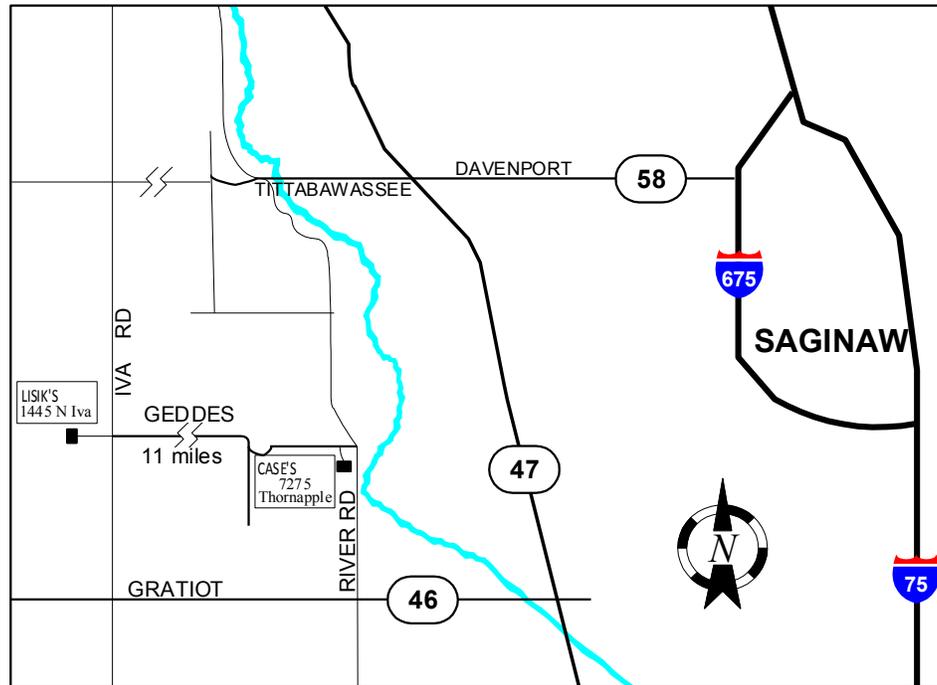


Ginger & Phil Lisik
1445 N. Iva

Fred Case
7275 Thornapple Lane



We hope the map is clear – keep in mind that it is not to scale. For most people, probably the easiest way to get to Ginger & Phil’s garden is to get off I-75 at 675, and then in Saginaw get off At Davenport (M-58). Take this all the way to where it turns north onto M-47 and at that point, turn left onto Tittabawassee. Cross the river, and turn left onto River Road. Take this south to Geddes, and turn right. Follow Geddes until it ends at Iva Road. The Lisik’s place is directly across from this “T” junction. The house is back from the road a ways, but there will be a sign. You will drive about 11 miles on Geddes. To get back to Fred’s, just retrace your route on Geddes. Fred’s driveway will be on the south side of the road (going east, on your right), and there will be a sign. If you are going “cross country,” you can come in either on M-46 from the west, or M-47 from the north, and then follow our map.

We will start the plant sale at Fred’s as close to 1:30 as possible, so please give yourself enough time to label and price your plants.

Saturday, April 5 2008 Spring Meeting: Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium 1:00 PM Come to hear about the most diverse and rich alpine flora in the world, that of western China. As well as looking at the diversity of alpines, this program will focus also on forest plants from lower elevations that are very popular, as well as try to put the plants into an ecological and climatic framework to assess growability in Michigan's climate.

Saturday, May 10 2005 Spring Meeting and Plant Sale: The meeting will be Ginger & Phil Lisik's (1445 N Iva, Hemlock, MI) and Fred Case's (7275 Thornapple Lane, Saginaw, MI) gardens. Come to the Lisik's garden first, starting at ca. 10:30, then over to Fred's about noon. Bring a bag lunch. We will have the Plant Sale at Fred's about 1:30. See the notes below for preparation for the sale of you are not familiar with our plant sales.

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for May 10th: If you are a newcomer to our group, you will be surprised at the diversity, number of rarities, and size of our two yearly plant sales. They are one of the best things about being a chapter member, and offer the opportunity to get wonderful and unusual plants at very reasonable prices. Also, the sale is very important to the chapter, as it raises the funds for our excellent speaker program. But because of the size of the sale, we do need to have people try to follow certain rules to make the sale run smoothly and quickly.

At home:

- 1). Please pot or repot plants at least ten days before the sale. Otherwise, the plants may look ragged.
- 2). Please select appropriate plants for the sale. Interesting and unusual alpines, woodland plants, and small woody plants are ideal. No large, common woody plants, annuals, common perennials, and tropicals, please.
- 3). Before you bring the plants, label each pot, with the name of the plant [scientific name, if known, and cultivar or variety, if known]. On the back of the label put your name and the year. This allows people both at the sale or later to ask you about the plant. It also helps us when setting up the sale to talk to you if, for example, you have missed putting a price on the plant.
- 4). We ask people to price their own plants. You can price your plants at home, if you like, but please use a separate price label. The price labels are pulled out of the pots by the cashier to expedite adding up the total.

At the sale:

- 1) If you have not priced your plants at home, please use the chapter price labels provided to price each pot. Prices range from \$2 to \$6.50, but mostly are within the \$2 to \$4 range. Set your plants as close together as possible on the selling tables. You should try to get your plants to the sale a half-hour or so before the sale starts to get them set up and priced, if necessary.
- 2) Ask Jacques Thompson to look at your plants. For every 10 plants you bring, you are given one Red Label. Each Red Label entitles you to one "First Pick." This means that those who did not bring plants must stand back and wait for those with Red Labels to make their First Picks. The time for First Pickers to make their choices is limited to 3-5 minutes depending upon the number of First Pick labels given out. Keep in mind that you still have to pay for the plants.
- 3) Tell Jacques if you have brought plants that you think might be of "Auction Quality." These are normally either exceptionally rare and desirable plants not available commercially, plants available only at a very high cost, or large, well-grown specimens of highly desirable plants. She will inform our almighty auctioneers who pass judgment as to which and how many plants to auction. For each of your plants chosen for auction, you will get an additional Red Label.