



SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

CREVICE

Alaska Rock Garden Society

September Meeting Agenda:

Accomplishments this year and opportunities for member engagement—Florene Carney

Botanical Latin with Dorte Mobley

How to Put Your Rock Garden to Bed—Florene Carney

Plant Exchange—Please bring up to 3 alpine or rock garden plants with the name clearly marked.

September 21, 2019, 2:00 P.M.

Eagle River Community Covenant Church

16123 Artillery Rd, Eagle River, AK 99577

(NOTE: This is a different location for this meeting only. Artillery Road is located to the west off of the South Exit to Eagle River)

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Alaska Rock Garden Society
Board Meeting, September 5 2019
Chugiak Senior Center, 2:00 P.M.

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| President: | Florene Carney | Present |
| Vice President: | Dorte Mobley | Present |
| Secretary: | Jamie Smith | Present |
| Treasurer: | Madge Oswald | Absent |
| Past President: | Carmel Tysver | Present |
| Program Chair: | Dorte Mobley | Present |
| Newsletter & Crevice Editor: | Charles Utermohle | Present |
| Website Coordinators: | Carmel Tysver | Present |
| | Florene Carney | Present |
| | Gina Docherty | Present |
| Membership Chair: | Gina Docherty | Present |
| Palmer Visitor Ctr Chair: | Jaime Rodriguez | Present |
| Library Chair: | Kathy Swick | Absent |
| Aline Strutz Award Chair | Jerry McEwen | Absent |
| Sunshine Committee Chair | Dorte Mobley | Present |
| Seed Exchange Chair: | Debbie Hinchey | Absent |

Florene Carney called the meeting to order at 10:10

President's Report: Florene distributed packets for today's meeting and asked that we pay particular attention to the 'Braving Inventory' page.

Treasurer's Report: In Madge's absence, Florene announced there has been no change in the Treasurer's Report. Madge will have full Treasurer's Report at our October E Board Meeting.

New Business

Secretary's Report: Jamie Smith distributed Minutes of March 16, 2019 Membership Meeting. The subject of Secretary's Reports for Membership Meetings was discussed. Members have commented previous Secretary Reports have been longer than necessary, are they really necessary, and should we continue to have them? It was decided to include them in the Crevice for now.

From here we moved ...

Review of Past Year Goals – How did we measure up?

After reviewing each item, we decided most had been accomplished in full. We still have to work on those indicated 1/2 or 3/4 accomplished during the 2019-2020 season. Specifics may be found on separate sheet included in this report.

Goals to carry forward to 2019-2020 goals (See attached separate sheet); new goals added.

Hand out revised Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. E Board members not present for this E Board Meeting may pick up their copies at the Membership Meeting 9/21/20.

Add these documents to the Website for General Membership to read and/or print for themselves.

Review suggestions by Membership from winter meeting (handout)

YouTube video 'How to create a Rock Garden' and 'How to Maintain a Rock Garden'. Jaime Rodriguez will tackle this one, as he already has a planned sketched out for how he can do a short video. He'll work toward finishing the outline, making sure it includes all the steps



someone new to rock gardening would need. Florene also suggested we contact local high schools or even college students to see if they'd be interested in filming the video for one of their projects. Jaime and Florene will check into that possibility once Jaime has the outline completed.

Upkeep of Campbell Creek Science Center garden was suggested by one of the members at the earlier meeting. ARGS wasn't involved in that garden. The Native Plant Society has that as their 'project garden'.

Garden Tours – a couple members suggested these tours include informal education of the plants being viewed, not just 'looking at' the plants but actually 'learning' about the plants on the tours.

Field Trips – a few members suggested taking field trips. The E Board discussed past trips, how long it had been since each area was visited, and decided we could try to do another one or two trips. General consensus was to try a short one day trip, then possibly a two or three day trip depending on interest.

Outside Speakers – Jaime Rodriguez will check with Mark McDonough to see when he might be available. Dorte Mobley will look into availability of other local Alpine gardeners to do presentations for us, and Florene will contact NARGS regarding the availability of their speakers for this year.

Email address - Jaime and Gina will coordinate on this project. Jaime will check our web hosting/web master to see if we have an option to have emails. Gina is the liaison with our webhost and will check with her. Perhaps we could have 'info@alaskarockgardensociety.org (or .com?) generic e-address. It was suggested we make it "password only" access and person accessing would forward the question to the best person with the correct answer – if unable to respond themselves.

Yearbook – Go forward with creating a Planning Committee.

Maintenance at both Rock Gardens – Continuing weekly as weather allows. Palmer Visitor Center (PVC) is Thursdays 9:00 – 12:00, or as individual schedule allows. Primarily concentrate on weeding and removing blown in leaves, twigs, etc. Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG) rock garden will be on Tuesdays. Check with Madge or Gina for times, or as individual schedule allows.

Newsletter and Crevice – Charles normally put outs The Crevice a week before the Membership Meeting as a way to remind members of the meeting's time and place as well as provide information regarding topics, speakers, etc for specific meeting. He puts the Newsletter out generally once a month.

Expeditions – We discussed sending 2 or 3 members on seed collecting trips – possibly with Dan Hinckley. We could possibly do a scholarship for one of our members to go – to tag along on one of the tours. We will re-visit the possibility once we see who's guiding which tour in 2019-2020, then Charles suggested we add funds to our budget as an Item.

2020 Meeting Ideas and Suggested Speakers – Dorte Mobley worked up a possible list of ideas and speakers for 2019-2020. We reviewed the list and made the following suggestions (in red):

Sept 21, 2019 Plant Exchange and Root Cuttings It would be nice to know various systems before we start digging up plants! Dorte will contact Doug Tryck about giving this presentation. Botanical Latin (?) – Dorte; How to put your Rock Garden to bed (?) – Florene.

Oct 19, 2019 Propagation of Alpines and root cuttings, air layering, grafting, etc.
Speaker? Charles may do a presentation of Alpine plants from his 2019 trip to the Alps plus a plant profile.

Nov 16, 2019 Primulas (Mary Jo Burns?). Dorte will contact Mary Jo. Botanical Latin (?) – Dorte;



Possible presentation by Dennis Ronsse (Gina will contact Dennis).

Dec 21, 2019 No meeting

Jan 18, 2020 4 Seasons Forum of Interest in the Rock Garden. Members will be invited to put together a short presentation on the topic. Each presentation will be in Peche Kucha style forum. 'What is a Peche Kucha?' you may ask. Pecha Kucha is a presentation form of 20 images for 20 seconds. The slides change automatically and the speaker must synchronize their speech with the images. ... So the entire presentation always lasts for exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds.

Feb 15, 2020 Alpine plants from South Central Alaska. Dorte Mobley will contact Marilyn Barker and/or Pat Holloway about giving this presentation.

March 21, 2020 Building and planting a trough. (Jaime?). Jaime indicated he has an outline of the 'how-tos' he used elsewhere. He'll try to get it together with photos or video to do this presentation.

April ??, 2020 **TBA** Mid-Town Mall Garden Day. Dorte will check on the date

May ??, 2020 **TBA** Meet at botanical Garden & Plant Sale. Spring Clean-Up at the gardens. Palmer Visitor Center on Thursdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for first few weeks then change to 9:00am to 12 noon. Alaska. Rock Garden at Alaska Botanical Garden on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 12 noon or 10:00am to 1:00pm. This weekly schedule will continue thru the Spring/Summer/Fall until snow flies. Volunteers help during whatever time fits their schedule for the day. Initial Clean-Up and weekly Clean-Up will be weather permitting, of course.

June ??, 2020 **TBA** Tour of Anchorage rock gardens. Chair – possibly Madge Oswald. Carmel Tysver's garden will be on the Tour. Date will be determined by gardeners/garden availability. ALSO ... possible hike of Blueberry Hill near Flat Top in Anchorage.

July 18, 2020 Hike at Hatcher's Pass. More info on this later as we move into Summer. Weather may be a factor.

Aug 15, 2020 Alaska State Fair. Unsure if we will have a meeting/presentation as this is the time gardeners are making last minute decisions of entries for the State Fair.

Other ideas for speakers:

Charles Utermohle may do a slide presentation and talk on his trip in Europe during the Summer of 2019.

Jaime Rodriguez may do a slide presentation of his Sept 2019 trip to Minneapolis.

Invite other members who may have made trips to gardens in various parts of the country/world to put together a presentation for us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

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