

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)
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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER MEETINGS **meeting details below**

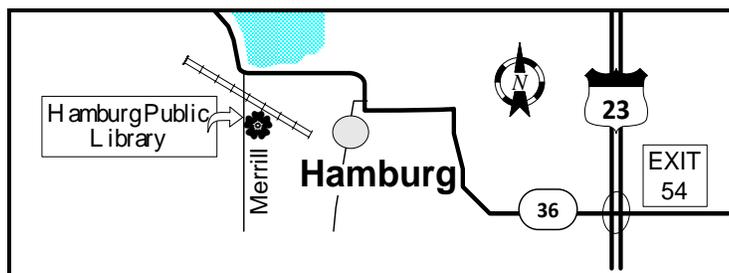
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****SATURDAY, September 22: Fall Meeting, Plant Sale, & Garden Tour**

MEETING: 11:00 AM – ca. 3:00 PM
PLACE: Eric and Julia Hofley's garden, 4010 Fairlane Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 – See Plant Sale Insert
BAG LUNCH: While touring the gardens
PLANT SALE: 1:30 PM – See the Plant Sale insert for details

****SATURDAY, November 3: Fall Meeting**

MEETING: 11:00 AM – ca. 3:00 PM
PLACE: Hamburg Senior Community Center – see the map below left
PROGRAM: Marcia Tatroe
11:00 AM – Four Seasons in a Rock Garden
CATERED LUNCH: 12:30 PM (We'll contact you as the time draws closer to get an RSVP
for this dinner)
1:30 PM – Going Beyond Alpines



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Mark Your Calendars for 2019: Details will be in the Winter and Spring newsletters

SATURDAY, January 22: Our Annual Winter Potluck
SATURDAY, April 6: Spring Meeting with Ger van den Beuken
SATURDAY, May 11: Spring Meeting, Plant Sale, & Garden Tour at
Patrick & Bonnie Ion's
SATURDAY, June 8: Spring Meeting with Marcela Ferreyra

NARGS ANNUAL MEETING: May 3–5, 2019: "Rooted in Diversity" At the Sheraton Great Valley in Frazer (suburb of Philadelphia). Hosted by Delaware Valley Chapter. Contact: Jerry Rifkin (jerryr95 AT comcast.net). See also the fall issue of the Rock Garden Quarterly.

We are looking forward to a great year of programs, this fall, winter, and spring. And fall, winter and spring will be a great relief after this erratic summer of heat for everybody, and drought for some. Read the description and see the photos for Eric and Julia Hofley's garden in the plant sale insert, and you will see that we are in for a treat. And as for the plant sale, lots of us have gaps to fill in our gardens, so let's start propagating our treasures! See you Sept. 22!

The fall program on Nov. 3 will also be a treat. It will be one of our double-header meetings, with a catered lunch, so don't miss it. Marcia Tatroe comes to us this year from the NARGS Speakers Tour. She is an excellent speaker, a superb gardener, and well known author. Marcia gardens in Colorado, and so is adept at using water wisely in the garden, and dealing with cold and heat. Sound familiar? She and husband Randy have been active in NARGS for many years, but she has broad interests in plants. She was on the board of directors for Xeriscape Colorado for 5 years, and is a successful designer whose garden has been regularly featured in the media. She is a regular contributor to Fine Gardening and Sunset magazines as well as the Denver Post. Besides many articles in magazines and newspapers, she is the author of "Cutting Edge Gardening in the Intermountain West" and a book that speaks to us all: "Perennials For Dummies." This should be a great meeting.

As this meeting comes closer, we'll be in touch with you so you can RSVP to help us plan the catered lunch.

Sept. 1 trip to Bob's Garden Fair.

This year, the chapter did something different, and Jacques Thompson organized a bus tour to Bob Garden Fair. Bob Iames invites vendors from all over the Midwest into his expansive yard to sell their plants and garden art. It's a great event and the busload of Chapter Members had a lot of fun. Bob's garden is lovely, there were a number of Nurseries selling plants, some new to us, and some familiar, like our members Andy and Carol Duvall, and Esther and Robert Bene-

dict. For lunch we went to Company 7 BBQ, nearby, and then had a garden visit afterwards. We hope to have more events like this as membership benefits.

Here are some photos by Bruce Pollard:



The group
And some pictures from Bob's garden:





There wasn't a formal business meeting but the date of the Fall Plant Sale at Julia and Eric Hofley's home in Bloomfield Hills is now set at Sat. Sept. 22, 2018.

There also may be a bus trip in the works for a trip to the famous "Bob's Garden Fair" (Dayton Ohio area) on Sat. September 1, 2018 (Labor Day Weekend)

Also good news – there are several members who are interested in the soon to be open offices of President and Treasurer.

Sat. March 31, 2018 NARGS GLC Minutes Libby Greanya

The Spring Meeting Conifer Extravaganza was a great success! Attendance was robust – 55 cone heads! Our speaker, the "Conifer King", Robert Fincham, all the way from the Pacific Northwest (where else when the subject is conifers?) gave a pre-lunch lecture on Small Conifers for Small Gardens. It is not a coincidence that that is also the name of one of his most popular books. He mesmerized us with his vast knowledge of conifers and freely handed out tidbits of interesting information not found in any text. The photos on the web of his 5.6 acre (display) garden, Coenosium Gardens, are impressive.

We then had a wonderful buffet lunch from Palm Palace with all the Mediterranean sides. Thank you to Andrea and Jacques Thompson for arranging this feast! A few plants donated by generous members were auctioned off.

After lunch, Mr. Fincham regaled us with Colorful Conifers showing a multitude of examples of blue, gold, variegated, etc. There was eager audience interaction and the speaker deftly handled a variety of questions.

What a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear this important "conifer king."

The Spring Plant Sale:

We had a great opportunity this spring to tour two wonderful gardens in Jackson, Pat Byler's and Michael & Libby Greanya's. The gardens are next door to each other – exactly the kind of neighbors we all want! Both are very diverse gardens, with lots of woodland plants and interesting trees and shrubs as well as rock gardens beautifully laid out. It was a great start to spring! The plant sale was held at Pat's Thank you Michael and Libby, Thank you Pat!

Following up – Introducing the New officers.

Everyone has already met our new officers at the spring sale – Holly Pilon, our new president, taking over from Jacques Thompson, and Bonnie Ion, our new treasurer, taking over from Susan Reznicek. Thank you Jacques and Susan. We are lucky as a group that we do have people willing to step up and help out!

Please send address changes to our New Treasurer, and please include your up-to-date email address.

Thank You.

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