



Newsletter

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Coming Events

Don't forget to renew your membership!!!

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All Meetings are scheduled for Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Regular Mtg. at 2:00 p.m.

- March 20, 2010 Anchorage: 2:00 p.m. At the Cooperative Extension Office
Part I. Amelia Walsh will show the short program she presented at the NARGS Winter Study Weekend in 2009.
Part II. Jaime Rodriguez will present: "Hardy Low Rock Garden Plants of the Genus *Synthesis* and *Veronica*"
- April 3, 2010 "Garden Day" at the Sears Mall. A Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be available at the February and March meetings. If you have a specific time to volunteer, call Verna @ 333-8212.
- April 17, 2010 Valley: 2:00 p.m. Houston Middle School. "Spring Garden Symposium." Verna's talk will be, "Native Rock Garden Plants of Healy, Alaska" * Be sure to have your ARGs dues paid and you can come into the Symposium for this event—there will be a list of names at the door. Better yet, attend the full Symposium, starting at 9:00 a.m. Go to www.NorthRoot.net for more information.

*NOTE: This program is a predecessor of two summer field trips to the area. June 12 & 13 to see the plants in bloom and August 7 & 8 to gather seeds. Camping is available and a motel is near by. Plans for such need to be made in advance. (see page 3 or contact Verna for particulars.)

Coming Events Cont'd.

- May 15, 2010 Alaska Botanical Garden Clean-up 1:00 P.M.
Clean up of the Rock Gardens at the Botanical Garden and
planting the new Tufa Garden.
- May 22, 2010 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Plant Sale Anchorage
At Sally Karabelnikoff's home on Old Harbor Rd. Off Muldoon.
- May 29 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Plant Sale Valley
Florene and Doug Carney's Snowfire Gardens 3379 Inlet Vista Cir. Off Mi. 5.2
Fairview Loop Rd.
- June 12—13 Flower Exploring at Mt. Healy (see article on Page 3)
- Aug. 7—8 Seed Gathereing at Mt Healy

Last Newsletter Unless 2010 Dues Are Paid!

The ARGS Newsletter has been sent to everyone on the mailing list for the last few years. Many of those folks haven't paid dues for a couple of years. We know that dues are one of those things that get put aside for "later" and are then forgotten in the rush of our busy lives. With the increase of postage, it is costing approximately a dollar to get the Newsletter to you, so we have to purge the list. Thanks for paying your dues and being a part of the Alaska Rock Garden Society. You are an important part of our organization.

*The rules of garden are the rules of art; the rules of the rock garden are the more
and awful rules of Nature herself.*

- Reginald Farrer

Mt. Healy Expeditions

The Alaska Rock Garden Society will be making two trips to Mt. Healy this year. One in June to view the flowers and plants and one in August to collect seeds. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the most choice native rock garden plants in their natural habitat. Verna Pratt will lead the expedition. Don't miss this one!

This area is extremely rich in desirable plants. In addition to the many alpines you would expect to find, choice plants such as *Rhododendron laponicum*, *Eritrichiums*, *Artimesia globularia*, *Androsace chamaejasme*, and *Douglasia gormani*, have also been spotted in the area. This is a trip you will want to put on your calendar. Rock gardeners from around the world would love to have the opportunity to see these little charmers in their native habitat. If you are interested, call Verna at 333-8212 so that she knows who to expect and doesn't leave anyone behind. Verna also has information on housing opportunities in the area and ride and room share possibilities.

Saturday, June 12th intrepid rock gardeners will meet at the Antler Creek Parking Lot (Mile 245.1 Parks Hwy. left side) at 9:00 a.m. We will be joining Verna Pratt for a day of exploring and viewing flowers on Mt. Healy by way of Antler Creek.

Sunday, June 13th will find the same group hiking the Savage River Trail in Denali Park to view the flowers there.

The August 7th and 8th trip will be in the same area to collect seeds from the specimens viewed in June.

Rock Garden Tour in the Valley

Invite us to visit your garden

The ARGS Garden Tours are scheduled to be held in the Valley this year. If you have a rock garden that you would be willing to open to our group one day in July, please call Florene Carney at 376-5390. When you share your garden it brings joy to both you and the people who come to see it! Everyone has something to offer, so don't be shy.

A special THANK YOU to Mark White and Rosemary Kimball for doing a great job on the ARGS Seed Exchange.

Membership is for the calendar year

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To join the Alaska Rock Garden Society or renew membership, fill out the form below and send, along with a check payable to ARGs to: Alaska Rock Garden Society, PO Box 244136, Anchorage, AK 99524-4136

Time to Renew Your Membership!
March meeting is in Anchorage at the Cooperative Extension Office.
March 20th, 2:00 p.m.



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