

# GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS)

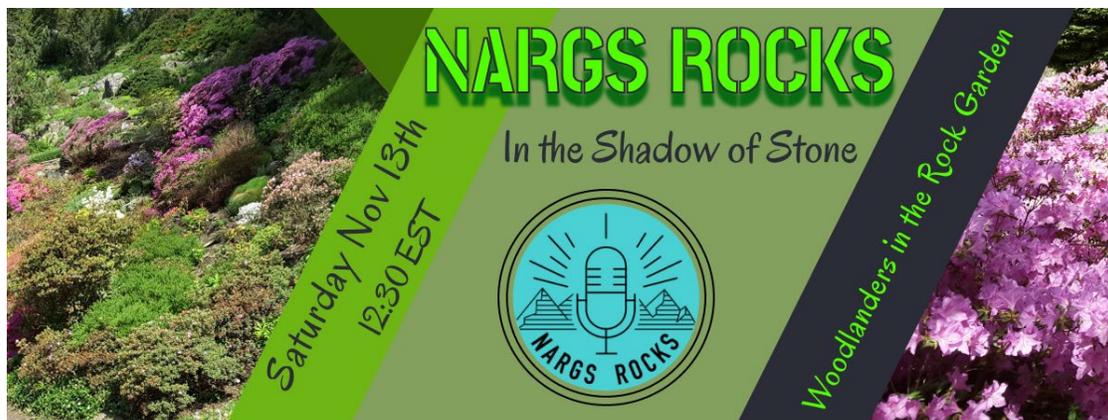
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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER MEETINGS \*\*meeting details below\*\*

You can always check our website for information: <http://glcnargs.com/>

## \*\* SATURDAY, NOV 13: NARGS NATIONAL EVENT



This is a ZOOM event – See: <https://www.nargs.org/nargs-rocks-woodlanders-buy-ticket>  
It's \$25 for NARGS members, but here is a great deal – if you join the National NARGS to watch this you can get your membership and see the program for \$50!

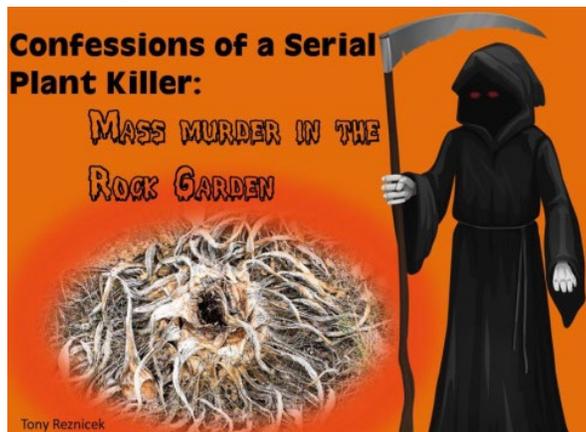
## \*\*SATURDAY, Nov. 20: Fall Meeting – *in person!*

MEETING: 2:00 PM – ca. 4:00 PM

PLACE: Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor

Program: Tony Reznicek  
Confessions of a Serial Plant Killer:  
Mass Murder in the Rock Garden

**Note:** MBG requires masks of all persons in the building.



We'll keep you posted on forthcoming Chapter meetings – planning is still difficult because of continuing uncertainty about obtaining venues.  
More details will be in our usual timely postcards or newsletters.

**NARGS ANNUAL MEETING 2022: will be held in Ithaca, New York, June 14-16, on the campus of Cornell University**

**Notes from our President  
Julie Caroff**

What a long, warm autumn we've had this year! I've still got time to plant some bulbs and enjoy some late blooms. But, fall has arrived this week, with cold rains and frost, so it's time for us to gather inside for a meeting and a talk.

On November 20, we will have our first meeting in the Matthaei Botanical Garden Auditorium since the COVID pandemic brought indoor meetings to a halt. There are some changes to our meeting routine: everyone must be masked and we will not be serving any food or drinks. Tony Reznicek will be giving a new talk on plants he has killed and what he has learned from these frustrating, and sometimes costly, losses. Yes, even Tony has killed some plants that he wanted to grow. He feels your pain. Come to hear his talk and learn what you can do to keep finicky rock garden plants alive in the clay soil and humid climate of Southeastern Michigan.

Hope to see you November 20 at 2:00 pm,

Julie

**The Azary Rock Garden rebuild  
Tony Reznicek**

Many of you helped with the Chapter's reconstruction of the Azary Rock Garden at Matthaei just before in-person work was shut down by the pandemic. But we will be starting the process again, with our first Volunteer work day beginning at 1:00 PM

Monday Nov. 8 – where we'll have help from the Matthaei crew to move things. I'll send out a notice separate from this newsletter specifically for this event.



Here is where things stand. One small change the gardens wants is to have the end of the path widened to allow wheelchairs to turn in it (basically out to the orange flags on the right). This is easy to do! The Gardens has prepared the site already by doing the excavation. And after that, it's wrap-up, though we will need more tufa and we are working on that too.

I'm still working out the final scheduling, so maybe we will have two workdays a week to maximize participation and possibly finish up yet this fall. Stay tuned for updates via email.

Though there has been frost in low lying areas and out in some out-lying areas, we've escaped in town. Pretty good for November!

Here are things still in bloom for your entertainment – taken Nov. 2, while it was sleeting! You'll notice a lot are members of the daisy family.



*Chrysanthemum* "Hillside Sheffield Pink" Another daisy!



*Kalimeris incisa* "Edo Murasaki"  
In full bloom right now!



*Nipponanthemum nipponicum* –  
Montauk daisy (Stinky leaves)



*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium* "Our Latest One" From Heronswood Nursery, long ago



The last hardy begonia flowers – doubtless will freeze tonight.

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