



OCTOBER 17, 2018

# CREVICE

## **Alaska Rock Garden Society October 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.**

**(Enter through the side door on the left side of the building. Volunteers  
needed to arrive at 1:30 PM and help set up tables & chairs.)**

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## **ARGS Membership Meeting 9/15/18 MTA Building Palmer, AK**

### **Synopsis of meeting:**

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. Florene announced Carmel's resignation from the position of President, but Carmel will stay on in an Advisory position as well as our liaison to the North American Rock Garden Society.

Secretary's Report: Jamie reported on the Board Meeting held 9/9/18. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Madge reported we have \$7051.00 in the Checking Account plus \$40,936.00 in the Endowment Fund. Madge will have new Financials to report at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dorte made the motion to accept the Financial Report; Gina seconded the motion. Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **New Business:**

1. Florene announced this was the last meeting at the MTA Building. We now have a more centrally located location for Membership meetings: The Eagle River Elks Lodge located at 17111 N Eagle River Loop Road. Meetings will still be from 2:00 to 4:00pm.
2. The Committee for the Aline Strutz Award was re-instated, and Jerry McEwen is the Chairperson.
3. Florene asked if there were volunteers to help with the 2019 Valley Garden Tours. Dorte and Christine are the Valley Garden Tour Committee.
4. Jaime will have the list of Nominations at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting; Election of Officers will be at the November Membership Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

Seed Exchange Committee: Debbie will Chair the Committee assisted by Dorte. Volunteers are welcome to join them. Florene will order the envelopes for the seeds.

The Crevice: Charles will create a mini-newsletter to fill in the gap between publication of our Newsletter. The purpose of the Crevice is to catch updates, etc., on topics brought up in the larger Newsletter and provide the information to our members.

Gina suggested everyone try to write an article for use in our Newsletter to share with others. A wide variety of topics is available – anything you'd like to share with other gardeners. Send the articles/letters to Charles. He can have them on file and use them as needed or as they fit. Other Committee Chairs were announced and will appear in the News Letter.

The meeting then moved into the Androsace Plant Profile, followed by the Plant Exchange.



## Alaska Rock Garden Society 2018-19 Programs

- October 20<sup>th</sup>: Last of Verna's Programs – "Hardy Plants for Alaska Rock Gardens" Nomination of Officers; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd
- November 17<sup>th</sup>: Election of Officers - Pechakucha – four talks; each lasting less than ten minutes on different topics – fast and fun! Profile: Pulsatilla; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd  
[PechaKucha (Japanese: chit-chat) is a presentation style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each (6 minutes and 40 seconds in total). The format, which keeps presentations concise and fast-paced, powers multiple-speaker events called PechaKucha Nights.]
- December: No Meeting
- January 19<sup>th</sup>: Welcome new members! Kathy Swick, "Penstemons" - Kathy has a beautiful little rock garden right in the middle of Anchorage and is an expert plants-person. Profile: Phlox condensate – 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd.
- February 16<sup>th</sup>: Teena Garay – "Starting from Seed" - Teena went to China with the ARGS group, has a beautiful garden in Homer and is knowledgeable in all areas. Profile: Cypripedium guttatum; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: "How to Build a Rock Garden" Slide show and possible demonstration – a panel of four people will be available to answer questions and add information as the program progresses. Profile: Aster Alpinus; 2 pm, Elks Lodge in Eagle River 17111 N. Eagle River Loop Rd
- April: Sears Mall Garden Show (date depending on construction)
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Clean-up at ABG
- May 18<sup>th</sup>: Anchorage Plant Sale at ABG
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Plant Sale at Snowfire Gardens
- June: Rock Garden Tours – Valley – June 15<sup>th</sup> or 16th  
Clean-up Rock Garden at Palmer Visitor Center TBA
- July: An Evening in the Rock Garden at ABG  
Rock Garden plants for sale, demonstration on planting troughs – date TBA
- August 17<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip: A Day at Hatcher Pass

If you have an idea for a program get with any Board Member and we will work with you to do it or try to find an "expert" to present that program. We'd love to hear from you!