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CREVICE

Alaska Rock Garden Society February Meeting

***“Thinking Outside the Box—
Expand your Definition of Troughs”***
by Kathy Swick

Love alpiners? Adore troughs? See the work of innovative gardeners and expand your definition of troughs. View some of the mountain features that have inspired crevice and rock design from Canada to Czechoslovakia.

February 22, 2020, 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
Executive Board Meeting
NOTES

January 18, 2020 Alaska Rock Garden Society - Board Meeting at Jitters Coffee Shop

President:	Florene Carney	Present
Vice President:	Dorte Mobley	Present
Secretary:	Jamie Smith	Present
Treasurer:	Madge Oswald	Present
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	Absent
Library Chair:	Kathy Swick	Present
Aline Strutz Award Chair:	Jerry McEwen	Absent
Sunshine Committee Chair:	Dorte Mobley	Present
Seed Exchange Co-Chairs:	Debbie Hinchey	Present
	Carmel Tysver	Present

Florene Carney called the meeting to order at 12:00

Reviewed surveys - not a lot of new suggestions - Meeting location was pretty close as to where to hold meetings. Board agreed to have meetings in Anchorage one month and Valley next. Next meeting will be in Anchorage. Debbie Hinchey will review locations and let us know. There was some discussion on time and day of week for meetings. Jamie pointed out we need to keep the same day and time to maintain continuity, as members already know we meet the third Saturday of the month. Decision was to keep it on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Website needs to be updated: from paper surveys members submitted and phone calls Gina and Kathy made, they feel our website is one of best ways to provide what the younger group is looking for. Gina pointed out we have several photos of plants on our website, but no information about the plant in the photo. This area needs work. Gina suggested several of us take a few of the plants and write up the specifics of the plant. She suggested we use the format found in Wrightman's Catalog. Gina and Kathy will co-chair/monitor the Website update.

Tri-fold brochure was discussed. Can we edit/update the one we already have since it contains most of the information? No one volunteered to do it.

Kathy seems to be working on Outreach ideas targeting younger people.

Newsletter is important - Charles will stay through December of this year. Florene asked that the group not be critical of Newsletters - no one else is stepping up for the job. Recommendations are that we set a deadline for articles to be submitted. In the past we agreed to have Newsletters only four times a year and the Crevice to fill in. Gina feels that not enough people



are writing articles and should be called to write and submit on time. President and Editor disagreed. They cannot be calling people to get their stuff in on time and selecting articles.

Meeting locations were discussed. MTA no longer provides meeting rooms in the Valley; suggestion was to try Cooperative Extension. Florene will do that. February Membership meeting will tentatively be in Anchorage - if we can find a location right away. The March Membership meeting will be in Palmer, at a location to be announced in February.

One of the survey responses suggested we have our meetings in 'good weather' months, not in winter due to bad road conditions/weather. Problem: The good weather months are when we have our plant sales, work on projects/rock gardens at ABG and PVC, etc. (for example, Kathy suggested the troughs at ABG need to be refreshed/re-planted.) Plus our members are busy during the Spring/Summer with their own gardens, friends and/or relatives visiting, fishing trips, etc. The possibility of returning to alternating meeting places in Anchorage and the Valley was suggested. Florene will check for a place in the Valley, and Gina and Kathy will check Anchorage for possible locations.

Discussion of the Wrightman's order. Debbie and Carmel will co-chair. Madge reminded the group that at a previous meeting we agreed that we wouldn't do an order to Wrightman's due to problems with the last couple orders, but look at a different supplier. We discussed members propagating their plants might be willing to provide plants for the garden at ABG and the PVC.

Madge: If we can't get ARGS functioning better as it's currently structured, we'll have to consider re-structuring. If that doesn't work ... we may need to dissolve. The same few people can't be doing all the work required of the organization.

Discussion of programs to bring in new and younger members. Florene suggested a retreat Florene suggested she could host a 'Porch Swing Retreat' during the summer. Format would be an all day event with various topics, activities including a tour of Snowfire Gardens, workshops, refreshments. Goal: Attract new members in a casual yet informative setting. Discussion, but no decision.

The February program was scheduled to be a speaker who could only come a week earlier than our regular meeting date. Gina and Kathy felt it is important to keep our dates consistent so look for another speaker or program.

PLANT SALES:

May 16, 2020 - Saturday Alaska Botanical Garden / Alaska Rock Garden Society Plant Sale 9:00 - 3:00. Madge will Chair

May 30, 2020 - Saturday Snowfire Gardens Plant Sale 9:00 - 4:00 Florene will Chair/Host

June 6, 2020 - Saturday Midtown Mall Plant Sale 9:00 - 5:00 Gina will Chair

GARDEN TOURS:

June 20, 2020 - Anchorage Rock Garden Tour. Members only. Details TBA

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Alaska Rock Garden Society Publications Archive

Current issues of the ARGS newsletter and *Crevice* publications are now available on the ARGS website at <https://www.akrockgardensociety.org/newsletter.html>. In the coming days, the list will be expanded to include all of the immediately available electronic versions of past publications identified below. Your assistance is needed in helping complete the archive by loaning past issues of the ARGS newsletters that do not appear in the listing. We are especially interested in newsletters before 1999 and for the period of 2004 through 2017. Your printed copies will be scanned and returned to you while the resulting PDFs will be added to the archive for posterity.

If you have printed versions of past ARGS newsletters, you can bring them to this Saturday's meeting in Eagle River or contact the ARGS Editor, Charles Utermohle, at thule@alaska.net or 907.231.5460. Issues can also be mailed to: Charles Utermohle, ARGS Newsletter Editor, 5021 Southampton Dr, Anchorage, AK 99503-6964 after verifying that they have not been provided by others.

A wonderful addition to this compilation of articles encompassing the history of ARGS would be for someone to produce an index of the contents of each issue. If interested, contact the ARGS President or Editor.

Issues currently available and soon to be posted on the web are:

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