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Alaska Rock Garden Society Meeting
The last of Verna Pratt's Programs: "Hardy Plants
for Alaska Rock Gardens"
and Nomination of Officers
October 20, 2018, 2:00 P.M.
Elks Lodge
17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd.

Hello, Rockgardeners!

Attached are the ARGS Seed Donation Form and the Seed Exchange Instructions. Hope you join us this year and donate a few packets of seeds. It is fun to get something new that you haven't grown before and share something special that you have as well.

What a great fall we are having!

Happy Gardening,
Florene Carney
Acting President

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SEED EXCHANGE 2018

ADVANTAGES OF DONATING

Seed donors have an advantage over those members who don't. The orders of donors are filled first when the seed orders are filled.

COLLECTING SEED

Collect seeds as they ripen, making sure to label as you collect them. Check out <https://nargs.org/seed-exchange-helpful-links> for links to help you identify what the seed should look like as well as how to clean the seed. Clean the seed by removing it from capsules, discarding all debris and chaff. If the seed is enclosed in a fleshy fruit, remove as much moist material as possible. Collect and send a reasonable amount of seed (the seed will be divided up at distribution for the number of orders requesting it.)

Do not collect seed in areas where it is forbidden, such as national parks and certain other preserves. Do not collect seed where species is endangered.

SEED PACKAGING FOR DONATION

Please use glassine, resealable clear plastic, or paper envelopes. Glassine envelopes have been ordered and should arrive by the 21st of September. Contact Florene if you would like to receive a supply. (376-5390) If using plastic bags for small seed, first enclose them in smaller packet (folded paper, waxed paper, or foil) to prevent seeds from sticking to the plastic.

BE SURE THE SEED ENVELOPES DO NOT LEAK! Many seeds are lost from packets that are not properly sealed, especially from the corners of the envelope. Folding down the flap an extra ¼ inch (6mm) to completely seal the opening and putting tape over corners is recommended to ensure the seeds cannot leak out of the envelope.

PRINT IN VERY CLEAR GOOD-SIZED LETTERS ON OUTSIDE OF EACH PACKET: the botanical name with the genus and species (not abbreviation of genus); collection site, color and height. Your name is required on every seed envelope.

If seeds are unusually moist, particularly aroids, Paeonia, Acanthus and Iris, enclose the packet separately in plastic to prevent the moisture from ruining the rest of the seeds. You may remove the "tails" of seeds such as Clematis and Pulsatilla, and the "tufts" on seeds such as those found in the Aster or Milkweed families.

Fern spores and dust-like seed should be divided into individual packets by the donor, as the seeds are so small and difficult to package. The individual packets should be small enough to fit inside glassines used for distribution, about 1 inch/2.5cm square; folded foil or waxed paper work well.

Use the SEED DONATION FORM included with these instructions, print it out, fill out the form and include it with your seed donation.

Fill out the form using the botanical names listed alphabetically. Including your email address on your donation form will help the intake Manager if she needs to contact you about your donation.

HOW TO SEND SEED

Place securely sealed seed envelopes and completed Donation Form in a padded mailing envelope or box. If using regular mailing envelope, be sure to wrap the seed packets within plenty of padding inside the mailing envelope; postal sorting machines will crush seeds that are not well protected, making them unusable.

UNACCEPTABLE SEED LIST

Plants prohibited entry into the Country or on the endangered species lists.

Noxious Weeds

Common trees and large shrubs, uncommon species are accepted.

Large Indoor or Aquatic plants.

Food plants of little ornamental value

MAIL YOUR SEEDS TO THE INTAKE MANAGER (address below and on the Donation Form) as early as possible. DO NOT SEND SEED TO ANY OTHER ADDRESS. You may send more than one shipment if you have a lot of seed or some early-ripened seed and some later ripening seed. Seeds must be received by November 15. No item can be added to the catalog after that date.

SEND SEED TO:

Debbie Hinchey,
1474 Virginia Court,
Anchorage, AK 99501-4928

THE ARGS SEED EXCHANGE LIST and online ordering information will be in the ARGS January Newsletter.

ARGS Seed Exchange Donation Form

Wild and Garden Collected Seed

This is an editable Word document - so you can fill in this form on your computer and then print and send with your seed. CLEAR printing is also acceptable.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	Phone:

IMPORTANT: Type or legibly print botanical names (ideally in alphabetical order.) Send clean, dry seed in paper, plastic, or glassine envelopes. Descriptions appreciated for all, but required for unidentified species (such as Aster Sp.) Your last name must be on all packets.

Deadline: November 15, 2018

Botanical name	Height	Color	Where collected (Garden or Wild)

Send Donations to: **ARGS SEED EXCHANGE**
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