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WHAT? NO NEWSLETTER?

Do you value this newsletter? For years the Green Dragon has been our main conveyor of meeting information and other Chapter activities. It keeps us in touch with our national organization. It includes informative articles, which we hope make you a better, more informed gardener. And it brings us together as the Adirondack Chapter, serving gardeners of central New York.

But without someone (or several people sharing the responsibility) to compile our newsletter – this newsletter, its future is in serious jeopardy. Please consider volunteering to take on this responsibility.

No special skills are needed beyond knowledge of word processing (that is, you do not need designer skills or publishing software). We use a template from month to month and pour in the contents. It's nothing fancy and is as long as it needs to be. Others contribute the articles. Once an article is submitted, the editor proofs and formats it to font and font size, then it is simply copied and pasted in. Inserting photos can be a challenge until you know a few simple tricks and we have people who can assist with that. We don't expect perfection – we know some typos are missed in error.

So, what's keeping YOU from becoming our next newsletter editor?

AUGUST 20 : MEMBERS' PLANT SALE AND CELEBRATION

Carol Eichler, Plant Sale Chair

Let's have a party! With summer winding down and fall season ahead of us, we promise you a plant sale and a catered picnic on Saturday, August 20 at Myers Park in Lansing (Note: the Route 34B bridge has now opened – no more detour).

Besides being our traditional Members' Only Plant Sale, we will take this opportunity to celebrate the very successful (and profitable) NARGS national meeting that we hosted June 13-17, with many thanks to so many of our members who volunteered to help.

The plant sale will be run similarly to past years (but do read on to review the procedure). Pricing will be loosely by pot size, with exceptions so labeled. Following the sale, we will use some of the proceeds from the AGM (so-called Annual General Meeting) so treat us all to a picnic lunch – make-your-own sandwiches, assorted salads, dessert, and beverages. All of this is one way for the organizing committee – John Gilrein, Terry Humphries, Marlene Kobre, and myself – to say “Thank you, we couldn't have done this important meeting without you!”

Our August members-selling-to-members sale is an opportunity for us to share some of our most valued plant successes from our gardens. Often these are choice, unusual, not-found-in-the-trade plants sold at bargain prices. Don't forget this is also a major fundraiser for our Chapter, helping to pay for our major expense each year – mainly the funds allow us to bring such great speakers to our meetings (even our Zoom meetings). And of course, perhaps one of the most valued parts of this meeting (especially after 2+ years of covid isolation) is our chance to socialize with each other. Just a reminder, we ask all attendees to be fully vaccinated. Additionally, we will be following CDC and NYS covid protocol, which at this time does not require masks though you may choose to do so. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Plus! A special close-out sale of plants from Cathy Horvath that need new homes. Cathy has to move and these plants cannot move with her. We've agreed to let her sell these plants independently of our sale with the proceeds going to her. Think of this as a “go-fund-me” campaign to help finance her move. Here's a partial list of plants for sale. Katsura 'Strawberry', Katsura 'Rotfuchs' (Red Fox), Picea pungens 'Montgomery', Weigela 'Red Prince', Ivory Halo Dogwood, Spirea sp. 1 1/2', Spire asp. 1', Daphne mezereum, Ninebark seedling 'Autumn Jubilee (?)', German Iris (many), Gooseneck Loosestrife, Red daylily with yellow throat, pink columbine, and more. This sale opens for business throughout our Chapter sale and pricing and payment is through Cathy.

Here are the details of our plant sale and significant dates for you to review: Now until August 20: time to pot up plants for the sale.

August 20: Sale Day Schedule

9:00 a.m. Set-up begins at Pavilion B at Myers Park, Lansing

10:00 a.m. If you are bringing plants, plan to arrive by 10 a.m. and place your plants appropriately on the alphabetized (by Latin name) tables. Hopefully they are already labeled; if not, come extra early and we will have labels available.

10:30 a.m. Sale begins no earlier than 10:30.

11:30-ish a.m. Sale concludes (or perhaps earlier); time for clean-up, all hands on deck please so we can eat!

12:00 Time to celebrate with lunch on the Chapter.

Donating Plants: You do not need to donate plants to participate in the sale. We need buyers too! Remember to bare-root each plant before potting up into a soilless potting mix. Label in advance please, Latin and common names appreciated. Think about bringing plants that you value that are not so common that they are likely to already be in our gardens.

Also, while you may be able to bring 20 of something, please don't. One or two of something, maybe 3 or 4 if you have them to spare, makes the plants feel all the more special (probably because they are!). All sorts of plants are welcome including those suitable for rock garden or trough, herbaceous perennials, trees and shrubs, non-hardy houseplants, seedlings, etc. If you are not planning to attend, feel free to donate plants and arrange for a fellow member to bring them. No advance plant list is planned.

Auction Table: As always, we will have an auction table where members can place any unusual plants or large specimens for silent bidding. Your number on the sign-in sheet is also your number for the bid table. The bid table is open until last call when the silent auction is closed. We still have some books from the Chapter library to sell too.

Volunteers Needed for the following:

9:00 – 10:30a.m. Setting up (several, the more the merrier)

10:30 Announcer to run the sale (1, you get to use the megaphone)

11:30 Cashiers (minimum of 2)

11:30 Clean-up. I'm asking everyone to lend a hand. This will only take a jiffy and then we can celebrate!

Please contact Carol (carolithaca@gmail.com) to let her know where you will help out.

Location: Weather willing we will meet at Pavilion B at Myers Park in Lansing, a large, roofed pavilion, near the large playground where we have met several times before. No flooding allowed this year!

Upon arrival:

Sign-in. Use the number beside your name to bid at the auction table and to make your plant purchase selections. This number will be important when we call out groups to select their purchases by range of numbers in order of arrival.

If you brought plants: Arrive by 10a.m. and place your plants alphabetically by Latin name onto the tables.

Sale procedure: We will open the sale to a limited number of people at a time.

Round 1: priority is given to those who donated plants or who helped with early set-up, then to everyone else. Limited to one plant selection.

Round 2: 2 plants per person based on arrival number

Round 3: 3 plants per person based on arrival number

Round 4: open-to-all, unlimited number of plants

We may pause to talk about special plants, to talk about items on the bid table, and to provide the opportunity to ask questions about sale plants. Remember, the sale itself happens quickly.

Pricing Simplified: While it's not a perfect system, we will determine plant price by pot size: 2-inch pot = \$2, 3-inch pot = \$3, 4" pot \$4, etc. We will add priced labels for plants that we feel are under- or over-priced. Toward the end, any remaining plants (of which we hope there are very few), will go to reduced price.

Cashing out: Once the sale has closed, the cashier will open for you to pay. By delaying cashing out until the end, this enables our cashiers to to fully participate in the sale too.

After Sale Clean-up: Please everyone pitch in to fold up and load the tarps and all the other plant sale stuff, so that we can all enjoy lunch together. We will also need people to help set up the lunch buffet. Don't be surprised if you get asked to help.

Time for Lunch and Celebration! Time to enjoy a toast and the Chapter-provided lunch to rap up Alpine Visions: Exploration and Inspiration 2022. We'll have a few AGM leftovers to giveaway including water bottles if you didn't get one and maybe a few announcements and surprises too. Hooray for us!

FROM THE CHAIR

John Gilrein, Chair

Midsummer is here and at least in South Onondaga we've had a reprieve from our July "drought" (Californians may now laugh). We've had little bits of rain followed by maybe half an inch of rain in the last week (I'm writing this on July 27). It was enough rain to keep the unwatered plants from being parched and to give the gardener a break from watering the vegetable patch. I hope you have been as lucky with the rain.

We're fortunate not to have the long-term water stress that gardeners in the dry parts of the country face. Still, it's a good time to assess how your plants are doing. If there are some that can't handle the dry weeks of summer, and you're not going to water them, you may want to replace them with plants that are less thirsty. I did lose a few plants in the rock garden this July. They were planted this spring or summer, and might not have been well suited to the hot sunny site in which they were planted (they did get watered but not every day). I'm happy to report many more plants did make it through their establishment phase. I'm hoping for some good August drenches!

Looking ahead:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming picnic and plant sale at Myer's Park in Lansing on Saturday August 20. More information is included in this issue of Green Dragon. There will be seedlings from the seed exchanges in addition to plants from our gardens.

For our Fall 2022 meetings, we're still planning to meet in person. Read your Green Dragon for details about the date and location of the meetings. You can always go to the recent edition of the Green Dragon on our website if you can't find it in your email log. It will be nice to see more of you in person!



Building the Bangsbo Crevice Garden

NOTE: for the October meeting, we've booked a speaker from Denmark, Kaj Andersen, who's on the Fall NARGS speaker tour. The only option to have this speaker at our meeting was to move the meeting to midweek, so as of now we're planning to have this meeting on Wednesday October 12. We're looking for a venue, as our old standby backup venue of Ken Post Lab (KPL) classroom may not be available. Perhaps not ideal for everyone, but I hope anyone with a conflict will be able to work out a schedule adjustment for that day. Kaj Andersen was one of the keynote speakers for the planned (and cancelled) NARGS AGM of 2020, so we'll be glad to see him. Stay tuned for final details.

John Gilrein, Chair

AGM RECAP

Deborah Banks

Photos by Deborah Banks unless otherwise stated

Some women spend weekends with their friends at a spa, go on long shopping trips together or travel to see a play in the city. Others go on fishing expeditions or long golf weekends. My favorite getaway with a friend or two is to go to a gardening conference or garden tour, or plant sale. With the NARGS 2022 AGM, we had all those experiences included in one event.

The NARGS AGM this year in Ithaca featured three days of garden tours, renowned speakers each day, a plant sale with several great vendors, and book signings. The NARGS annual awards were also presented over the course of the conference. All these events were wonderful, even though most of the specific alpine plant information discussed in the lectures was over my head. I freely admit that I am not an alpine or rock gardener. So why was I at this rock gardening conference? I could have visited Garden Conservancy open garden days on my own, watched gardening webinars on topics closer to my own interests, and purchased plants from some great nurseries on the internet or in nearby areas.

I went for the people. The conference was attended by nearly one hundred avid gardeners. The conference promotional material doesn't convey how much fun you can have spending all that time with other gardeners. I connected with gardeners I had met previously and met many new people. I checked out members of not-that-far-away NARGS chapters I might want to join. We all ate most of our meals together, rode a bus together, looked at gardens together, bought plants together, and sat together for the lectures. We shared bug spray. We cheered for the gardeners among us who won NARGS awards for their commitment and their outstanding achievements. We applauded the gardeners who attended with their adult children. We became a community.

It is a lovely experience to be able to discuss which *Rodgersia* species you are looking at with other gardeners who know what a *Rodgersia* is. To admire a large, complex and flawlessly maintained garden with people who know the immense effort that garden represents. To debate whether you need three more epimediums with someone who is holding four Weigelas. To snoop through the plants that your friends bought to see what you missed. To finally meet gardeners in person with whom you have been friends on Facebook for months or years.

The conference activities were noteworthy in their own right. The speakers were impressive. Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson from Far Reaches Farm were my favorites, for their knowledgeable and humorous lectures. I may never hike remote Asian mountain trails in search of plants I never heard of, but I enjoyed their descriptions of their experiences. They teased each other with obvious affection, shared old photos of their beaming young faces from the trip where they met, and gave us details on a few of Kelly's sketchy adventures. Another speaker was Eleftherios Dariotis from Greece who lectured with passion about the alpine flora of Greece and his new garden in Crete. We also heard from F. Robert Wesley of Ithaca about the native orchids of NY State.



*NARGS President Panayoti Kelaidis and Eleftherios Dariotis.
Photo by E. Dariotis*

The conference garden tours were also splendid. Wednesday found us divided onto different tour buses. The group on my bus first toured a small section of Upper Treman State Park. The morning shadows on the rocks and the sounds of the water added to the beauty of the gorge. We were there early enough to have it mostly to ourselves (just us fifty gardeners, that is). I vowed to return for a long weekend with my husband sometime soon to explore the trails.



Our bus also visited Marlene Kobre and Ron Denson's garden, which was filled with troughs and large rock garden beds. These were planted with small conifers and alpine specimens including many early summer bloomers. The garden was encircled by a large shrub and tree border, including dozens of Japanese maples, large conifers, colorful shrubs and perennials. There was even a dolled-up garden shed tucked into the back beyond the hosta border. This immaculate suburban garden had the feel of a much larger property.



The last stop of our bus tour was the garden of Bill Stark and Mary Stauble. Bill and Mary's garden had the feel of an archaeological excavation. They have removed several tons of soil to expose the bedrock. Paths traveled down through the layers of geological time, but everywhere we were surrounded by botanical treasures. Crevices displayed choice daphnes, small ferns and alpine plants. Larger cavities contained conifers and a few xeric perennials. The sun-baked rock simmered in the heat. Winding down past the stone ledges and

boulders felt like descending to the sea. A few quick steps and I was in the shade, watching a stream flow past primulas, ferns and ligularias. An amazing garden, and the winner of this year's Linc and Timmy Foster Millstream Award.

Thursday we visited the Cornell Botanic Gardens to enjoy their many display areas. Friday's on-your-own garden tour was also fun. Unfortunately, my friend and I did not make it to Carol Eichler's garden, due to a time constraint. We knew we would have other opportunities to do so, so that was the one we skipped. We visited two gardens that were new to us. Len and Cindy Lions' garden was notable for the spectacular ponds and the many ornaments tucked here and there amid the perennials and shrubs, even in the woods. Their woods were traversed by a long boardwalk, taking us past decorative urns, a painted gateway to nowhere, dangling metal ornaments (like earrings for the trees) and other artwork. Mary Squyres' garden of unusual shrubs and trees also contained many native plants tucked into its woodland setting. Her grand entrance was especially memorable with its half-moon gate and peaked roof.



Lastly but not least, the vendors at the plant sale did not disappoint. Karen Perkins of Garden Visions, in her last year of plant sales, was there with a large table of epimediums and a few other woodland plants. Coldwater Pond Nursery always entices me with their large selection of unusual woody ornamentals. Kingbird Farms and Cayuga Landscape of Ithaca, Esther Benedict from Indiana, and Cornell horticulture students also had wonderful plants for sale. Some of the conference speakers also had books for sale.

If you have never attended a NARGS conference, I urge you to consider it in the future. After all, next year's conference is in Nova Scotia!

Editor's Note 1: Flock Finger Lakes has posted a video of the three Syracuse-area gardens that were offered as a pre-AGM field trip. Summer Rayne takes you on a tour of the gardens of Dianne Bordoni, Michael Brennan, and Donna Kraft [here](#). Enjoy!

Editor's Note 2: We are still awaiting final AGM accounting from Cornell, which handled both registration payment and most expenses. We will be receiving a summary of income and expenses soon. We know the AGM finished in the black, but we do not know as yet by how much. Hopefully we can announce the good news on August 20th.

ACNARGS MEMBERS AND CHAPTER WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

Excerpted by permission from the NARGS Summer 2022 Rock Garden Quarterly

Each year at the NARGS annual general meeting recipients are announced for a number of national awards. This year 11 awards were given out, a number of them to ACNARGS members. We are pleased to share with you the following awardees.

The Carleton R. Worth Award given to an author of distinguished writings about rock gardening and rock garden plants



Recipient: Elizabeth Lawson, Ithaca, New York
Nominated by Mary Gilliland

Elizabeth Lawson's book *Primrose* (Reaktion Books, 2019) is one of the outstanding rock garden books of its year—of any year! It is thoroughly researched, sumptuously illustrated with over 100 splendidly reproduced illustrations: botanical paintings of individual plants, photographs, herbarium sheets, electron micrographs, handwritten letters with line drawings, portraits of primrose breeders and historians, and posters from popular culture incorporating the flower.

In addition to her highly praised book, Elizabeth offers engrossing reflections on botany, gardening, various plant species, and landscapes changing with the season. For the online audience, Elizabeth Lawson's blog at elizabethwinpennylawson.com/ is a delight. She says there: "Although 'natural history' is defined, narrowly, as the observational study of plants and animals in their natural environment, I take the broader view that all history is natural, all species worthy of attention, and a writerly approach the most valuable method of archiving ephemeral, irreplaceable, and non-repeatable details of appearance, behavior, and relationships." Her stunning prose is complemented by her stunning photographs. Lawson has been composing and posting on this site since February 2012.

Geoffrey Charlesworth Writing Prize: Kathy Purdy
Selected by Quarterly editor, Joseph Tychnievich

The Charlesworth Prize, awarded each year to the best piece of writing in *The Rock Garden Quarterly*, is given to Kathy Purdy for her article in the Fall, 2021 issue, *Colchicums 101*. The piece is clear and engagingly written, and a thorough introduction to the wide diversity and pleasure to be found in the genus *Colchicum*. Perhaps the simplest way to sum up how effective the article was is to say that I started reading it as a gardener with exactly zero colchicums in my garden and no interest in growing any, and by the time I had finished I had a long list of colchicum species and varieties added to my plant shopping wish list. This award is well deserved, and I'm thrilled that Kathy has won it!



Linc and Timmy Foster Millstream Award (1 of 3 awarded for an outstanding contribution to the North American Rock Garden Society for creating a superior garden.

Recipients: Bill Stark and Mary Stauble –
Alpine Rock Garden
Nominated by Kathy Purdy

Built near Ithaca, New York, by a pair of inspired gardeners, Bill Stark and Mary Stauble, this garden was

created by carving the earth down to bedrock and filling in with a rock garden, following the natural cut of the ravine. All the stone in the gardens was found on site except for the tufa, most of which came from Ilion, New York.

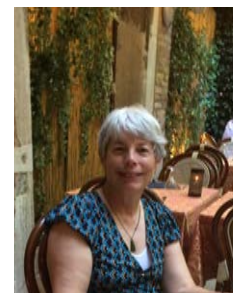
Bill has an eye for possibilities and impressive technical know-how to achieve his vision. Massive boulders were moved and placed in a way to mimic glacial formations. Pride Rock, at 39,000 pounds (17690 kg), was one of the largest rocks they've moved.

Their troughs are exceptional as well, thanks to Bill's polystyrene trough building method, which enables him to make complex multi-level containers. This technique by itself is a significant contribution to rock gardeners everywhere. Lining the ravine below is another garden full of candelabra primroses, hostas, ligularias, and other moisture-loving plants, it's a serene and restful counterpoint to the outsized scale of the rock garden. For extraordinary vision, technical wizardry, sympathetic planting, and years of exhausting, tedious, hard work resulting in unparalleled beauty, this garden is a worthy recipient of the Millstream award.

Marvin E Black Award given to a member of the Society who excels at promoting membership in NARGS; organizing study weekends, national and international meetings.

Recipient: Carol Eichler

Nominated by John Gilrein, seconded by Terry Humphries and Marlene Kobre



Carol Eichler has been an active member of the Adirondack Chapter NARGS in Ithaca, New York, for over 20 years. She has served in the most active chapter officer positions, including Chair, Treasurer, Program Chair, Newsletter Editor, and Plant Sales Coordinator. She currently is the Plant Sales Coordinator and shares the Newsletter Editor position. Carol is one of the most dynamic chapter members and continues to promote membership in both the Adirondack Chapter and NARGS itself.

Throughout Carol's time as a member of the chapter, she has exhibited leadership over and above what is required by her officer positions. She is the most active person in our chapter promoting participation in the NARGS seed exchange, and is always one of the chapter volunteers packaging seeds for the exchange, as well as writing articles for the chapter newsletter to encourage others in the pursuit of growing plants from seed. Carol has planned many trips to tour other gardens, to attend talks organized by other chapters, and organized the chapter's annual tour of multiple gardens.

For several years, she has organized workdays to maintain the Adirondack Chapter's Wurster Memorial Rock Garden in Ithaca, as well as multiday work trips to maintain the Heutte Rock Garden at White Pine Camp in Paul Smiths, New York, which is maintained solely by the Adirondack Chapter.

Carol's crowning achievement, to date, is being the driving force behind initiating, promoting, and organizing the NARGS 2020 AGM in Ithaca, New York, which was canceled due to COVID, and the revived 2022 AGM. A well-organized planner, Carol did the lion's share of the work in 2020 and 2022, dedicating countless hours to making all the details of the AGM a success.

Frank Cabot Public Garden Award given to a public garden that excels in furthering the purpose of the North American Rock Garden Society in promoting the construction and design of rock gardens; the cultivation, conservation, and knowledge of rock garden plants

Recipient: Wurster Memorial Rock Garden

Nominated by John Gilrein, seconded by Rosemarie Parker

The Wurster Garden is an alpine rock garden on the property of Cooperative Extension in the City of Ithaca, and is open to the public. The Adirondack Chapter built the garden in 2000/2001 using a Norman Singer grant from NARGS and private donations in memory of Al Wurster.



Al Wurster was an enthusiastic Ithaca gardener who was very involved in several local garden organizations, including the Adirondack Chapter. Robin Bell was largely responsible for the design.

The garden was built up from a flat lawn area and slopes down from a dry-stone wall at the highest point to a small garden pond; it is meant to be a teaching garden. Different parts of the garden represent a Czech-style crevice rock garden, a planted wall, a sand bed, an English rock garden, and a small bog area. Peak bloom is in late May. There is also a hypertufa trough added to the garden several years after it was built.

The Wurster Garden continues to be well maintained through the efforts of members of the Adirondack Chapter. Every year there are several weeding and maintenance sessions and at least one planting event. One of the most remarkable things about this garden is that many of the plants survive, though the garden rarely receives any supplemental irrigation. Survival is aided by the superb drainage, which is so important in this wet climate. The Wurster Garden continues to be an inspiring local resource for our chapter and the community. The garden was described in the Winter 2019/2020 issue of the *Rock Garden Quarterly*.

MORE AGM 2022 COMMENTS

Lee Adler

I cracked open my summer issue [of the *Rock Garden Quarterly*] and first I saw Rosemarie Parker honorably mentioned in one of the early articles, then Elizabeth Lawson whose extraordinary, gorgeous book makes primulas world-wide perk up, then Kathy Purdy's writing award for her NARGS article and then Bill and Mary's tireless effort and artistry recognized for [their garden, an] aesthetic feat and then the Wurster garden also rewarded, the Adirondack Chapter's collective contribution to our community and to people everywhere....

Wow, reward after award but then came acknowledging the incredibly sophisticated, determined, and focused leadership award to Carol E., and I thought, geez, what am I doing with all of these incredible people and accomplishments?

Truly terrific, truly inspirational, and it just is so sweet that people that have worked so hard in magnificent ways for the private and even more for the public good have been acknowledged in this way....

A Yiddish way to convey the feeling is "shep nachas" (which loosely translates to take joy or pride in the accomplishments of others). That is this moment.

MEMBERSHIP 2022

Mary Stauble

We have six new members to welcome this month: Matt Plouffe and Jess Grant are from Willsboro, NY over by Lake Champlain. Elaine Caso is from Newfield and has helped Carol out at the Wurster Garden. Paul Buck and Robert are from Groton and Carol Bradford is from Syracuse.

These new members and all of our current members will be able to buy plants at the members only plant sale this month! So, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022, please do so right away. You can do it via mail using the form at www.acnargs.org/join.pdf or you can renew at the sale. Your membership status is displayed in the newsletter announcement email. If you have any questions please contact Mary Stauble at mes2@cornell.edu.

ONLINE GARDEN VIDEOS WORTH EXPLORING

Feel you can never get too much info on gardening? Here are a few suggestions of online recordings to watch. Let us know of your favorite resources if they have not been previously mentioned in our newsletter.

Programs from the Piedmont Chapter NARGS: [Piedmont NARGS videos](#).

JC Raulston videos: [JCRalston NARGS videos](#). and [JCRaulston Youtube videos](#).

And to plug member Summer Rayne Oakes YouTube Channel: [Flock Finger Lakes Youtube channel](#).

NARGS & ACNARGS UPCOMING 2022 PROGRAMS

NOTE: As of now, we are planning in-person meetings beginning in September. We cannot meet in the usual Whetzel Room because the Plant Science Building is undergoing major renovations. We are still determining our best option for a meeting space this fall.

August 20: Members' Annual In-person Plant Sale and Celebration Picnic, Myers Park

September 24: Note this is the 4th Saturday. Michael Hough to speak on building a Native Bog Garden.

October 12: Note this is a Wednesday. Kaj Andersen, part of the NARGS traveling speaker program; 2 talks: "Bangsbo Botanical Garden, Crevice and Tufa Gardens" and "Visiting Dutch Alpine Gardens" with a short dinner break in between. Attend 1 or both talks. We are still determining meeting time and place. Stay tuned.

November 1: Deadline for seed to be received for the NARGS Seed Exchange (see NARGS.org for details)

November TBA (probably Nov. 12): We are working to book Karen Perkins, owner of Garden Visions Epimediums. She will speak and bring plants for sale, since her nursery is closing this year. More about the nursery and Karen here: epimediums.com.

December TBD: Seed packaging for the NARGS Seed Exchange

May 5-9, 2023: 4th Czech International Rock Garden Conference, Pruhonice, Czech Republic. Info <https://czrgs.cz/>. Registration is limited but seems to still be open.

June 8-11 2023: Rocks, Plants, Habitats, NARGS Annual General Meeting hosted by Nova Scotia Chapter in Truro, Nova Scotia. Info <https://nargs23.org/>. This should be an awesome meeting in an awesome location. Start planning now to attend.

CALENDAR OF SELECT GARDEN EVENTS

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. Online class information:

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

Cornell Botanic Gardens: <https://cornellbotanicgardens.org/explore/events/>

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

To have your garden event listed send all pertinent information to Carol Eichler carolithaca@gmail.com

2022 ACNARGS BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACTS

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

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Newsletter Editor: Open. We need someone to take on this responsibility!
Book Order Manager: New NARGS program. New position. Looking for a volunteer!
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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, occasional 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. 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 wealth of information including current and archived of Quarterly's, recordings of past study days and more. NARGS National also 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.

GREEN DRAGON TALES

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