



Newsletter

North American Rock Garden Society
Berkshire Chapter April 2013



Helleborus

Next Meeting:

Saturday, April, 6 @ 10:30 AM

Berkshire Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall
BBG is located 2 miles west of Stockbridge, MA
at the junction of Routes 102 & 183. Please park in the main lot near the Gift Shop, leaving the parking area around the Exhibit Hall open for those who are delivering trays of plants for the plant sale.
10:00 - 10:30 Coffee, tea, conversation. 10:30 Meeting starts with business items and Show & Tell. Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee provided; dessert contributions are welcome. Meetings generally end around 2 pm.

AM: Anne Spiegel - Rock garden plants of the Americas: North & South. The talk shows an overall view of the rock garden and alpine plants from our west (the North American part) and from Patagonia (the South American part). There will be none of the usual European alpine plants.

PM: Tamsin Goggin - Plants of Chile
Former Chair of the Berkshire Chapter, she is an expert horticulturist.

"May is a busy time of the year especially this one as there is the national NARGS meeting, the Primula Society meeting at Tower Hill and other functions as well as BNARGS. So for our May meeting we will be taking a field trip to Blanchette Gardens in Carlisle, MA (that's just inside the 495 perimeter). That is the opening day for Leo Blanchette's nursery, which he is closing after many years in the business. It specializes in woodland rock garden plants in addition to uncommon perennials. He will have an opening day discount of 25% on everything, from astilbe to polygonatum to trillium. Afterwards, we will journey onto Garden in the Wood for a Spring walk.

Please contact Elisabeth Zander to sign up (just so we can get some counts) or if you have any questions."

Planned meetings for 2013

May 4th - Field trip to Blanchette Gardens and Garden in the Woods

June 1st Martha Oliver
am: The New Heucheras
pm: Plant Breeding

July 6th tbd

August 3rd
am: Bill Brown
pm: Joyce Hemingson

Sept 7th
am: Abby Zabar - Gardens: In Spite of the Odds
pm: the Big Plant Sale

October 12th - Ian Young am & pm*

*Everyone please notice we have Ian Young of Scotland from the NARGS speaker tour coming in October. This is a special treat for us. it would be good to think of some publicity to share his visit, as well as our other speakers.

Best
Elisabeth

Nov 2nd tbd, following the November speaker in the morning is the luncheon at Red Lion Inn.

Awaiting spring

March is almost over and my patience for wanting warm weather has all but run out when suddenly standing among all the browns and grays of late winter is the first bright yellow bloom of *Crocus chrysanthus*.



It looks like there is hope after all. Now it's just a matter of time before the rapid succession of the multitudes of spring bulbs start emerging to meet the spring sun.



Muscari armeniacum

A mixture of native and dutch bred spring flowering bulbs is a sure way to kick off the gardening season.

David Gehrs



Narcissus hawera



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scillia 'Spring beauty' & Erthronium americanum



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