



MARCH 14, 2019

# CREVICE

## **Alaska Rock Garden Society March Meeting**

### **“How to Build a Rock Garden”**

**by Jaime Rodriguez**

**Profile: A Little Latin for Gardeners**

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**March 16, 2019, 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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ALASKA ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2019  
ELKS LODGE, EAGLE RIVER  
2:00 P.M.

AGENDA

WELCOME

- I. Call to Order
- II. Secretaries Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. New Business
  - A. Committee Reports and reminders
    - 1. Mid-town Mall Garden Show 4/20 (Gina & Charles)
    - 2. Clean-up for Rock Gardens – TBA – weather permitting. (Madge & Kathy)
    - 3. Field Trips – TBA – Possibly combine with Alaska Native Plant Society
    - 4. Master Gardener Conference Table 4/6 (Jaime)
    - 5. ABG Plant Sale 5/18
    - 6. Snowfire Plant Sale 5/25 (Florene)
    - 7. Valley Garden Tours – 6/12 (tentative) – Florene, Dorta
    - 8. An Evening in the Garden – ABG Rock Garden TBA (Madge & Gina)
    - 9. Seed Exchange – (Debbie)
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules update ready (approved copies attached)
- IV. Profile: A Little Latin for Gardeners
- V. Program – Jaime Rodriguez, “How to Build a Rock Garden”
- VIII. Door Prizes
- IX. Forum
- X. Closing remarks – Adjourn

We build gardens with altitude!



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|                              |                   |         |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| President:                   | Florene Carney    | Present |
| Vice President:              | Dorte Mobley      | Present |
| Secretary:                   | Jamie Smith       | Present |
| Treasurer:                   | Madge Oswald      | Present |
| Past President:              | Carmel Tysver     | Absent  |
| Program Chair:               | Florene Carney    | Present |
| Newsletter Editor:           | Charles Utermohle | Present |
| Website Coordinators:        | Gina Docherty     | Present |
| Membership Chair:            | Gina Docherty     | Present |
| Elections Committee Chair:   | Jaime Rodriguez   | Present |
| Palmer Visitor Ctr Gdn Chair | Jaime Rodriguez   | Present |
| ABG Garden Co-Chairs         | Madge Oswald      | Present |
|                              | Gina Docherty     | Present |
| Seed Committee Chair:        | Debbie Hinchey    | Absent  |
| Librarian:                   | Kathy Swick       | Absent  |
| Ailene Strutz Award Chair    | Jerry McEwen      | Absent  |
| Sunshine Committee Chair     | Dorte Mobley      | Present |

*Motto for the Year: 'We Build Gardens with Altitude'*

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Florene Carney. Florene immediately added two items to the Agenda under New Business: D. the Plaque for Alaska Botanical Garden (Madge Oswald) and E. Art in the Garden (Madge Oswald).

Secretary's Report: Everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting. Jaime Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes; Charles Utermohle seconded. UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Treasurer's Report: Madge Oswald reported we have a balance of \$5,243.00 in the account. UNANIMOUSLY accepted as read.

Unfinished Business:

Website: Gina Docherty reported she is still dealing with Dawn regarding costs. She will get specifics from Dawn, then check a few other possibilities, and report back to the Board. It was recommended we approve up to \$250.00 including the \$80.00 already mentioned by Dawn. By doing so, Gina could make the final decision as which person to have do our



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website and have funds available to give the go ahead and get improvements started right away. Charles Utermohle moved to approve up to \$250.00 including the \$80.00; Dorte Mobley seconded. UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Directory & Yearbook: Gina Docherty has contacted Janice Berry regarding setting up ARGS Directory and Yearbook. Jaime Rodriguez recommended using Microsoft Publisher or other Microsoft program. Dorte Mobley has access to the format used by another garden club for their yearbook and can download the information to a thumb drive. Jaime Rodriguez will then download the format to his computer and begin task of editing to fit our needs. We will gather information this year, working toward finalizing meeting schedule, programs, etc this Fall. Our goal is to have the Yearbook completed for distribution for 2020. Estimated cost per book is \$5.00 for budget purposes. The Board UNANIMOUSLY agreed to table the Yearbook at this time.

Rock Garden at ABG: Madge Oswald reported she is trying to reach a balance with Kathy Swick, Co-Chair, regarding what should be done, what plants to include, what supplies may be needed. Once decisions are made, Madge will submit a budget for the project.

Rock Garden at PVC: Jaime Rodriguez is coordinating with Florene. He has tried to reach Alisha at the visitor center to have a conversation with her about the gardens, but has been unable to reach her - she may be out of town. Since both gardens at PVC are overgrown due to plants reseeding themselves, Jaime suggests we remove excess plants, re-pot, tag, etc., and offer for sale at events during the summer. Jaime also suggested we do one-third (1/3) of the garden at a time in the large garden. Will be much easier than trying to tackle the entire large garden. The fountain (round) garden is smaller and should be easier to complete. Since it doesn't get regular watering, it might be a good place for drought-tolerant plants. Another point: Since there's usually a late thaw at PVC, it's usually not possible to work in the garden until mid-May. Therefore, we won't have plants available to sell until the Art & Garden Faire and ABG Evening in the Garden. Jaime submitted a budget of \$591.60, with the recommendation of using bagged soil rather than loose for storage and re-locating conveniences.

Membership: Gina Docherty is coordinating with Madge Oswald to create an updated list of members.

Seed Exchange: Debbie Hinchey was absent, but Florene reported Debbie's working on having the seeds cleaned and packets ready. Anyone still wanting to donate needs to contact Debbie right away!



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Field Trips: Jaime announced June 13<sup>th</sup> Amelia Walsh and the Wildflower Club are hiking Turnagain Trail, and we should see if we can tag along with them. He'll check with Amelia and report back. This was TABLED for future consideration.

Plant Sales:

Master Gardeners Conference - Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at UAA. Sale will occur only if table is manned. (See item 15 below)

Mid-Town Mall (formerly Sears Mall) - Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> (Charles & Gina)

Alaska Botanical Garden - Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Snowfire Gardens - Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> (Florene PLUS)

Palmer Museum Garden & Art Faire - Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Newsletter & Crevice: Charles Utermohle will contact Debbie to get Seed Exchange information for The Crevice. He also requested we approve his budget of \$50.00 for stamps to mail out the Newsletter and Crevice to members with no internet access. UNANIMOUSLY approved.

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Library: Kathy Swick was absent but we discussed putting the list of available books into the Crevice as well as having the list at meetings and on our website. If members wanted to read a particular book, they could contact Kathy and ask her to bring it to the next meeting.

Ailene Strutz Award: Jerry McEwen was absent, but Florene reported he is working hard on finding a suitable award and accompanying certificate.

Evening in the Garden: Madge Oswald and Gina Docherty are Co-Chairs for the event.

Florene suggested a \$150.00 budget for food and supplies. UNANIMOUSLY approved.

Florene will go thru her wedding supplies to see what she has available, then will provide information to Madge and Gina.

Sunshine Committee: Dorte Mobley said there was nothing new to report. We discussed WHEN to send a card, and decided serious illnesses or surgery would be the time to send a card. If other situations arise, we can discuss them at that time.

Garden Tours:

Valley Garden Tour: Florene Carney reported there are six (6) gardens so far she's trying to nail down a date for the tour. It was suggested we do the tour in a 'Progressive' format so each gardener would see all the gardens on the tour. Estimate Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> for the tour - depending on gardeners and Mother Nature.



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Anchorage Garden Tour: Dorte Mobley reported nothing was decided yet. Discussion about whether we should have an Anchorage tour this year followed. Decision was made to try as we had a couple gardeners offer their gardens: Madge Oswald and Kathy Swick, plus Gina Docherty offered her garden. One or two others were mentioned as possibilities. No date was set, but there was discussion/suggestion to carpool due to limited parking at a couple of the gardens. Once again, it was suggested we do the tour in a 'Progressive' format so each gardener would see all the gardens on the tour.

Master Gardeners Conference Table: Event date is April 6<sup>th</sup>. Originally decided to set up as 'Information only' table. Florene Carney will do some checking, and then we will make final decision at the March Executive Board Meeting. TABLED until then.

Alaska Rock Garden Plants - Survivability & Use: Jaime and Florene will gather information together for Pat Holloway (in Fairbanks) after Jaime returns from Oregon on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business:

NARGS / Frank Cabot Public Garden Award: Florene Carney presented handout with information regarding this award and recommended we submit Alaska Rock Garden at ABG for the award. Jaime Rodriguez and Florene Carney will work on this

#### Agenda for February Regular Membership Meeting

North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) Speaker from Greece: Lefteri Dariotis (aka Liberto Dario) will be in Alaska from July 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> until July 11<sup>th</sup>. NARGS will pay his 3 air fare, including his trip to Homer. It was estimated ARGS cost may be \$400.00.

Dorte

Mobley moved we pay up to \$400.00; Charles Utermohle seconded. UNANIMOUSLY approved.

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Plaque for ABG: Madge Oswald reported she is coordinated with Robin Dublin, Executive Director at ABG, and with John Oswald regarding the plaque. TABLED until future meeting.

Art in the Garden: Again, TABLED until future meeting. Still trying to coordinate with Robin Dublin, Executive Director at ABG.

Volunteer: Charles Utermohle volunteered to help with weeding, etc., at ARGS garden at Alaska Botanical Garden this summer when he's in town. He does have a couple out of



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state trips planned, so he will coordinate with Madge Oswald and/or Gina Docherty as to when he'll be back in Anchorage. Thank you, Charles!!!

Jaime Rodriguez made the motion to adjourn at 1:00. UNANIMOUSLY accepted!

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## **ARGS Constitution**

(A Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society)

### Article I: Name

The Name of this organization shall be the Alaska Rock Garden Society (ARGS) a chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society.

### Article II: Purpose

The Purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and promote:  
Interest in design and construction of rock gardens  
Cultivation of rock garden plants  
Plant exploration, conservation and study of habitats, growth forms,  
And geographic distribution

### Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to any person interested in rock gardening and pays annual dues. Each member is eligible to vote and hold office.

There shall be four classes of membership - Individual, Family, Life, and Honorary.

Family Membership shall mean two or more persons at the same address (two votes)

Life Membership is an individual who pays Life Membership dues.

Honorary Membership shall be reserved for a person who has performed special services for the Chapter. Such membership shall be proposed by the Executive Board and voted on at a regular meeting.

Membership shall be on an annual calendar year basis.

### Article IV: Dues

New member dues paid after September 1<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year shall apply to the remainder of that year and the entire following year.

There shall be one (1) month grace period, ending January 31, after which membership and privileges cease.

Dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be stated in the Standing Rules.



#### Article V: Officers

Elected officers shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer

The terms of office shall be two (2) years

The Chairperson may serve only two (2) consecutive terms

Election of officers shall take place in November of the even-numbered years; and the new officers shall assume their duties the following January

Chairperson must be a member of NARGS, and it is preferred that all officers be members of NARGS

#### Article VI: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the Elected Officers, Immediate Past Chairperson, Newsletter, Website, Program, and any Special Committee Chairpersons appointed by the Executive Board of which five (5) persons shall constitute a quorum

The Executive Board shall conduct most of the business of the organization. Members who desire to present a topic which may require considerable discussion at a General Membership meeting, should present such topic to the Executive Board at least two (2) weeks prior to a General Membership meeting.

There shall be at least three (3) Executive Board meetings each year.

The Executive Board may:

Approve the payment of all normal operational expenses.

Approve payment up to \$1000.00 for special workshops or projects without the approval of the General Membership.

Executive Board meetings are open to all paid-up members of the Chapter; only Executive Board members are entitled to vote.

Fill any mid-term vacancies.

#### Article VII: Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any general meeting by a 2/3's Affirmative vote of the members present, provided that the Proposed amendment has been submitted in writing, read at a Previous meeting, and distributed to all paid members.



#### Article VII: Dissolution

The Chapter may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by

not less than 2/3's of the voting members.

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, any assets of the Chapter shall be transferred to a non-profit corporation, association, trust, or other organizations recognized as a tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code, such as the Alaska Botanical Garden and/or the George Georgeson Botanical Garden, along with the proceeds from the sale of any and all assets owned by the Chapter.

The Executive Board shall make the decision regarding disbursement of assets.

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## ARGS By-Laws

### Meetings:

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Meeting may include field trips, special speaker arrangements, discussions, workshops, or plant sales.

Meetings shall be open to the general public.

### Officer Duties:

The Chairperson shall:

Preside at Executive Board Meeting and General Meeting.

Appoint Standing Committees, and Chairpersons of Special Committees.

Appoint a Nominating Committee in May that consists of two (2) persons plus the Past President.

Serve on the Nominating Committee after completion of term in office.

Assist in the audit of the Treasurer's books or appoint an alternate to fulfill that function.

Send NARGS Executive Secretary the name of the officers of the Chapter upon their election.

Reply to correspondence directed to Chapter

### Vice Chairperson:

Shall conduct the business of the Chapter in the absence of the Chairperson

Shall fill the position of the Program Committee Chair

### Secretary:

Record the minutes of the Executive Board and General Meetings.

Read the minutes of the most recent Executive Board meeting and General Membership meetings upon request.

Send NARGS Executive Secretary in April an account of its

ARGS activities during the past year for the purposes of a report to NARGS Annual Meeting

### Treasurer:

Collect and deposit all monies due the Chapter

Pay all bills incurred by the Chapter



Keep a ledger with proper breakdown of receipts and disbursements.  
 Read Treasurer's Report at Executive Board and General Membership meeting upon request.  
 Obtain a signature card from the Bank before new officers assume their duties  
 Audit the ledger with an appointed member of the Executive Board and submit a financial report to the Executive Board as requested.  
 File appropriate Income Tax forms annually as required by IRS and/or State regulations.

#### Duties of Appointed Committees:

##### Vice Chairperson:

Make arrangements for programs and field trips and keep the Chairperson and Newsletter Editor informed of details of such events  
 Acknowledge presentations of guest speakers with a card or gift as determined by the Executive Board.

##### Newsletter and The Crevice Editor and Website Coordinator:

Produce and distribute timely Newsletters to inform all members of upcoming activities.  
 Maintain and keep the Website updated with information provided by the Executive Board and Committee Chairpersons.  
 Include the ARGS Newsletter and The Crevice in the 'PUBLIC' section of ARGS website

##### Membership Committee:

Provide Newsletter Editor with current list of members to include mailing and email addresses.

Shall send current newsletters and pertinent info to new members.

#### Committees:

Program - Active  
 Newsletter / The Crevice Editor- Active  
 Website Coordinator - Active  
 Membership - Active  
 Elections - Active  
 Seed Exchange - Active  
 Library - Active  
 Sunshine - Active  
 Awards - Active

#### Amendments:

These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> affirmative vote of all members present at a General Membership meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented in writing and read at a previous General Membership meeting.



### ARGS Standing Rules

#### Dues:

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Individual Membership ..... | \$15.00 US  |
| Family Membership .....     | \$20.00 US  |
| Life Membership .....       | \$200.00 US |
| Honorary Membership .....   | None        |

#### Plant Sales:

Anchorage  
Valley

#### Speaker Fees:

Speakers will be paid according to the distance traveled.  
Speakers traveling over 50 miles and under 100 miles will be paid \$20.00.  
Speakers traveling over 100 miles will be paid \$50.00.  
Longer distances will be paid for their air fare.

#### ARGS Chapter Awards:

**Aline Strutz Award:** Given in memory of Aline Strutz, who put Alaska on the world map for Alaska's plants. Her love of the plants and willingness to share is still evident through the people she mentioned and befriended all over the world

**Guide Lines:** This award is to be presented to a person who has contributed to the advancement of Rock Gardening in Alaska. Considerations will included contributions to the promotion of rock gardening in Alaska, leadership, projects, written articles, knowledge of and enthusiasm for the art of rock gardening and alpine plants and sharing willingly of that knowledge. Award will be granted when a person has been nominated then approved by the Award Committee. Commemoration will include a plaque titled "Aline Strutz Award" with recipient's name, the year, and a statement of the reason for the award.

#### Winners:

2005 Verna Pratt

#### President Stipend:

A stipend of \$300 will be paid to the President annually to attend one NARGS meeting, either Western Winter Study Weekend (WWSW) or an Annual Meeting.

#### Door Prize:

ARGS will provide a book or suitable item to be used as door prize at monthly meetings.