



NOVEMBER 14, 2018

CREVICE

Alaska Rock Garden Society November Meeting

PechaKucha (4 - 10 minute slide shows) and Election of Officers

November 17, 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.)

Greetings!

It's time to renew your Alaska Rock Garden Society membership that expires at the end of the calendar year. We have some good programs lined up for next year, and a lot of educational opportunities.

There are several ways to pay your dues. Mail a check, pay on line, or bring your dues to the November meeting.

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**Alaska Rock Garden Society Meeting
November 17, 2018
2:00 P.M.
Eagle River Elks Lodge**

AGENDA

- I. Welcome**
New or visiting members introduced
- II. Secretary's report and approval of minutes of last meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Executive Board Meeting Report**
- V. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Election of Officers**
 - B. Seed Exchange Reminder – Debbie Hinchey**
 - C. Membership Drive – Gina Docherty**
 - D. Sunshine Committee Chair needed**
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Meet our new Librarian**
- VII. Plant Profile: Pulsatilla**
- VIII. Program: PechaKucha (slides shows on rock gardens in Alaska, United States, and England.)**
- IX. FORUM – Discussion of any topic the group is interested in.**
- X. Reminder: There will be no December Meeting. See you January 19th, when Kathy Swick will be doing the program on “Penstemons.”**



October 25, 2018 Alaska Rock Garden Society – Board Meeting at Chugiak Senior Center

President:	Vacant Position	
Vice President:	Florene Carney	Present
Secretary:	Jamie Smith	Present
Treasurer:	Madge Oswald	Present
Past President:	Jaime Rodriguez	Absent
Program Chair:	Florene Carney	Present
Newsletter Editor:	Charles Utermohle	Present
Website Coordinators:	Vacant Position	
	Gina Docherty	Present
Membership Chair:	Gina Docherty	Present
Elections Committee Chair:	Jaime Rodriguez	Absent
Seed Committee Chair:	Debbie Hinchey	Present
Librarian:	Kathy Swick	Present

Unfinished Business:

New Projector – Charles:

After much online research, Charles concluded the Epson Powerlight 1781W model best meets our needs for a new projector system. Online cost is \$700.00. A short discussion among Board Members concluded Charles should include an adapter and cables in the purchase, and recommendation was made to purchase locally if at all possible. Dorte Mobley made the motion we approve up to \$750.00 to purchase the projector PLUS adapter and cables. The motion was seconded by Madge Oswald. Passed UNANIMOUSLY!

Budget Process – Florene:

Moved forward. The Budget Team consists of Madge Oswald, Charles Utermohle, and Florene Carney. The team is continuing to gather information from the various committees. Dorte Mobley recommended once budget is in place, the Treasurer's Report at the Board Meeting include the reconciliation of the monthly bank statement and receipts. Guidelines would be in accordance with rules for non-profits. Madge will correct / revise email and pay pal problems before leaving Oct 27th for her trip state-side.

Gmail – Gina: Moved forward

Secure Website – Gina:

Moved forward. Gina is finding out details regarding a secure website for only ARGS members to access and will report at the next Board Meeting.

Committees were updated as follows

- Alaska Rock Garden at ABG: Madge, Chair; Kathy Swick and Gina Docherty**
- Rock garden at Palmer Visitor's Center: Jaime, Chair; Florene Carney and Jamie Smith**
- Membership: Gina, Chair; Madge Oswald**
- Seed Exchange: Debbie, Chair**
- Field Trips – Chair?**
- Plant Sales – Chair?**
- Newsletter: Charles, Chair. Four formal Newsletters – January, April, July, October. 'The Crevice' will fill in information gaps between Newsletters.**



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(continued)**

Tours: Florene, Valley Chair; Dorte, Anchorage Chair. Madge agreed to have her garden on the Anchorage Tour in May 2019

‘Evening in the Garden’ in July at ABG: Madge and Gina will coordinate with ABG regarding date. We want our date separate from ABG’s July event.

Sunshine Committee – Chair?

Master Gardeners’ Conference – Chair? Gear toward having a table at the Conference

Library – Kathy Swick, Chair

Yearbook – Chair?

Library: Florene found a complete kit of everything needed for checking out books. We would carry only 10 books at a time in our Mobile Library. Kathy Swick volunteered to be our Librarian. Discussion: Debbie brought up the reality of possibly losing books. That would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. On the plus side, Madge agreed it’s a good way to get more information to the members. Charles recommended we ask for donations of books from current members.

Yearbook: Moved forward. Gina will check with Janice Berry about chairing this committee. Janice has worked on other yearbooks and is experienced with putting them together.

Record Rock Garden Programs on YouTube: It was suggested at the Membership meeting we look into the possibility of establishing a YouTube site for only ARGS members, recording the Rock Garden Programs to put on YouTube, then linking the YouTube site to our webpage. It would be accessible for ARGS members. Moved forward.

Expeditions: Another suggestion from the Membership meeting was that we look into having expeditions, possibly teaming up with NARGS for their trips. Moved forward.

Non-Profits: Florene will review requirements / guidelines for what is required for reports to the membership. Florene will also decide WHAT MUST be on the Agenda for the Membership Meeting.

Workdays: After some discussion, Dorte requested information regarding workdays at the ABG Rock Garden and the PVC Rock Garden be announced to all membership, not just a few.

Meeting Notes: Both Board Meeting and Membership Meeting notes will be emailed to Charles. He will ‘plug them in’ where they fit into either the Newsletter or the Crevice– in a timely manner.

New e-address for ARGS: Florene and Dorte will check into establishing an email address for ARGS rather than use one of our personal email addresses.

Motto for the Year: ‘We Build Gardens with Altitude’

New Business:

Remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing ARGS Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

Membership Meeting on Nov 17th

Exec Board Meeting on Nov 29th

‘We Build Gardens with Altitude’



Alaska Rock Garden Society 2018-19 Programs

- November 17th: 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 19th: 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 16th: 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 16th: ”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 20th: Midtown (formerly Sears) Mall Garden Show
- May 11th: Clean-up at ABG
- May 18th: Anchorage Plant Sale at ABG
- May 25th: Plant Sale at Snowfire Gardens
- June: Rock Garden Tours – Valley – June 15th 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 17th: 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!