

SATURDAY, May 13, 2023 – GARDEN TOURS & PLANT SALE:

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See the next page (a duplicate of our Bus Notice from the Newsletter), for all the details you'll need

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for May 13: 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.

The first thing is to start now thinking about what you will propagate and get ready for the sale. Then:

At home:

- 1). Please try to 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, and 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, 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. The officers will be glad to advise on appropriate pricing.
- 2) Please tell the people running the auction how many plants you brought. For every 10 plants you bring, you earn 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) Please let us know if you think you might have brought a plant or plants that you think might be of "Auction Quality." These are normally a) exceptionally rare and desirable plants not available commercially, b) plants available only at a very high cost, or c) large, well-grown specimens of highly desirable plants. We try our best to keep the auctions highly selective, and if you have plants selected by the people running the auction to be auctioned, you will get an additional Red Label for each plant.

Any Questions – ask our officers.

Bus Trip to Benedict's Nursery: SATURDAY, May 13, 2023. Spring meeting, Plant Sale, & Garden Tour.

The Fall 2022 NARGS Quarterly had this fabulous article, [A Conversation With Esther Benedict | North American Rock Garden Society \(nargs.org\)](https://www.nargs.org/nargs-rocks-whats-new-rock-gardening-video). Esther is one popular lady and was also a featured National NARGS speaker in February 25 2023 (<https://www.nargs.org/nargs-rocks-whats-new-rock-gardening-video> -- NB, you'll need your ticket to view this).

The chapter has decided to subsidize the cost of the bus charter if at least (40) members sign up for the low, low price of \$20/member. Your check will be returned if the bus is full. Bus tip will be collected separately on the bus.

7:30 am Bus arrives at Meijer to start boarding/loading plants for the sale
8:00 am Depart Meijer Ann Arbor, 5645 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
8:30 am Depart Meijer Jackson, 3333 N. Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49202
11:00 2:00 Benedict's Nursery, Nappanee, IN; Open Garden and Nursery Visit
1:00 GLC-NARGS plant sale & Auction
2:00 Depart
4:30 pm Arrive Meijer Jackson, 3333 N. Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49202
5:00 pm Arrive Meijer Ann Arbor, 5645 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

The bus has plenty of space available to bring your spring sale donations and we will make sure to not leave any plants behind!

Lunch will be provided.

Get a friend to join the chapter so that they can come along with you on this fun trip! It would be a wonderful Mother's Day gift if you are looking for ideas!

Make your check out to GLC-NARGS, mail to Colleen Mitchell, 3995 Monks Road, Pinckney, MI 48169. In the memo spot on your check please indicate SPRING SALE BUS TRIP.



Two views of the beautiful gardens at Benedict's Nursery!