



# Growing Interests

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## Upcoming Programs for Watnong Members Only!

**Saturday, May 22, 2021, tour the  
gardens of Bergen County Members  
Noel Schulz and Janet Schulz  
see page 1 & 2 for more information.**

**Please pot up your extra seedlings and  
divisions and grow them off for our  
garden tour and plant sale at the home  
of Debby Zweig,  
Saturday, August 21 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
(rain date Sunday, August 22)  
More details on page 2.**

The garden of Janet Schulz, pictured here, will be open to members only on May 22. Photos by Janet Schulz.



## NEWS FROM THE WATNONG CHAPTER

Our members only garden tour will take place on Saturday May 22, 2021. Please note that Noel's garden will only be open in the afternoon.

Janet Schulz, 16 Colonial Drive  
Wyckoff, NJ 07481  
201-248-0162  
Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Noel Schulz, 108 Lincoln Place

Waldwick, NJ 07463  
201-445-6445  
Open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Members are invited to bring water, snacks or a lunch to the gardens and enjoy the day. Heavy rain will cancel the event. Rest rooms are available at two nearby locations: Burger King at 41 Franklin Turnpike, Waldwick and Rite Aid at 60 Franklin Turnpike, Waldwick. Visitors are expected to please follow current CDC guidelines of mask wearing and social distancing.

### **August Garden Tour and Plant Sale**

There will be an August garden tour and plant sale for members only at the home of Debby Zweig, 85 East Shawnee Trail, Wharton NJ, 07885 on Saturday, August 21, 2021 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (rain date August 22, 2021 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.) If needed, the rain date will be announced via email.

The sale will have three sections: surplus seeds from the NARGS seed exchange will be available free to members; member grown plants, priced \$1 - \$5, with a few special plants sold to the highest bidder in a silent auction, and lightly used garden books, priced at \$2. Members are asked to label and pre-price plants with a tag or tape on the pot. If you have plants of higher value to be sold in the silent auction send picture and description to Melissa Grossmann at [donmliss@msn.com](mailto:donmliss@msn.com) or call 908-604-8060 by August 18. Likewise, if you have plants that you would like to donate that

do not fit into either category, please contact Melissa and we'll agree on a price. Please plan to bring any of your leftover plants home!

We plan to offer donated garden themed books at \$2 each. Books remaining at the end of the day can be brought home again, or left to be collected by Melissa and brought to our next in-person meeting (perhaps February 2022?).

Please bring your checkbook, or small bills!

Debby Zweig will prepare a bloom list for self-guided tours of the garden; CDC guidelines will be followed regarding use of masks and social distancing. The plant sale will be handicapped accessible, but the garden tour and rest room will require the use of stairs. (There are restrooms available nearby at the McDonald's on Route 15 in Lake Hopatcong, and also a Porta John in the parking lot of the Lake Shawnee Clubhouse (.8 mile from the Zweig's, 4 West Shawnee Trail, Wharton NJ 07885). Members are encouraged to bring their own food, and drink, and chairs.

We will follow the CDC guidelines in effect in August regarding masks and social distancing. Other questions? Contact Debby Zweig [zweig@hotmail.com](mailto:zweig@hotmail.com) or call 201-230-7725, or Melissa Grossmann at [donmliss@msn.com](mailto:donmliss@msn.com) or call 908-604-8060.

It remains uncertain when the Haggerty Center at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum will re-open. Committee Chair Noel Schulz is arranging for Zoom speakers for virtual meetings in September, October, and November.

The Covid-19 pandemic has now eliminated our main fund raiser, the annual plant sale, two years in a row. Treasurer Don Grossmann reviewed finances at a virtual board meeting in early April. Over \$10,000 remains in the account. \$8000 will be reserved for the spring 2022 plant sale. A budget of \$2,600 remains for speakers from the September through March meetings. The possibility of continuing zoom meetings for February in the future was discussed, because of the many snowed out events in the past.

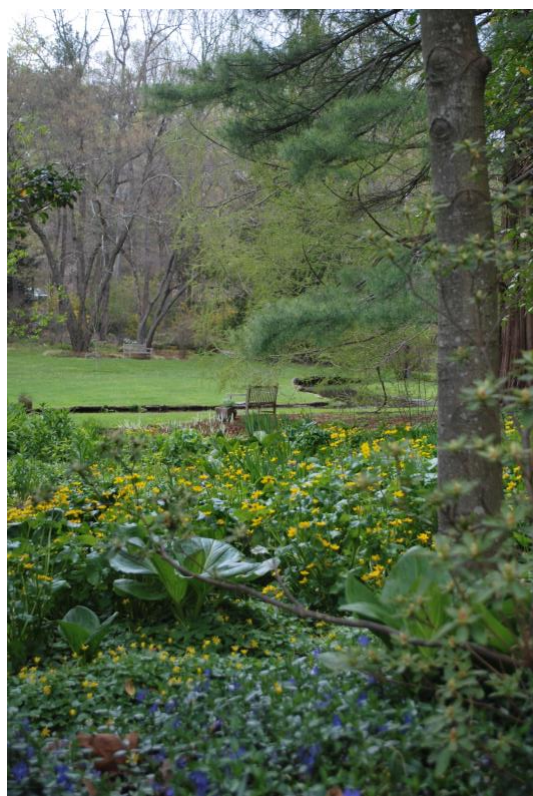
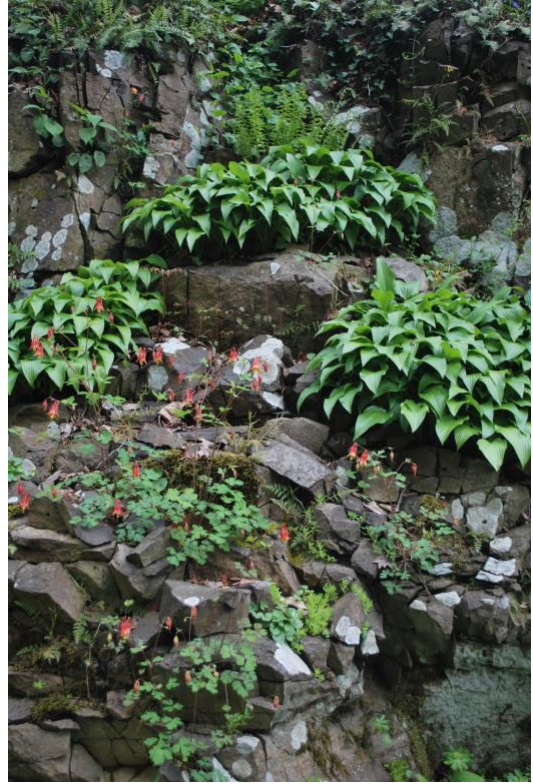
The board wishes to thank Carole Stober for her generous gift to the Chapter; in light of declining revenues, it was a delightful surprise. If you would like to give a gift membership or make a donation to the chapter, please make your check payable to Watnong Chapter NARGS, and mail it to Sid Jones, 123 Mountainside Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869. Dues are \$10 per person, or \$15 per mailing address; please include the name of your gift recipients!

## **A Visit to The Leonard J. Buck Garden** Photos by Hilary Clayton

For years, I've worked the Sunday afternoon shift at the plant sale. On Sunday afternoon, April 25, I took a ride over for my annual late-April visit, and snapped some pictures for those of you who live farther away. In spite of the overcast skies, the gardens were beautiful, as always!







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