

Newsletter

North American Rock Garden Society Connecticut Chapter March/April 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 22, 7 pm. Solomon Welles House 220 Hartford Ave., Wethersfield, CT 06109

Barry Glick will present *Focus on Hellebores*, a discussion of the history, breeding, culture and propagation of this winter-into-spring bloomer. Barry is proprietor of Sunshine Farm & Gardens in Renick, West Virginia, where, since 1972, he has been collecting, cultivating and breeding native and rare plants as well as developing the 'Sunshine Selections' strain of *Helleborus x hybridus*. See www.sunfarm.com.

This program is a presentation of the Hardy Plant Society of CT. CTNARGS is encouraging our members to attend as a substitution for our March meeting; our chapter will cover admission fees. For additional program information see www.cthardyplantsocietyo.ipage.com.

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Sunday, April 26, 1 pm. Conifer Garden of Paul Waterman 1635 S. Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169) Canterbury, CT 06331

Paul has reinvented his rock garden into a conifer garden of great beauty. He has been propagating from cuttings for at least twenty-five years, using both choice conifers and evergreen shrubs he has purchased as well as cuttings harvested from plants of fellow rock gardeners, and he has grown these cuttings on with much success. The previous rock garden, a raised area to the southeast of his house, is now a garden of year-round interest - at least in a less snowy year! Paul's stock is predominantly dwarf or slow-growing and many selections will be offered for sale. Please note: inclement weather postpones to the following Sunday, May 3rd.

April 18: NARGS sponsored speaker Dieter Zschummel will present *Plant Exploration in Iran* at the meeting of New England Chapter NARGS, Assabet River Wildlife Refuge, 680 Hudson Rd., Sudbury, MA. Speaker at 11am.

April 25: Stonecrop Gardens Annual Alpine Sale opens at 9am. See <u>www.stonecrop.org</u>.

April 25: Dieter Zschummel will present *One Year in Our Garden in the Middle of Germany* at the meeting of Hudson Valley Chapter NARGS, Lyndhurst Estate, 635 S. Broadway (Rte. 9), Tarrytown, NY, 1pm.

May 1-3: New England Chapter of the American Primrose Society will host the National Primrose Show at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA. Two presentations by John Lonsdale of Edgewood Gardens, Exton, PA, at 1pm and 2:30pm on May 2: *Woodland Plants* and *Primulaceae*. See www.towerhillbg.org.

May 7 - 9: NARGS Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI. See <u>www.nargs.org</u>.

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Sally Katkaveck invites members to dig ramps and see her garden in late April/early May. Call/email ahead to set a time: 860.974.2563 or <u>sallybilkat@charter.net</u>.

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\$10 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT IS DUE NOW. Check payable to: CT Chapter NARGS. Send to: Sally Katkaveck, 82 Ashford Rd., Ashford, CT 06278



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The first snowdrop to come up at Bonnie Maguire's from the October bulb workshop.