article!

Editor's Note: *Eriogonoms* may be a challenge in our climate. I have 2 in my rock garden (*Eriogonum umbellatum* v. *aureum* 'Psowns') that are alive but haven't bloomed yet for me.



Eriogonum caespitosum from Conway Summit
Photo: R. Lance

PLANT LIST: LIZ KNOWLES OUR JANUARY SPEAKER

Here's the plant list from our January presenter Liz Knowles' talk "Echoes of Wild Places." For many years Liz and her husband have been taking botanical tours* to wild places throughout the world, and I mean throughout the world. What's remarkable to me anyway is that she's had the foresight to seek out plants – often times seeds in seed exchanges – that she saw and admired from her travels. She lives near the Niagara Escarpment 50+ miles northwest of Toronto in climate she described as Zone 4b. Unless where noted as tender, if she can grow something outdoors, we can too. I personally was impressed with the number of plants she could grow in a wet climate such as ours, yet the climate of their country of origin was very different, often with extended dry periods. If you can find seeds or plants from the list below, they are certainly worth a try.

*She suggests these tour companies: Green Tours, Alpine Garden Society, Vira Natura (owned by Christopher, our speaker for March, with his wife Basak Gardner, NARGS Tours (not mentioned), and to a lesser extent, Naturetrek, since most of their tours are more wildlife than plant focused.

Tulipa Montana: Iran
T. humilis: Turkey
Poppies in meadow: Kyrgystan (she grew California poppies to mimic this)
Dicentra cucullaria substituted D. canadensis (our native)

Some of our North American woodlanders:
Asarum canadensis
Clintonia borealis
Claytonia perfoliata
Erythronium americanus; E. grandiflorum: Alberta; E. oregonum: BC
Sanguinaria Canadensis and double form
Hepatica americana, now A. nobilis v. obtusa; H. nobilis: European
Trillium grandiflorum; T. erectum
Cypripedium parviflorum; C. kentuckiense (close relative); C. reginae
Sedum spathulifolium (Vancouver Is.); S. oregonum

Morocco:
Narcissus bulbocodium: Morocco (not hardy)
N. cantabricus: Morocco (not hardy)

Europe:
Primula farinosa: Switzerland
P. auricula (easy from seed): Switzerland
P. hirsuta & white form: Switzerland
Saxifraga oppositifolia: Switzerland
Silene acaulis: Switzerland & Italy
Gentiana acaulis: Italy (benefits by dividing): Italy
G. lutea: Spain; G. burseri; G. x marcaillerana (cross of previous two)
G. verna: Switzerland
G. verna ssp pontica: Turkey
Potentilla nitida: Italy
Globularia repens: Italy
Ramonda myconii: Spain
Tulipa saxatilis: Greece (hardy)
Sternbergia secula: Greece; S. candida: Turkey
Crocus goulimyi: Greece
Cercis siliquastrum: Greece

Asia/Middle East:

Cercis griffithii: Tajikistan; *C. canadensis* (our native)
Cornus mas: Turkey; and jam from *Cornus mas*
Astragalus angustifolius: Turkey
Campanula saxifraga ssp. *aucheri*: Turkey
Iris histriodes: Turkey; one of parents of *I. Katharine Hodgkin*
Primula elatior ssp. *ruprechtii*:
Armeria
Scilla resenii: Turkey
Caltha palustris: Turkey; var. *barthei*: China
Lamium garganicum: Turkey
Arnebia pulchra: Turkey
Androsace villosa: Armenia; *A. barbulata* in her garden; Yellow center not pollinated; center turns red when pollinated
Dionysia tapetodes farinosa form: Iran; hardy (Wrightman's sells hardy ones)
Iris reticulata: Iran
Fritillaria imperialis: Iran; *F. raddeana*: Iran
Iris songarica: Iran
Primula vulgaris ssp. *heterochroma*;
Primula vulgaris sibthorpii
Stachys lavandulifolia
Iris bucharica: Tajikistan
Tulipa praestans; *T. turkistanica*: Uzbekistan
Iris magnifica; *I. warleyensis*; *I. x wallsend?*; *I. x sindpers*: Uz
Eremurus albertii; *E. robustus*; *E. isabellinus*: Uz

India:

Primula rosea
Iris lactea
Codonopsis clematidea
Podophyllum hexandrum

Nepal:

Polygonatum hookeri

Lilium nepalense (difficult)

Bhutan:

Primula denticulate
Iris tectorum
Meconopsis paniculata; *M. aculeata* (India); *M. 'Lingholm'* hybrid in garden

China:

Corydalis flexuosis; *C. 'Wildside Blue'* in her garden; *C. elata*
Lilium regale
Helleborus thibetanus (lots of seed but goes dormant in June)
Primula cockbarniana
Androsace bulleyana (biennial)
P. beesiana; *P. polyneura*;
P. heucherifolia
Iris forestii
Incarvillea zhongdianensis
Iris compacta
Roscoea cautleoides (different forms)
Arisaema consanguineum
A. flavum (Nepal)
A. fargesii (Bhutan)
A. elephas (China)
A. candidissima (China)
Lysichiton camtschatcensis; *L. americanus* (British Columbia)
Magnolia kobus; *M. stellata*
Dicentra peregrina; *D. 'Burning Hearts'* cultivar

Japan:

Glaucidium palmatum
Lilium auratum var. *platyphyllum*
Hydrangea petiolaris
Tiarella cordifolia; *T. polyphylla* (Alberta); *P. trifoliata*; *T. cordifolia* (native)
Campanula punctata; thug in garden here
Mertensia pterocarpa; *M. maritima*;
M. virginica (native)

Japan (continued):
Hydrangea paniculata (many hybrids available)
Iris ensata; I. Laevigata

South Africa:
Gladiolus dalenii (might be hardy);
G. saundersii
Nerine bowdenii (tender)
Aloe Polyphylla (tender)

NARGS & ACNARGS UPCOMING 2021 PROGRAMS

NOTE: Due to covid our meetings will take on a different format for the foreseeable future. We will hold live meetings via Zoom for now. For those of you unfamiliar with Zoom, contact Terry Humphries terryhumphres@gmail.com for assistance.

February 19: NARGS virtual program: "Rock Gardening Does Meadows." Host: Kenton Seth. Fee. NARGS membership required. More info forthcoming.

February 20: Members' Share via Zoom. Note the change of date to the 3rd Sunday.

March 1 (open) -21 (close): Surplus Seed/Round 2 Ordering for NARGS Seed Exchange

March 19: ACNARGS speaker program bringing you Christopher Gardener, English writer and botanical tour guide, "Flora of the Silk Road"

April 16: Jim Jermyn, Head Gardener, Branklyn Garden in Perth, Scotland

May TBD: ACNARGS Plant Sale

June 14-16: NARGS Annual General Meeting hosted by ACNARGS

Dates TBD 2023: NARGS Annual General Meeting hosted by Nova Scotia Chapter

CALENDAR OF SELECT GARDEN EVENTS

For the latest information, visit these websites of these gardening organizations.

Feb. 7: "Lucky Dip," American Primrose Society Seed Exchange opens to non-members. <https://americanprimrosesociety.org/>

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. Online class information: <http://ccetompkins.org/gardening>

Finger Lakes Native Plant Society monthly meetings via zoom. <https://flnps.org/>

Cornell Botanic Gardens: Verdant Views virtual programs; no on-site events at this time; visit Cornell Gardens at home: <https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/explore/events/>

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/LHBGC/>

To have a garden event in your area listed send all pertinent information to David Mitchell at david_mitchell_14850@yahoo.com

2021 ACNARGS BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACTS

If you want to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!

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ABOUT US – ADIRONDACK CHAPTER NARGS

We are an all-volunteer organization and one of thirty-eight NARGS affiliated chapters active in North America. Our annual Chapter activities include 6 program-speaker meetings, the Green Dragon newsletter, web and Facebook pages, garden visits, overnight garden trips, hands-on workshops, two plant sales a year, and frequent plant giveaways. Our meetings are informal, friendly gatherings that provide a wealth of information and offer a source for unusual plants, plus the opportunity to be inspired by other gardeners.

The public is always welcome [our Zoom subscription limits participants to 100]. Chapter membership starts at \$15 a year based on the calendar year. Membership includes these benefits: newsletter sent to you electronically (or option by mail for an extra fee), opportunity to travel on our planned overnight garden trips, annual membership directory, and plant sale discounts and member only sales, including Plant-of-the-Month sales.

ABOUT NARGS NATIONAL

NARGS National is our parent organization: We encourage you to join (online at www.nargs.org) for only \$40 a year. Benefits include a seed exchange, a quarterly publication focused on rock gardening, and an online website featuring an archive of past publications, a chat forum and a horticultural encyclopedia. NARGS National also conducts winter study weekends and holds its Annual Meeting in interesting places where attendees have the opportunity to visit gardens and take field trips, often to alpine areas, as well as hear talks by outstanding plants people from around the world. More recently, NARGS is offering botanical tours each year, both within the US and abroad.

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