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From Elisabeth Zander, President, NARGS

Yes, we have all been pent up in our gardens for weeks now. Seedlings are sprouting. Orders from nurseries are arriving. But we are missing the inspiration from visiting other gardens. Oh yes, and hiking in the field. We here at NARGS have been busy though, preparing for our first virtual international rock garden symposium for you. It is so exciting! We have gathered first class speakers and gardens to give you ideas for plants and gardens at our live conference: TAPROOT 2020.

Our lineup includes talks and tours by rock-star plants persons: Nick Courtens (Betty Ford Alpine Gardens), Anne Spiegel (Millstream Award Garden), Tony Avent & Jeremy Schmidt (Juniper Level Botanic Garden), Mariel Tribby (Missouri Botanical Garden), Todd Boland (MUN Botanical Garden), and David Sellars (Millstream Award Garden). There is even a live workshop on Daphne cuttings by the master Don LaFond. We will end the conference with a look at the AGM in Durango 2021.

True, we are very sorry to have missed you all at our annual meeting in Ithaca with all its fantastic gorges. Another time perhaps. But consider saving the date for this virtual conference on June 26-27, 2020! Registration details will follow soon. Please share this with your chapter members. NARGS members \$50, non-members \$90.

<https://www.nargs.org/conference>

A banner for the TAPROOT 2020 virtual conference. The background is a dark, blurred image of purple flowers. The text is white and yellow. The word 'TAPROOT' is in white, '2020' is in yellow. Below it, 'A NARGS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE' is in white. 'JUNE 26-27 Via' is in white, followed by a blue Zoom logo. At the bottom, a dark purple bar contains the text 'A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY' in white.

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{Editor—Why not become an Individual member of NARGS and attend TAPROOT for the same cost as the \$90 non-member fee.}

North American Rock Garden Society Membership

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Available Membership Types	Type	Cost	
Household Membership		\$70/75* USD	Select
Individual Membership		\$40/45* USD	Select
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Patron Membership		\$100/100* USD	Select
Patron Household Membership		\$150/150* USD	Select

Alaska Rock Garden Society Website:

<https://www.akrockgardensociety.org/index.html>

Current ARGUMENT Status

Check the banner on the home page for what is happening:

<https://www.akrockgardensociety.org/index.html>.

Hardy Plants for the Alaska Rock Garden

The list of Hardy Plants for the Alaska Rock Garden has been expanded to include plant and growing descriptions. Check it out at:

https://www.akrockgardensociety.org/hardy_plants.html.

Alaska Rock Garden Society 2020 Yearbook

ARGUMENT is providing a yearbook for our members. It will have all the 2020 program and event calendar dates as well as club and rock garden information. They will be mailed out due to the cancellation of the March general meeting. The yearbook (without member information) will soon be posted in the Publications section.